

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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President's Notes

It is that time of year again. The convention is ready to go. Carl has been working very hard along side your other CAOAC Representatives, to make this the 50th CAOAC Convention, a huge success.

We will be at the Fanshawe College Campus in London this year, a previous site where we had a wonderful convention a few years ago. I still remember sneaking away, one afternoon, to go over some new pictures of Ivan Dribbles, and his last trip to the fish ark.

Being a live bearer kind of guy I find it amazing to be able to get wild underwater shots of these critters. I also was able to meeting the likes of Ad Koning, Rusty Wessel and Wayne Liebel. A convention is a great time to mingle with your experts and to learn from some of the greats in their respective fields. If you have not been out to a convention in the past please contact one of the members of CAOAC. You will be able to get a ticket, and directions, to a

great weekend. Speakers, dinners, draws, fish shows, photo contest for the youth, and to meet some of the hobbies great people, the perfect way to spend Victoria Day Weekend.

We will be having our annual General Meeting and elections at the CAOAC Convention as we do each year, and we would like to remind everyone to get their proxy votes in and to have the clubs votes into your respective representative. We will be having our election in the wee hours of the morning; before 10am on Sunday see your itinerary for a more precise time. We will be going over the Annual Report for the year 2008-2009 as well. I look forward to seeing everyone there. Enjoy I know I will.

Be Good

**Tony,
President, CAOAC**

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Minutes of the Meetings

March, 2009

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Called to order by Tony Bernard (President/Fish Rescue Program) on April 19, 2009 in Waterdown ON.

Executive Present:

Tony Bernard – President/Fish Rescue Program
 Ken Boorman (1st Vice President)
 Dave Boehm (Treasurer)
 Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary/Ways & Means)
 Paul McIntosh (Past President/Awards)
 Ann Stevens (Acting Recording Secretary)

Executive Absent: Carl McLeary (2nd Vice President)

Also present: Lisa Boorman (SAS), Ed Bosker (SAS), Phil Maznyk (KWAS)

Executive Meeting

Ken Boorman was asked to put forward a suggestion to tape the speakers' sessions at convention.

Several concerns were raised:

- A comment was made that the 2007 copies that were made were not of the best quality. The sound quality was poor.

- If we do tape them, it was suggested it be done professionally to ensure quality.

Another concern was whether the speakers wanted a copy available, since some have their own DVD's for sale.

A suggestion was made to present to the General Meeting.

Steve Crawford has stepped down, for personal reasons, from the Steering Committee. After some persuasion, Phil Maznyk has agreed to step in. Thank you Phil for stepping in at the 11th hour.

Currently, the slate of officers for election are as follows:

- President – Tony Bernard (Current) , Bob Wright
- 1st VP – Ken Boorman
- 2nd VP – open

- Treasurer – Dave Boehm, Kathleen Gallagher
- Recording Secretary – Ann Stevens
- Correspondence Secretary – Sarah Langthorne, Noel Wright

Outstanding item from last minutes, to be discussed at next meeting was Steve Crawford's question if all clubs had submitted their individual AHAP and BAP rules to CAOAC.

New Business

Phil advised that KWAS are going to create a new award in memory of Meicia Burden. It is possibly going to be called the Meicia Burden Exemplary Service Award with a plaque that can hold up to 25 recipients. The winner will receive a miniature version for themselves. It is hoped to unveil it at convention, with the first recipient being Meicia.

Dave has asked for any ideas for a potential CAOAC store. Since the web is not set up to use PayPal, it opens all kinds of possibilities.

A break was taken prior to starting the General Meeting.

GENERAL MEETING

Roll Call

Bill Irwin (Brant)
 Lisa Boorman (Sarnia)
 Ed Bosker (Sarnia – guest)
 Phil Maznyk (Kitchener)
 Sally McFarlane (Hamilton)
 Terry Little (London)
 Tom Bridges (St. Catharines)
 Carl McLeary (Cambridge)

Ann Stevens (Acting Recording Secretary)
 Bill Irwin (Judges)
 Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster)
 Paul McFarlane (Archivist/Awards)
 Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)
 Terry Little (Open Show)
 Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Directory)
 Tony Bernard (President, F.R.P. & Binder)

Minutes from last meeting – A suggestion was made to hold over voting on last month's minutes due to some errors and delay in receiving till the next meeting.

Since the original minutes from last meeting included the details of the recipients who are to receive awards next month at convention, the question was raised whether recipients should be notified prior to convention. It was decided that if the person has not registered to attend convention, then they will be notified, otherwise, it is to be a surprise.

