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President's Notes

Is it just me or is this fall whipping by quickly?

Thanks to everyone for supporting the change in the by-laws to allow for electronic meetings, now the real work begins in figuring out how we are going to go about implementing the changes.

Speaking of changes, special thanks to Phil Maznyk for updating our web site. It looks great and we hope it will be more user friendly and that it will be a destination for all who are seeking information regarding our hobby.

There are still a few fish events this month: KVAS Octoberfish on October 32 (aka Nov. 1), TFCEC Fall Auction, Nov. 8, HDAS Speaker/ Dinner with Lee Newman on Photography, Nov. 28. My apologies to the western clubs whose events I failed to mention last month. Please support these events.

On a sad note, Kathleen Gallagher has returned to the United States and our first order of business at the next Executive Meeting will be to declare the

position of Second VP vacant and to select a new VP. As I write this I believe that there are at least two persons interested, if there are any others please let me know. I will be inviting those who express an interest to be present at the Executive meeting on Nov. 15. If anyone from outside Ontario (or the nation's capital) is interested we can even try our first electronic experiment if you let us know in advance.

It is not too early to be thinking about the annual convention, May 21-23. We are still trying to hammer out whether it will be at Fanshawe College in London or Sheridan College in Oakville but we have a great line-up of speakers confirmed and either location will offer a great venue for our members to enjoy exploring their hobby.

Keep your fish wet

All the best,
Bob

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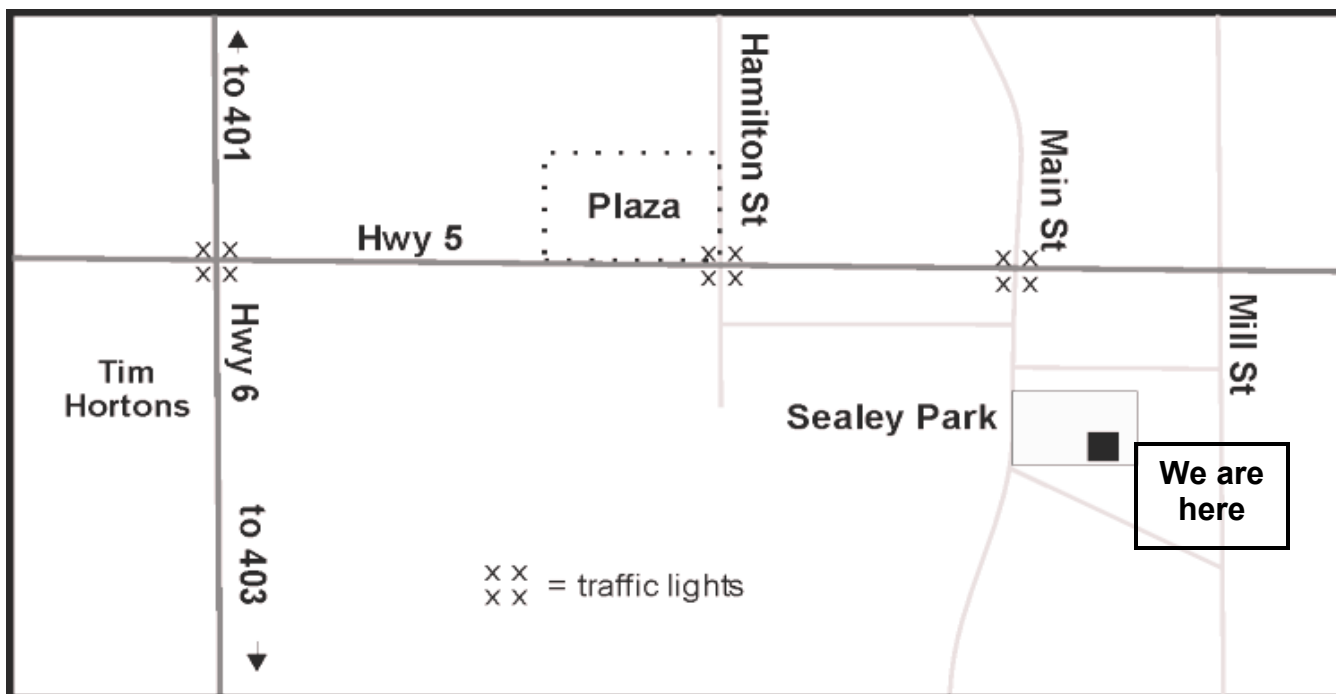


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Minutes of the Meetings October 18, 2009

HOW to get there.....



