

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Notes

Hope everyone had a great summer I know mine went a little too fast and every year it seems faster. What's up with that? I've got a theory about fast summers, every year we get a little older and our short term memory goes a little more. Maybe it is the same amount of time with a few more days forgotten. That would mean when we get to 90 years of age the summers might not even register, I will need to follow up with a few friends of mine and find out.

But getting back on track, CAOAC will be getting back into action this fall fresh and ready to go. I

would like to ask everyone to bring their new ideas for how CAOAC can be more recognizable across Canada for what we do. How can we share what we have most effectively and efficiently? Maybe a tough question but somewhere out there is another way of touching the nation.

I would like to thank everyone for making it out to the Heiko Bleher Seminar in July. I hear that there was a lot of really great information and a all round nice day. We should begin to start seeing a few articles coming from our member clubs about winterizing

their ponds. If you need information about anything in the fish world remember your biggest resource is your local club. There are specialists in just about everything you can think of, and most of them love to talk about it.

CAOAC will begin its fall agenda with budgets so this meeting is bound to be a great. Enjoy your fall and see you at the meeting.

Be Good and Play Safe.

President Tony Bernard

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<p>Awards (see Past President)</p>	<p>Paul McIntosh</p>	<p>Newsletter (see Recording Secretary)</p>	<p>Miecia Burden</p>
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<p>CAOAC/FAAS Liaison</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Steering</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Fish Rescue Program (see President)</p>	<p>Tony Bernard</p>	<p>Webmaster (see Treasurer)</p>	<p>David Boehm</p>
<p>Futures</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Ways & Means (see Corresponding Secretary)</p>	<p>Sarah Langthorne</p>



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Minutes of the Meetings

June 22nd 2008

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Called to order at 1030 hours by Tony Bernard (President/FRP) on June 22nd 2008 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: Ken Boorman (1st Vice President), Carl McCleary (2nd Vice President), Dave Boehm (Treasurer/AHDir/Webmaster), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary/Ways & Means), Paul McIntosh (Past President/Awards) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary/Membership/Binder/NL).

Executive absent: none.

Also present: Lisa Boorman (Sarnia).

REPORTS

Correspondence: None received. Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary/Ways & Means) will send letter of thanks and appreciation to those executive members who are retiring from the executive this year – Randy Seufert and Terry Little.

Treasurer's Report: read and discussed by Dave Boehm (Treasurer/AHDir/Webmaster). See general minutes for report. After checking the treasurer's report it was noted that we have never received the extra insurance money from the Mississauga Fish Club as requested in March of this year. Miecia will send an email to the president Jamie Ashby as a reminder.

Awards: Unfortunately several of the award plaques were printed incorrectly and will have to be reprinted and brought to the September meeting. Letters of appreciation will be sent to the clubs that entered the Newsletter Award and Web Award competitions. The judging sheets that were used by the judging panel for the Newsletter Award will be sent to each club (ei KWAS will receive the KWAS judging sheet) along with the marks for each of the other newsletters

judged. Due to an unfortunately situation that developed in that we were unable to obtain an outside panel to judge the Web Award the awards committee took on the task of judging this award so that it at least could be awarded for the 2007 year. Dissatisfaction regarding the judging of both of the Newsletter and Web Awards has been voiced by some club members who were not happy with the outcome of these competitions. This will be discussed further at the general meeting. The problem of obtaining unbiased and qualified judging for both the Newsletter Award and the Web Award will be addressed at the next awards meeting slated for the fall. Thanks to Paul McIntosh who took on this committee last year – it is quite a learning curve and due to his efforts we were able to present awards in 2008.

Web conferencing: Using web or telephone conferencing at the CAOAC meetings to involve both the western and eastern clubs was discussed at the AGM this past May at the Convention in Edmonton and was further discussed again at this meeting. Is it doable? Further investigation on how to do this etc needs to be done.

Speaker Project: by Frank Aguirre – nothing further to date. Frank is unable to attend this meeting – he is on vacation in Mexico.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

FISH RESCUE PROGRAM

Needs a contact person in each club to help rescue 'orphaned' fish pets. Please ask members in your club if they are interested in helping out!

Call Tony Bernard
(905) 772- 5200
tbernard@krway.com

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1310 hours by Tony Bernard (President/FishRescueProgram) after a great President's barbecue. Thanks to Tony for doing the cooking and to Sarah and Miecia for organizing the event and finally to all the reps for bringing all the good stuff to share.

Executive present: same as executive meeting.

Executive absent: None.

Tony welcomed the reps and introduced our two new Vice Presidents – Ken Boorman and Carl McCleary.

Roll Call:

- Bill Irwin (Brant)
- Barry McKee (Durham Region Aquarium Society)
- George Banavage (Durham Region Aquarium Society)
- Terry Little (London Aquaria)
- Sally Shergold (Hamilton & District Aquarium Society)
- Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph)
- Lisa Boorman (Sarnia Aquarium Society)

- Paul McIntosh (Awards)
- Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster)
- Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
- Tony Bernard (FishRescueProgram)
- Bill Irwin (Judges)
- Terry Little (Open Show)
- Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary/Ways & Means)

6 clubs and 14 votes.