A question has been raised whether the details of the Treasurer's report should be included in the newsletter/minutes. This is to be discussed at next meeting. .

Correspondence

No correspondence to report.

The convention draw was held and the winner was Ed Bosker from Sarnia Aquarium Society.

Everything has been sorted out with Jeff Young and the fish collecting has been approved.

Committee Reports

Archivists – no report

Aquatic Horticulturalist directory (AHD) – No report.

Awards - No report

Binder - Tony asked who do not have binders. Ann Stevens was one and Phil Maznyk to receive updated binder.

Breeders Directory - It was mentioned that the minutes from last meeting was confusing. The directory is printed every 2 years, however, if a club would like to receive a copy earlier, contact Tom and he can email a copy.

CAOAC/FAAS – no report

Convention

Ken has received donations from Hagen. We are getting bags, food, banners, posters and 3 – 50 gallon tanks with lighting for all 3, and heating for 2, since one tank is to be native fish. A representative from Hagen will be attending. It was unclear how long he will be at the convention.

Fish for the tanks will be supplied by the following:

- Dave Birch to supply Rainbow Fish
- Heiko to supply Discus
- Dave Boehm to supply native fish from fish collecting trip

There are still some classes not sponsored of the total 38 classes. Some clubs have still not committed yet.

Terry brought samples of the new shirts. He needs confirmation at least 1 week prior to convention.

The website is now up and running for registration and PayPal.

Big Al is now on board as a major sponsor.

Anthony Calfo has been dropped from the speakers' list. He had not returned any emails.

Discussion took place in regards to taping of the speakers and it was decided there really wasn't the call for it and will not be done.

The auction this year will be cash and carry.

Terry reported 66 people have registered for rooms.

Fish Rescue Program

Tony advised it has been busy. There is a new email address:

fishrescuecanada@gmail.com

Judges – Nothing to report

Membership

Dave received the registration from Tropical Fish Club of Erie.

A second club has indicated an interest in being part of CAOAC, the Tropical Aquarium Club of Nova Scotia.

Newsletter

The newsletter was completed; however, there have been some technical glitches. Apparently only the first page or 2 loaded on the website. It is going to be worked on to try to reduce the file size.

Open Show

It was mentioned that the website still does not have the corrected date of the KVAS fall auction, which was moved to November 1, 2009.

Programs – no report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report March, 2009

Cash on Hand	234.20
TD Bank	8027.48
Outstanding Cheques	-645.80
PayPal	431.68
Sub Total	8047.56
Receivables	100.00
Committed Funds	621.28
Working Balance	7326.28

Committed Funds

Programs	441.28
Apprentice Binders	Tony Bernard Bob Wright Paul McIntosh Chelsey Smith
	80.00
Dec. 07, 2007—Unknown Deposit	100.00
Total Committed Funds	621.28

The following cheques remain uncashed

Fisher Stevenson Boehm	145.00
Fanshawe College	500.00
Total	645.80

Income for the Month

Convention	2915.88
Ways and Means (crest)	22.00
Program Rental	15.00
Show Sanctioning	20.00
Membership	60.00
Total	3032.88

Expenses for the Month

Banking Fees	4.95
Convention Flights	852.08
Convention Logos	81.92
Convention Speaker Gifts	84.00
Fisher Stevenson Boehm (Sask)	145.80
Total	1168.75

Difference for the Month **1864.13**

PROGRAMS

We are always looking for great programs in any format. If you come across what you think might be suitable for club viewing contact

Bob Wright
our program chair
14161 883 0571

Steering

Stephen Crawford has declined due to personal reasons.

Phil Maznyk has agreed to step into the position.

Ways & Means – No report

Webmaster

Newsletter was uploaded to the front page, however, there were technical difficulties with the size. To be fixed soon.

Old Business

Terry Little reported that Michael Bryce is managing to get out of his chair and has booked a room for convention.

Terry brought the rug hooking of the CAOAC crest. It was offered to CAOAC from Bridget & Wayne Block. Dave Boehm and Carl McLeary offered to take it.

New Business – Nothing to report

Club Reports

Brant – Terry reported that they had 172 entries for the show and it was a great auction.

Cambridge – not present

Durham – not present due to auction being held same day

Hamilton – March 22 auction was a success

Kitchener-Waterloo – Things are going well. There are growing pains with the loss of Meicia. Mary Anne Lucier is taking over Special Relations promoting the hobby.

