



NEWSLETTER

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President's Notes

As we move closer to Christmas it is good to see that our convention planning is well under way. With many great speakers and great activities to do, I would like to thank Carl for his hard work and time he is putting into this endeavour. He has been on the phone making lots of calls; it seems that he prefers to talk in person rather than using e-mail and I think that is rare these days.

Most activities are coming to a close for the Christmas season as our fish take a back seat for the holidays. I hate to say it but it is true in a lot of

cases. I would like to encourage many of you to take the extra time you may have over the holidays to spend some time with the family who are with you all year round. Maybe buy them the special treat you have been holding off on - a new bulb or heater maybe? I'm sure we can all think of some thing if we think hard enough.

This months meeting is early and will be on the 14th which is a Sunday as usual but one week earlier. We usually do something a little special for Christmas so please come on down and join in the

celebration as we complete the last little bit of business for the calendar year.

By the way I have got 3 big ID sharks looking for a new home. If you have a place or know of someone that can help out with the Fish Rescue Program please have them get in contact with someone on the executive and maybe we can find a new home for these guys for they are truly spectacular fish when they reach the 24" size frame.

See you soon,
Be Good and Play Safe
Tony

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		<p>Ways & Means (see Corresponding Secretary)</p>



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Minutes of the Meetings

November 16th 2008

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Called to order by Tony Bernard (President/FishRescueProgram) on November 16th 2008 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: Tony Bernard (President/FishRescueProgram), Carl McCleary (2nd Vice President), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary/Ways & Means) and Paul McIntosh (Past President/Awards) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary/Membership/Binder/NL).

Executive absent: Regrets from Dave Boehm (Treasurer/AHDir/Webmaster) and Ken Boorman (1st Vice President).

Also present: Zenin Skomorowski as a guest from KWAS.

Awards:

Lengthy discussion on a complaint from a club member regarding the judging of the newsletter award in the past. Several emails have been exchanged between the member and Tony Bernard on this subject. Tony will reply with the information re the awards and a list of the winners in the past as requested by the member. An unfortunate choice of words by the Recording Secretary lead to a misunderstanding re the meeting about the awards that was scheduled for the October CAOAC meeting. Instead of referring to the meeting as 'an awards meeting' it should have been referred to as 'a meeting about the awards'.

The clubs that were registered for Web Award 2008 were notified by email by Miecia Burden re how and when that judging will take place.

Fish Rescue Program – the website problem is being fixed. Still looking for a home for 3 very large ID sharks.

Membership – new member onboard – Ssafe Haven Society for Reptiles and Amphibians. Literature sent by society passed around.

Convention 2009 – general discussion. More to follow after the general meeting this afternoon.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1210 by Tony Bernard (President/FishRescueProgram) on November 16th 2008 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: Carl McCleary (2nd Vice President), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary/Ways & Means), Paul McIntosh (Past President/Awards) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary/Membership/Binder/NL).

Executive absent: Ken Boorman (1st Vice President) and Dave Boehm (Treasurer/AHDir/Webmaster).

Guests: Stephen Crawford from the newly formed Cambridge & District Aquarium Society.

Roll Call:

Bill Irwin (Brant)
Barry McKee (Durham)
George Banavage (Durham)
Zenin Skomorowski (KWAS)
Terry Little (London Aquaria Society)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines)

Paul McIntosh & Carl McCleary (Archivists)
Paul McIntosh (Awards)
Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Directory)
Bill Irwin (Judges)
Tony Bernard (FRP)
Terry Little (Open Show)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5 clubs and 11 votes.

Membership: All clubs were sent an application form for membership renewal and insurance by email shortly after the last meeting. The form was sent to 2 contacts in each club. Only one email was bounced back. Two new clubs have requested information about CAOAC. Ssafe Haven Society for Reptiles and Amphibians has sent in their request for membership and it will be processed in January along with all the renewals. Literature sent by society passed around. A new club – the Cambridge & District Aquarium Society has requested information about joining CAOAC and the information has been delivered.