EXECUTIVE MEETING

Executive Meeting – October 18, 2009

Called to order by Bob Wright (President)

Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Present/Absent
President	Bob Wright (LAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ken Boorman (SAS)	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Noel Wright (TWAS)	Present
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (SAS)	Present
Also in attendance:	Phil Maznyk (KWAS)	Lisa Boorman(SAS)

Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

1. Audit – still unable to co-ordinate schedules. Will try to complete after the November meeting.
2. Reptile Expos –Grant still has not returned any communication in regards to the November show. Bob to confirm with Dave whether PIJAC membership has been completed.
3. CAOAC pamphlet – A double sided half page “flyer” was created by Ann and sent to Dave to add a better logo. No further communication.
4. Location of CAOAC Convention 2010 – A bid was received from Sheridan, however, it was sent back with questions. Still no response from Fanshawe. Bob will be in London October 19 and will physically visit the college. Ken has confirmed 5 speakers. A Convention Committee has been formed consisting of:

- Bob Wright & Dave Boehm – Co-Chairs
- Carl McCleary – Advisor
- Ken Boorman- Speakers

Noel Wright & Ann Stevens – assistants (whatever else is needed)

Ann Stevens has made some contacts at the PIJAC show and some samples. Noel and Ann to meet to go over list from Carl and new contacts to avoid duplication.

Approval of September minutes – Ken Boorman 1st, Noel Wright – 2nd

Executive Reports**Correspondence**

A request for speakers was sent out to the clubs and several have replied. An updated list has been added to the website by Phil. Still accepting speakers.

Information for the newsletter is to be sent to Noel by the end of the month for the next month’s newsletter. This will help to prevent duplication and also give Jennifer enough time to complete it prior to the meeting.

A Privacy Policy was received and added to the web. If anyone does not want their personal information on the web, please notify Phil Maznyk, Webmaster.

New Business

The topic of the CAOAC binder was raised. It was determined a committee should be created to do an overhaul of the binder and get it more current. When completed, it was felt it should be available on CD and possibly on the web. To be raised at the general meeting for volunteers.

Ken suggested that for the Awards Show, have a Champion for individual categories, rather than just one. For example, Betta Champion, etc. This may encourage more entries. To be raised at general meeting.

Executive meeting adjourned, with a quorum at 11:30.

GENERAL MEETING**Roll Call (Terry requested absentees not be shown)**

Club	Present	
Brant	Bill Irwin	
Hamilton	Sarah Langthorne	Sally Shergold
Kitchener-Waterloo	Phil Maznyk	
London	Terry Little	
Sarnia	Lisa Boorman	
St. Catharines	Tom & Pat Bridges	
Erie County	Claudia & Richard Carthew	

Committee	Chair
Awards	Terry Little
Binder	Ann Stevens
FAAS	Lisa Boorman
Fish Breeders Directory	Tom & Pat Bridges
Judges	Bob Wright
Open Show	Terry Little
Steering	Phil Maznyk
Ways & Means	Sarah Langthorne
Webmaster	Phil Maznyk

Treasurer's Report (page 6)

Ann read Dave's report since he emailed it, with the possibility he may not make the meeting. It will be in the newsletter.

Audit to be conducted after next month's meeting.

Motion to Accept – Terry Little – 1st, Phil Maznyk – 2nd Carried

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Ken asked what the \$834 was for under the Ways & Means budget. It was determined that it was expenses related to the Heiko Bleher talk at the Zoo.

The minutes erroneously stated to add a year, where, in fact, it was a date submitted, so that people know how long it's been since that person bred that fish.

Tom will check into the possibility of modifying the report to accommodate this.

Jennifer has asked that everyone please send information for the newsletter by the end of the month, not the 15th of the month. Phil will create the PDF version to be uploaded to the web. Noel will look into sending copies to Sarah Langthorne and Bill Irwin, since they do not have a computer. This will hopefully enable people to have a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting.

Approval of previous minutes – not completed

Report out of Executive Meeting

Convention is still not confirmed. Bob will visit Fanshawe on October 19 to try and get a bid. No one has returned his previous emails or inquiries.

Still no communication has been received from Kathleen Gallagher, 2nd VP. Since this will be her third missed meeting the position will be considered open at the end of this meeting.

It was agreed that a complete overhaul of the CAOAC binder be completed. A request for volunteers was asked from those in attendance. The following has been determined:

- Awards & Open Show – Terry Little
 - History – Paul McIntosh (absent) will be asked
 - Constitution – Bob Wright
 - Judges – Bob Wright
 - Clubs Info/FAAS – Ken Boorman
- Co-ordination – Ann Stevens

Committee Reports

Awards – Ken suggested have a Champion of individual categories, for example, Betta’s, to encourage more participation. Terry will check into it.

Ann asked about the information for the Newsletter Award and the timeliness of the results. Nothing further was discussed.

Terry reminded everyone that the awards are based on a calendar year, January to December.

Breeders – A large submission was received from Winnipeg. Phil requested the list be sent to him to be added to the website.

Futures – Carl, Dave, Tom Mason and Phil met last week on October 10. It went well, and was over 4 hours, but a lot was discussed. There were ideas on how clubs can grow and work with CAOAC. There will be a full report in November.