Membership: Insurance money owed by Mississauga Fish Club – Miecia will notify.

Treasurer's report: as of June 22nd 2008.

Dave Boehm (Treasurer) read a treasurer's report and it was accepted on a motion by Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph), seconded by Terry Little (Open Show/London Aquaria). Voted on and carried. See next column.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in April: accepted as printed on a motion by Terry Little (Open Show/London Aquaria), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in April: accepted as printed on a motion by Barry McKee (Durham), seconded by Carl McCleary (2nd Vice President). Voted on and carried.

Treasurer's Report June 22, 2008	
Cash on hand	\$37.01
TD Bank	\$4018.88
Outstanding cheques	-\$500.00
Sub-total	\$3556.39
Committed funds	\$621.28
Working Balance	\$2935.11

Committed Funds	
Programs	\$441.28
Apprentice Binders for Tony Bernard, Bob Wright, Paul McIntosh, Chelsey Smith	\$80.00
Dec 7, 07 unknown deposit	\$100.00
Total committed funds	\$621.28

The following cheques remain uncashed	
Description	Amount
Brant Aquarium Society	\$500.00
Total	\$616.35

Income for the Month	
SaskAS cheque cashed	\$270.00
Bleher talk ticket sales	\$75.00
Total	\$345.00

Expenses for the Month	
Banking Fee	\$4.95
Printing of the Awards	\$15.95
Plaque for awards	\$1112.43
Total	\$1133.33

Difference for the Month	\$788.33
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Correspondence: Received by Dave Boehm (Treasurer) – letter from TD Canada Trust re banking fee changes (ei. Lower monthly fees and number of 'free' cheques per month.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The table of motions for accepting the new chairs for 2008/09 for each committee is found on page 6 of Newsletter. All motions voted on and carried.

Archivist: Open.

AH Directory: Nothing to report.

Awards: See executive minutes for report. More discussion on awards and judging – see under New Business.

Binder: New binders will be assembled over the summer and given to the two new Vice Presidents.

Breeders Directory: Chair absent. No report.

CAOAC/FAAS: Open.

Convention 2007: Final tally of income vs. expenses show a loss of \$419.28.

Convention 2008: Edmonton held a successful 49th CAOAC Convention with 275 entries in the show and about 80 members in attendance at the Awards Dinner on Saturday evening. The speakers were great with each speaker giving two talks apiece. The hobbyists from the Ontario clubs were treated graciously and enjoyed themselves immensely. Thanks Edmonton.

Convention 2009: The convention in 2009 will be the 50th CAOAC Convention. No bids received to date.

Fish Rescue Program: A fish tank and inhabitants were rescued by Tony Bernard (President/FishRescueProgram) and now reside at his house. An 18 inch ID shark is looking for a home – several suggestions were put forth along with the Toronto Zoo as a possible home. New flyers are needed and will be looked into by Tony.

Judges: Nothing to report.

Futures: Open.

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is August 31st 2008. **Please check the Events Calendar for show and auction dates – there are changes and additions. The Events Calendar is on the back page of the NL and also on the web site.** Remember **show dates only** are reserved for the following year NOT auction dates.

Open Show: Upcoming shows and auctions
Sarnia Aquarium Society – September 13th **Sanctioned**
London Aquaria Society – September 28th **Sanctioned**
Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society – October 26th **Sanctioned**
Auction only – Hamilton & District Aquarium Society – October 5th

Program: Chair absent. No report. Tony will try to contact Bob Wright (Programs) over the summer to ask if he is willing to stay on as Program chair.

Steering: Open.

Ways & Means: Nothing to report.

Webmaster: The Heiko Bleher information is on the web site.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-laws Review: Nothing further at this time.

CAOAC Policy Regarding Support for Speakers: tabled until September. See side bar in Newsletter for the policy.

Speaker Program: No report from Frank Aguirre – Tony will contact over the summer to see what has happened with this project.

CAOAC hosting a one day seminar/workshop featuring hobbyist/speaker Heiko Bleher: The event is scheduled for July 26th with a projected 7:00 pm start at the atrium in the Toronto Zoo. Cost per participant is \$25.00. Heiko will speak on two topics – Rainbows and Discus. See flyer in June newsletter or on the web site.

Annual Report: 2007 Annual Report and both Directories will be mailed out over the summer to those clubs who were not represented at the AGM in Edmonton in May 2008.

Show Jar Offer: An email was received from Mark T. Vicary of Aqua Tech Exotic Design with the quote on Show Jars as requested. Quote as follows:

-6w x 6L x 8h/6w x 12L x 8h
-20-\$5/\$8
-50-\$4.50/\$7.50
-100-\$4/\$7
-lids would be \$0.50/\$1

After discussion CAOAC decided to let the clubs order directly from Mark and Miecia will notify Mark of our decision and thank him for the offer and the information. Information as follows:

Mark T. Vicary
Aqua Tech Exotic Design
Director of Operations/Owner
ph: 519-826-1718
fax: 519-821-7285
email: mark@aquatechexoticdesign.com
www.aquatechexoticdesign.com

NEW BUSINESS:

Letters of appreciation will be sent by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) to the retiring executive and chair persons.