London – Reminder of auction on May 3 in Dorchester.

Sarnia – Auction was held yesterday. We had fewer items but bigger prices. .

St. Catharines – Auction only on May 2. Information is available on their website scaas.info.

Executive and Committees annual reports are due.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

May 15, 16 & 17, 2009

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 - 1 pm
Speakers 1 - 2:15pm, 2:30 – 3:45 pm, 4 – 5:15 pm
Dinner/Speaker 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Light & Lively - Calfo & Fenner 9:30 - ???
Hospitality Suite

Sunday

Annual General Meeting &
Executive Election 8 – 9:30 am
Brunch and Awards at 9:30 am
Giant Auction at 12 noon .



**PHOTO
CONTEST
FOR
KIDS**



**SPECIAL
RAFFLES
DRAWS**



**Fish
Show**



**Giant
Auction**

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For more information contact
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CarlMcCleary boxturtlesrule@sympatico.ca
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ROOM RATES

The two bedroom suites are \$59.95 per night.
 The four bedroom suites are \$119.90 per night.
 Each two bedroom suite can be supplied as a kitchenette or living room suite.
 Each four bedroom suite comes with both a kitchenette and living room.

To book a suite please contact Terry Little, 519-752-8642 or tlittle28@rogers.com

Payment will be made directly to the college upon check-in to the Convention.

SPEAKERS

Rein Breitmaier
 Our Great Mediterranean Expedition

Anthony Calfo
 Conservation of Species

Gary Lange
 Collecting in New Guinea

Bob Fenner
 TBA

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

TICKET PRICES

FULL WEEKEND \$75

SATURDAY SPEAKERS (5)
 ONLY \$50

CHILDREN (UNDER 16YRS)
 \$30

CLASS SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

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

Contact Terry Little tlittle28@rogers.com

SUNDAY EVENING WRAP-UP PARTY

Social evening following the auction for those who are staying the evening.
 cost per person \$10

C.A.O.A.C. ELECTION RULES & GUIDELINES

More information can be found in the Constitution & Bylaws - Section 4 of the Binder

1. All nominations close at the end of the meeting break of the regularly scheduled April business meeting. A list of candidates will be supplied ASAP and will be published in the May Newsletter. A list of the candidates and options for voting will be e-mailed to each member club ASAP after the April meeting.
2. Any one nominated for an office and defeated for election to that office can be re-nominated for any lower office even when nominations for new candidates has been closed.
3. Any office not contested will be opened for nominations at the Annual Meeting. Acclimation will only be allowed after every reasonable effort has been made to provide for a contested election.
4. Any member of a CAOAC member club can nominate any other member (including himself) of a CAOAC club. Private members may also run but only one can be elected to the executive.
5. All nominees will be contacted by the steering committee and only those wishing to stand will have their names published.
6. All officers will be elected by a majority of the votes cast. If a majority is not reached on the first ballot the top 3 vote getters and ties will stand for a second ballot. If a third ballot is required the top 2 vote getters will be voted on. In the event of a tie after the third ballot, the executive in office at the beginning of the election and present at the meeting shall immediately meet in a special closed meeting to break the tie.
7. The order of voting will be: President, 1st Vice president, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary.
8. All voting will be done by secret ballot. Vote count will not be announced. A candidate may request vote tabulation on any office for which he stood for election.
9. Clubs that give official notification of inability to attend the Annual Meeting have two options: A) notify steering of the name of the CAOAC member to whom they have given their proxy. No person can vote on behalf of more than one club. B) send in their vote by mail or by e-mail. This vote would only apply to the initial vote.
10. Current executive or nominated executive members cannot be appointed by a club to vote on their behalf.

**TONY
BERNARD**

(Current President)

As Current President for the last two years I now find myself in the position I knew would come some day. So I will tell you of my back ground

and what has brought me to the Presidents chair of CAOAC. 10 years ago I had the opportunity to travel to Africa with a few strangers and live out a fantasy of mine. Collecting fish in Africa wow. Along with being an Co-founder of the Canadian Rift Lake Cichlid Association by default I was quickly sent to the monthly meeting in water down. It is hard to believe that I have been making the trip for 10 years now. How time flies. After attending for about a half year I knew there was more that I could do for CAOAC. I was elected into 2nd vice president. Along with getting more involved with CAOAC, I became more involved with my local club, Hamilton at the time, move thru the Vice Presidents positions as well. I have always had an affliction to help areas where I can. Brantford and District Aquarium society was one such club requiring a leader to get everyone focused. I enjoyed my time and was able to make more new friends along the way.