Webmaster – Dave offered Phil to redo the website. He stated the website needs to be current and correct. Please advise Phil if anything needs to be changed. We also have a new provider. Execulink was cancelled and we are now hosted with AroundKW. Their hosting fee is only \$50 per year with lots of tools to use.

Phil would also like to include any industry news on the site. If you see anything that is news worthy please forward to him.

Phil has completed his first draft of the new site with a black background and white lettering. Some people gave him feedback that it was a little hard to read. He created another site, with a white background. It was determined, that even though the white is easier to read, the black background had more visual impact. Excellent job!!

Motion was made to accept Phil Maznyk as the new webmaster. Terry Little – 1st, Ken Boorman – 2nd.

Carried unanimously. Old Business

Motions voted on

Motion 0909-01 To ratify the election of the 2009-2010 Executive, effective May 17, 2009
Carried unanimously

Motion 0909-02 To insert into the By-Laws the following provision regarding meetings:
Electronic Meetings – Meetings of the Executive, General Meetings and Committee Meetings may be held by electronic means and any combination of in-person and electronic means as is approved by the

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer’s Report October 18, 2009

Cash on Hand	293.03
TD Bank	7661.45
Outstanding Cheques	0
Cheques to deposit	0
PayPal	2366.81
Sub Total	10321.29
Receivables	561.31
Committed Funds	621.28
Working Balance	10261.32

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

Executive. Members and Executive may participate in meetings by electronic means and such participation shall be counted for the purposes of achieving quorum. Electronic means includes but is not limited to using chat rooms, web conferencing, or other means as the Executive have approved but shall not include the simple exchange of emails.

Carried unanimously

The Durham Region Aquarium Society has been accepted and is now the first Aquarium Club in Canada to be a member of the C.A.R.E.S. conservation and preservation organization.

The official C.A.R.E.S. website is www.caresprevention.com.

Club Reports

In the past, it has been advised that if a report is not received in writing, it will not be included in the minutes. However, I (Ann Stevens) have decided that if a report is not in writing, it will be included; however, I will not be responsible for any misinterpretations. I would prefer it in writing, even if it is emailed to me before the end of the month.

Brant – Wednesday, November 11 they are having their regular meeting as an auction.

Hamilton & District – Their Show and Auction went well.

Speaker night, Saturday, November 28 at the same place, Speaker will be Lee Newman who is the curator of the Vancouver Aquarium. He will be speaking on South American and African Cichlids. A delicious supper will be served. Admission - \$25. Tickets are available. Everybody welcome.

Kitchener Waterloo – November 1 is our “Oktoberfish” which will now have to be Novemberfish. Doors open at 7:30 AM at the Waterloo Inn. There will be no used goods in the auction, there will be separate tables set up to sell them.

October 24, 2010 is the date set for next year's Oktoberfish.

London – Show went well, Our Christmas party is set for the 2nd Tuesday of December.

Sarnia – Show and auction went well. New location seemed to give more room. We are working on getting more members to participate in the show.

St. Catharines – Dave Unruh is doing well.

Tropical Fish of Erie County - The TFCEC will hold its annual fall auction on November 8, 2009 at the Patchin Vol. Fire Hall in Boston, New York. A new feature this year is a maximum club split of \$15.00 on any ONE ITEM that sells over \$50.00. The amount of sale over the \$50.00 on that item will go entirely to the seller

New Business

Sally needs 2 or 3 show tanks. Apparently, CAOAC used to sell them. Apparently it got too expensive to buy. Terry does sell Beanie Baby Boxes for \$3.00 each if anyone is interested.

The question was raised about the legal importation of fish food and live fish. This will be investigated and findings brought back to the November meeting. PIJAC is the legal arm for this matter.

REMINDER – Membership dues are due January.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 by Ann Stevens and Sarah Langthorne.

From the award committee of Kwas

Now is the time for that person in your club that just about does everything to be honored.

There is a new award available through CAOAC for that person.

Below are some of the criteria to consider.

“For Outstanding Promotion of the Aquarium Hobby”

Mieca Burden Ambassador Award

The hobby doesn't always recognize our most faithful Ambassadors - I think this award breaks new and important ground ...

Likely 15+ year's membership at an aquarium club.

Likely has held most executive positions.

Likely held various Board of Director positions.

Promote friendliness in the club's atmosphere

Promote the organization the person is affiliated with.

This award is for anybody affiliated with CAOAC.

The award will be part of the information binder of CAOAC under “Awards”.

Applications must be into CAOAC by December, applications will be forwarded to Kwas in January, where the sub-committee will make the final choice.

Applications should be in a sealed envelope and passed on to Kwas rep.

This award is not necessarily awarded every year.

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2009/2010

November

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CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

NOTE: Web Sites judged this month for Web Award 2009

December

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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

January 2010

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CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

NOTE: Newsletter Award nominations are due & Memberships accepted

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Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society Oktoberfish

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St. Catharines and Area Aquarium Society Auction and Show