Treasurer's report: as of November 16th 2008
 Micia Burden (Recording Secretary/Membership/Binder/Newsletter) read the treasurer's report (sent by email from Dave Boehm (Treasurer/AHDir/Webmaster)) and it was accepted on a motion by Terry Little (Open Show/London Aquaria), seconded by Carl McCleary (2nd Vice President). Voted on and carried.

Treasurer's Report Nov 16, 2008	
Cash on hand	\$109.71
TD Bank	\$3,466.17
Outstanding cheques	\$0.00
Sub-total	\$3,575.88
Committed funds	\$621.28
Working Balance	\$2,954.60
Committed Funds	
Programs	\$441.28
Apprentice binders	\$80.00
Dec 7, 07 unknown deposit	\$100.00
Total committed funds	\$621.28
The following cheques remain uncashed	
Description	Amount
None	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Income for the Month	
Ways and Means 50/50	\$17.50
Deposit (T.Little 300.00, Heiko 100.00)	\$400.00
Total	\$400.00
Expenses for the Month(s)	
Banking fees	\$4.95
All Canadian Awards	\$33.43
Total	\$38.38
Difference for the Month	\$361.62

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in October: motion to accept as printed by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges), seconded by George Banavage (Durham Region Aquarium Society). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in October: motion to accept as printed by Barry McKee (Durham), seconded by Terry Little (Open Show/London Aquaria). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: Emails re awards – see under Awards report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Nothing to report. CD's with pictures from the CAOAC Conventions held at Fanshawe College, London, were given to Terry Little by Zenin Skomorowski. These will be stored with the archives.

AH Directory: Chair absent. No report.

Awards: Emails re judging of the awards - Clarification re how the Newsletter award is judged was dealt with at the executive meeting. Deadlines for all the upcoming awards were published in the November Newsletter with a brief outline of each award requirements. A complete description of each award and the requirements can be found in Section 8 of the Information Binder. A suggestion that the criteria and judging forms used for the Newsletter Award and Web Award be emailed to a contact in each club will be done by Micia Burden.

Binder: Both directories (Breeders and Aquatic Horticulturalist) and the Annual Report for 2007 have been sent to clubs that did not attend the 2008 Convention.

Breeders Directory: No updates this month. Submissions/Entries to the Directory are dated when received by the Directory NOT when the fish is bred. First In Certificates are awarded by this date.

CAOAC/FAAS: Chair absent. No report.

Convention 2009: See separate report.

Fish Rescue Program: Web site link problem is being fixed. 3 large ID sharks still looking for a home.

Judges: Nothing to report. Stephen Crawford mentioned that he was unable to download the Apprentice Judges Form from the web site. (*Recording Secretary - I checked the website and those forms are not yet available on the website. I will send them to Dave to be added to the web site.*)

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is November 29/30th 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: See the Events Calendar in the Newsletter for upcoming shows. Results are being tallied for the 2008 winners that will be announced at the 2009 CAOAC Convention. Tony Bernard (President/FishRescueProgram) is working on a project to promote the Open Show to CAOAC club members. More to come next month.

Program: Chair absent. No report.

Steering: Open.

Ways & Means: Convention ticket draw available through Sarah. Cost per ticket is \$5.00 and for every 20 tickets that are sold a draw will take place for a 2009 Convention ticket.

Webmaster: Dave is working on the website to add information about the 2009 CAOAC Convention.

OLD BUSINESS:

Heiko Bleher Seminar: Expenses are still being reconciled – final report pending.

Speaker Program: Frank Aguirre absent – therefore nothing further to report.

Web Conferencing: Nothing further.

Forums: Nothing further.

NEW BUSINESS:

Durham reps congratulated the Hamilton & District Aquarium Society for hosting a super dinner and evening with Jack Spencer. Both the meal and the speaker were top notch and all enjoyed themselves immensely.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

December 14th 2008 - Executive meeting at 1030 hours, Christmas Pot Luck Lunch at 12 noon followed by the General meeting in Waterdown ON with a Convention meeting following the general meeting.