Awards meeting is scheduled for October 19th following the general meeting. We will try to have someone there to answer questions re judging the newsletter and web awards. Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting and discuss issues.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

September 21st 2008 - Executive meeting at 1030 hours,
General meeting at 1200 noon in Waterdown ON

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

Club Reports

Are submitted in writing at the meeting or by e-mail within in week of the meeting to Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary) for inclusion in TNL and do not necessarily reflect CAOAC policy.

Hamilton & District Aquarium Society.....is holding a pond tour on August 17th. Cost \$5 each followed by a bar-beque at Janet and Charlie Drew's. Please email Carla MacDonald at de_spaey_carla@hotmail.com or phone 905 575 9279

October 5th is an Auction only (No Show). NO dry goods please.

Speaker and dinner on November 8th at the Waterdown Legion Hall. No time has been set but probably 6 or 6:30 pm. Speaker is Spencer Jack.

Table of motions to accept the chairs of each committee for 2008/2009

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	MOTIONED BY	SECONDED BY
Archivist	Open		
AHAP	Dave Boehm	Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph)	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Awards	Paul McIntosh	Terry Little (Open Show/London Aquaria)	Ken Boorman (1st Vice President)
Binder	Miecia Burden	Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph)	Paul McIntosh (Past President/Awards)
Breeder Directory	Tom & Pat Bridges	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)	Carl McCleary (2nd Vice President)
CAOAC/FAAS	Open		
Fish Rescue Program	Tony Bernard	Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph)	Lisa Boorman (Sarnia)
Futures	Open		
Judges	Bill Irwin	Carl McCleary (2nd Vice President)	Paul McIntosh (Past President/Awards)
Membership	Miecia Burden	Paul McIntosh (Past President/Awards)	Ken Boorman (1st Vice President)
Newsletter	Miecia Burden	Carl McCleary (2nd Vice President)	George Banavage (Durham)
Open Show	Terry Little	Paul McIntosh (Past President/Awards)	Barry McKee (Durham)
Program	To be contacted over the summer		
Steering	Open		
Ways & Means	Sarah Langthorne	Ken Boorman (1st Vice President)	Barry McKee (Durham)
Webmaster	Dave Boehm	Carl McCleary (2nd Vice President)	Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph)

Speaker Policy as proposed at the February 10th 2008 Meeting to be voted on at the September 21st Meeting

Each year CAOAC shall earmark an amount up to \$1,000.00 for support of speaker sponsorship. 50% of the amount allocated shall be made available to the club sponsoring the CAOAC Annual Convention. 25% shall be made available to each of the two clubs that in the opinion of the executive meets the following criteria:

Applications must be received by the CAOAC Executive prior to the November CAOAC meeting for sponsorship for the following year.

The speaker must be one that will promote interest in the aquarium hobby.

The club must undertake to publicize the event beyond their regular membership

Preference will be given to allocate the monies geographically i.e. West and East when CAOAC Annual Convention is hosted in Ontario

Preference will be given to co-operative events by more than one CAOAC member club

Clubs receiving funds must give a report after the event detailing attendance and what efforts were made to publicize the event.

Clubs are encouraged to tape or record the presentation with the consent of the presenter and to make a copy available for the CAOAC library.

WELCOME TO OKTOBERFISH 2008

Tropical Fish Show & Auction

The Waterloo Inn,
475 King St N, Waterloo

**Sunday
October 26th, 2008**

join in the fun & bargains at our annual
fund raising event

Contact: Chairperson Rob Pixner
519 746 2507
rob.pixner@sympatico.ca

Details at www.kwas.ca

JUST A REMINDER FROM YOUR EDITOR

Any CAOAC club can
advertize in this newsletter

FREE OF CHARGE

Just send a poster or a copy ready ad
and I will be more than
happy to insert it in the Newsletter.

Deadline for submission
is the last day of each month!

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2008

- Sept 13* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
21 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)
NOTE: Budgets are reviewed & accepted
- 28* LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
- Oct 5* HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
19 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)
26 KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
- Nov 16* CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)
- Dec 14* CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general following Christmas Lunch)
NOTE: Second Sunday of the Month
NOTE: Christmas Pot Luck Lunch at 12 Noon
NOTE: Membership Applications & Insurance are due
NOTE: Authors & Advanced Authors nominations due

2009

- Jan 18* CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)
NOTE: Newsletter Award nominations are due & Memberships accepted
- Feb 8* CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030am, general at 12 noon)
NOTE: Second Sunday of the Month
NOTE: All other Award nominations/applications are due
- Mar 15* CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)
NOTE: Awards meeting at 9:00 am
NOTE: Registration of club website for Web Award
- April 5* DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
19 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)
NOTE: Annual Reports due
- May 15 - 17* 50TH CAOAC CONVENTION.....
NOTE: AGM and ELECTIONS
- June 28* CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general following BBQ)
NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the Month
NOTE: President's BBQ at 12 Noon
NOTE: Committee heads are chosen