I had a great leader in Paul MacIntosh as he led CAOAC. For his tenure, he was very focused and diligent about everything he did and I learn much from him. He is always available for counselling if I ask. As President the last few years I have been working much like Paul, in that I do see a big area of CAOAC which requires attention, and perception. We have a group of very dedicated individuals who have been attending meeting regularly and together we have been making some significant changes to the way CAOAC is perceived. I have been working towards getting all of our Member clubs into our meeting, to get a better perspective out there. CAOAC is about its people, all its people now and in the future. Dedication, hard work and time will bring everyone within CAOAC to a meeting.

My years of experience within CAOAC will help us to grow into our new blanket in a manner that all our members can understand. I have been over the last 10 years preparing myself to run CAOAC and to bring us into a new world where our member clubs will have a voice, coast to coast. See you at the annual meeting.

Thank you for your continues support,

Tony Bernard

CAOAC President

**BOB
WRIGHT**

(Candidate for President)

Many of you know who I am. I've been the auctioneer at many of your club's auctions, showed in your shows, and attended your special events.

My achievements include the following: Chairperson of a School Board, member of the Board of Governors of a major University, Vice-President of CAOAC, Speaker for a number of organizations, member of the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students, lawyer in private practice specializing in administrative law, mediator for the Ontario Labour Relations Board, a member of a number of your clubs and most of all a life long aquarist who loves to share his interest and knowledge regarding all things related to our hobby.

I am seeking to serve as your CAOAC President for the next year. It is true that I have not been a regular attendee at meetings over the last two years as I find them to be extremely frustrating because during a typical three hour meeting there is often only half to three-quarters of an hour of new business. I hope to bring my extensive experience as a Chair and Speaker to make the meetings more efficient and productive.

CAOAC needs to communicate better with its members. We need to be proactive in communication, not just wait for our clubs to contact us. Most of all, **I believe that CAOAC needs to explore electronic means of communication that will allow our members across the country to fully participate in decisions and even be a functioning part of the Executive if they so choose.**

If you think CAOAC should be member driven and I mean by all of its members, then please vote for me for President. If you share my goals then please also support Kathleen Gallagher, "Katalyst" for you online types, an active fish breeder, club member and speaker for Treasurer and Noel Wright for Corresponding Secretary. Yes, Noel is my wife, but for anyone that knows her or gets to know her in the next little while, you will find that she has a mind of her own and the willingness to speak out about it. Most importantly she has the computer skills that will enable us to effectively correspond with all the members of CAOAC.

If you so choose, I will do my best to serve you as President in the coming year.

Thanks for your support.

Bob

NOEL WRIGHT

(Candidate for Corresponding Secretary)

Dear CAOAC Member,

This letter states my intention to run as Corresponding Secretary in the upcoming CAOAC elections to be held at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual convention is the weekend of May 15-17, 2009 in London Ontario. Elections will be held here.

Although a newcomer to the hobby, only the past 7 years, I am a member of several of the local clubs and readily participate in any volunteer capacity that I can. My interest in aquariums is shared enthusiastically with my husband, Bob, who is responsible for introducing me to the hobby.

By profession, I am an acupuncturist. It is part of my job to ask questions about every aspect of a person's life and formulate a treatment that helps their particular problem. I have to "problem solve" in a creative way every day. This is what I love about my work and what I hope to bring to CAOAC: effective problem solving and effective communication.

As corresponding secretary, I plan on taking a proactive role in keeping current with other clubs by responding to any inquiries, and more importantly initiating informative dialogue that promotes the hobby across Canada.

I ask for your support in the upcoming elections. Vote for me for corresponding secretary and send your completed ballot to the attention of the Steering Committee Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

I look forward to serving in CAOAC.
Sincerely,

Noel Wright
noel.wright@sympatico.ca

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
fishrescuecanada@gmail.com**

SPEAKERS

We are looking for excellent speakers who would be willing to give talks at club meetings. If you would like to offer your services or if you know some one who might, contact Dave Boehm at fishman@golden.net
Check out the speakers page on the CAOAC web site at www.caoac.ca

Please note: that all submissions to the June Newsletter will be due on Sunday, May 24th.

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2009

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 (sanctioned)**
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

Dec 13 **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

Jan 17/10 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)**
NOTE: Newsletter Award nominations are due & Memberships accepted

JUST A REMINDER FROM YOUR EDITOR

Any CAOAC club can
advertize in this newsletter

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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!**

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