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.

KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY

On Sunday October 26th, KWAS held our annual Oktoberfish Show and Auction at The Waterloo Inn. The Show had 253 entries compared to 174 last year. There were 31 entrants from 7 clubs. Last year, there were 22 entrants from 7 clubs. KWAS was represented by 16 entrants who won 14 first place, 13 second place and 19 third place awards. Last year, KWAS had only 9 entrants. KWAS did very well in the category awards. Jonathan Samson was awarded Best Junior. Stephen Crawford was awarded Best Cichlid. Anthony McAslin was awarded Best Egg layer and Best in Show. Congratulations to all.

Full results from the show will be published in the December Fins and Tales newsletter and on the KWAS website www.kwas.ca. For the Auction, we had 174 registered buyers compared to 148 last year. There were 81 sellers of 139 lots of goods with 1674 items sold. Last year, there were 57 sellers of 93 lots containing 1050 items. There were 3 auctioneers in rotation with 2 active at any time. The last item from table 15 was sold at 8:30 pm.

We would like to tank all who attended and supported our show - you made it one of the best ever. THANKS.

For our November meeting, Jim Robinson from The Peel Regional Aquarium Society, spoke about Breeding Difficult Fish.

Our December meeting will be a family event with everyone bringing a dish to share. Also featured will be our Annual Awards along with prize draws, Fish Racing at Flounder Downs, Special Kid's Only Auction and maybe a visit from someone in a red suit.



JANUARY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

ALL CLUBS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FORM BY EMAIL

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS APPLICATION YET
PLEASE CONTACT

Miecia Burden MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

miecia@rogers.com

APPLICATIONS DUE AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

ALL MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE JANUARY MEETING

DECEMBER 14th MEETING IS OUR XMAS POTLUCK LUNCH

AT 12 NOON
FOLLOWED BY THE GENERAL MEETING

PLEASE BRING A DISH FOR SHARING



SPECIAL RAFFLE

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!!



50TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

UPDATED MONTHLY

May 15, 16 & 17 2009

Fanshawe College London Ontario

SPEAKERS

Rein Breitmaier
Our Great Mediterranean Expedition

Anthony Calfo
Conservation of Species

Gary Lange
Collecting in New Guinea

Heiko Bleher
Lake Victoria Cichlids
South American Cichlids
(newly discovered species)
Geophagus and Dwarf Cichlids

CLASS SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Sponsorship cost \$35.00
Best In categories \$100.00
*Best of Show \$150.00

Contact Terry Little tlittle28@rogers.com

TICKET PRICES

FULL WEEKEND \$75
SATURDAY SPEAKERS ONLY \$50

CHILDREN (UNDER 16YRS) \$30

SCHEDULE

Friday Night

Registration and Show set-up - 4 - 7:30 pm
Speaker - 7:30 - 9:00 pm followed by
Mix & Mingle - meet the speakers

Saturday

Registration and Show Set up 8 - 4 pm
Speakers 9 - 10:15 am, 10:30 - 11:45 am
Lunch 12 noon - 2 pm
Speakers 2 - 3:15 pm, 3:30 - 4:45 pm
Dinner/Speaker 7 pm - ?
Hospitality Suite

Sunday

AGM and elections 8 - 9:30 am
Brunch and Awards at 9:30 am
Auction at 12 noon .

GIANT AUCTION - SUNDAY AFTERNOON

ALL DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED & WELCOMED!!

Contact Tony Bernard tbernard@krway.com or Carl McCleary boxturtlesrule@sympatico.ca

Cambridge & District Aquarium Society

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except July and August) at:

Cornerstone Community Church
(At the corner of Myers Road and Gatehouse Dr.)

Meetings start at 7:30 PM
Doors open at 7 PM

Guests are welcome and are encouraged to sign our guest book.

**First meeting on Monday
January 19, 2009**

Hope to see you there!

NOMINATIONS DUE AT DECEMBER MEETING

AUTHORS AWARD

5 Years with 10 Articles and 2 Reprints

OR

Club Editor for 5 Years with minimum of 5 published articles

ADVANCED AUTHORS AWARD

8 Years with 25 Articles and 6 Reprints

OR

5 Articles published commercially

OR

Club Editor for 8 Years with minimum of 10 published articles

2008 WEB AWARD

WILL BE JUDGED

**BETWEEN
JAN 1 AND 31 2009**


**BY A MEDIA CLASS
AT CONESTOGA COLLEGE
IN
KITCHENER WATERLOO**

**See page 4 of the Minutes
for more information**

NOMINATIONS DUE AT THE JANUARY MEETING

**Newsletter Award
For 2008**

**black/white hard copies
of the
club's newsletters
for 2008**



Recognition Award Nomination Form

Check award being nominated for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Author	<input type="checkbox"/> Hobbyist	<input type="checkbox"/> Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Author	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Hobbyist	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientist
<input type="checkbox"/> Twenty-Five Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Web

Part A - Personal Information

Name _____ (Please print name as it is to appear on award:)

Address _____ Club Affiliation _____

Telephone _____ Years in Hobby _____

Are you planning to attend the Awards Presentation (usually held at the Sunday night dinner at the C.A.O.A.C. Convention in May) ? Yes ___ ; No ___

Part B - Sponsoring Executive

Comments:

Signature : _____ Date : _____

Position : _____ Page 1 of _____

Remember: Nominations should be complete to facilitate the work of the Awards Committee; attach as much additional information as required to support this nomination.

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This form is found in the Information Binder under Section 11 and must accompany all award applications except BAP & AHAP.

If you do not have this form in your Binder please contact Miecia Burden at miecia@rogers.com

Quick Reference Guide for BAP & AHAP Awards

NAME OF AWARD	GENERAL	KILLIES	AFRICAN RIFT LAKE CICHLIDS	LIVEBEARER	CHARACIN
BASIC MERIT	6 3 different egg-laying species	10 2 separate classes	12	12	8
INTERMEDIATE MERIT	16 categories - cichlids killies anabantids livebearers minnows tetras barbs catfish (variance of 3)	20 4 separate classes	36 10 from class B 6 from class C 1 from class D	25 2 families maximum of 18 per family	15
MERIT	35 categories as above plus 4 target fish (variance of 6)	50 6 separate classes	50 12 from class C 4 from class D	50 3 families maximum of 35 per family plus 2 target fish	25 plus 1 target fish
SENIOR MERIT	75 no more than 10 livebearer plus 10 target fish	100 8 separate classes	75 14 from class C 7 from class D	75 4 families maximum of 60 plus 5 target fish	40 plus 5 target fish

SEE SECTION 8 OF THE INFORMATION BINDER FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THE AWARDS

NAME OF AWARD	POINTS	NUMBER OF SPECIES	CLASSES
Aquatic	50	4	B C D
Advanced	120	12	2C 2D 1E
Expert	250	30	2D 2E 1F
Master	500	40	3D 2E 2F 1G
Grand	1000	80	3 lectures or 3 photoessays or an article of identification 2000 words for publication

ALL BAP & AHAP AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE DUE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2008

- 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
NOTE: Websites to be judged between January 1st and 31st
- 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
- Mar 22* HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction & Flea Market
Mar 29 BRANT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show, Auction & Flea Market (reserved)
- April 18* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
April 19 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 - 18* *50TH CAOAC CONVENTION.....HOSTED BY CAOAC*
AT FANSHAWE COLLEGE LONDON ONTARIO
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
- Sept 12* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
20 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Budgets are reviewed & accepted
27 LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
- Oct 18* *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)*
25 KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
- Nov 15* *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Web Sites judged this month for Web Award 2009