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President's Notes

Holiday Greetings,

I just got back from Florida where I got in a little collecting (*Fundulus chrysotus*, *Heterandria formosa*, *Jordanella floridae* and *Elassoma evergladei*).

Florida has the clearest legal framework for keeping native fish in the aquarium of which I am aware – if you possess a valid license you can maintain in an aquarium the number of fish that you would be entitled to take when fishing including game fish.

I also went to the Ohio Cichlid Association Extravaganza, this past month, where I visited a store where you could buy Walleye, Sunfish and Black Crappie for your aquarium.

In CAOAC news, I would like to welcome our new second Vice-President, Claudia Carthew. Claudia is the secretary for both St. Catharines and Areas Aquarium Society and the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County. I look forward to having a full executive to work with over the com-

ing months. I want to remind all clubs that awards nominations are due in January and February depending on the award, if you have any questions contact us.

We have also are in the process of finalizing Sheridan College, Oakville as the location of the next CAOAC Convention, May 21-23, 2010. We have a great line-up of speakers and it should be a good time as always.

Mark it in your calendars and plan to be there. I am heading to Cuba for the holidays, don't know if I can collect any fish there but I hope to find out.

Noel and I wish all of you a happy and safe holiday season.

Bob Wright

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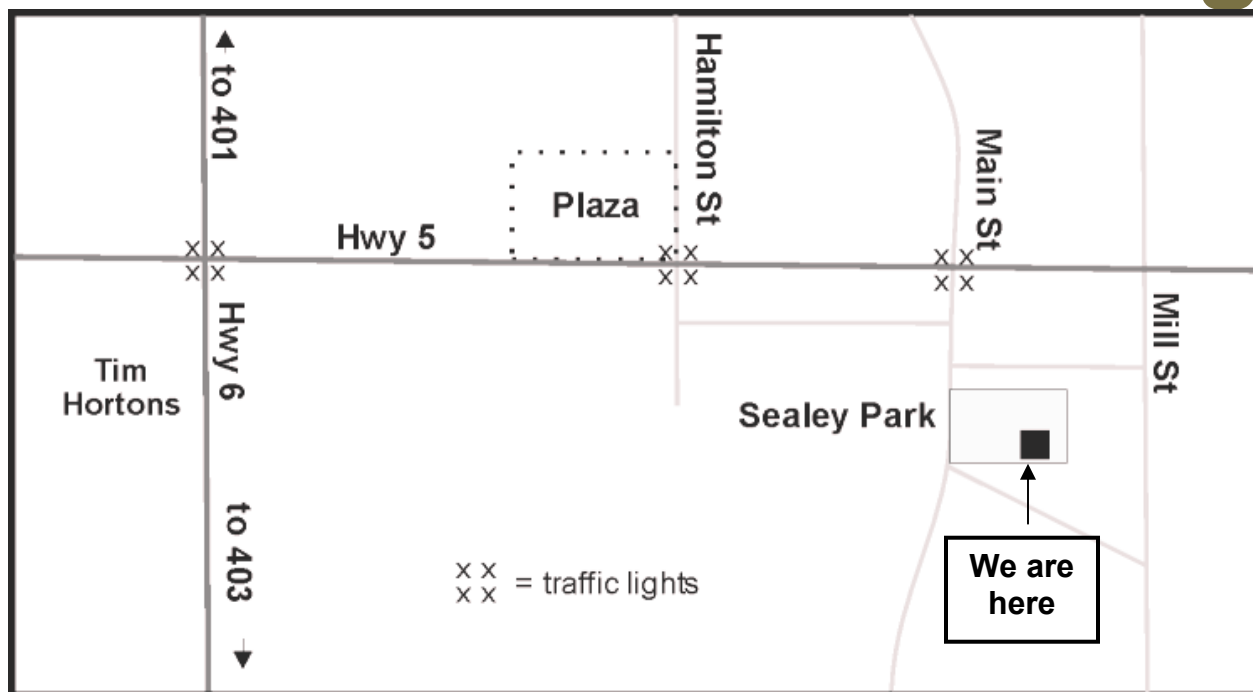
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Come out to a meeting!



Minutes of the Meetings November 15, 2009

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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
Treasurer	Dave Boehm (KVAS)	Present
Also in attendance:	Phil Maznyk (KVAS)	Lisa Boorman (SAS)
	Claudia & Richard Carthew (TFCEC)	

Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

1. Audit – Will be completed after today's meeting with Bob Wright, Dave Boehm and Neil Gray.
2. PIJAC membership still not completed. Still no word from Grant Crossman in regards to the Reptile Show.
3. CAOAC pamphlet – Dave will print tonight. There was some confusion as to what was wanted. It was clarified with Dave and should be ready for the January meeting. It will be printed on card stock with a quantity of 1.000 in colour.

Location of CAOAC Convention 2010 – Even after Bob physically went in to visit Lisa at Fanshawe, he was assured that he would get something in writing, and has not. So, it was decided that we will go with Sheridan College. The biggest cost is the meals and we can continue to work on that. The rooms are comparable to Fanshawe rates. Bob will create a small flyer to take to the OCA convention.

Phil will start setting up the convention portal on the website with a list of guest speakers. Ken to send bio's to Phil for inclusion on the web. Bob will get Sheridan to send a map for inclusion on the web also.

Ken mentioned that we may need to have some kosher food for David Boruchowitz. We also have the option to have the meals catered from outside the college.

Phil asked about a theme for a fun night. It was discussed and said it's something that may be considered later.

Ann will create a postcard for convention. Colour on one side and black & white on the other. Dave mentioned that his work has a special on right now for when you order 1000 postcards, the cost would be 61 cents including postage.

Approval of October minutes – Ken Boorman 1st, Noel Wright 2nd**Executive Reports**

Treasurer's Report was given and to be included in newsletter.

Correspondence

Noel received a request for a new binder cover. It was determined that there are no more printed CAOAC binders and a standard white 3 ring binder could be purchased from Staples. She also received a request from a club out west for updates to their binder.

It was suggested that they be advised that it is currently being revamped and our goal is to have the revised version available on CD by the convention.

New Business

Concern was raised in regards to the delay in receiving the newsletter. Jennifer expressed her apologies. Bob will talk to Jennifer in regards to the newsletter. Phil has offered to take over if Jennifer is in agreement.

Ken asked about the newsletters and magazines that Lisa submitted for the Author's award. They had not been returned to her. Bob will ask Terry and Paul if they know where they are and when they can be returned.

The question was raised as to whether CAOAC will feature another guest speaker. Ken will check some of the speakers and see who is available and is a reasonable cost.

Due to Kathleen Gallagher missing 3 executive meetings, it has been declared that her position as 2nd Vice President is now open.

Motion to accept – Ann Stevens 1st, Ken Boorman 2nd. Carried unanimously.

There are 2 candidates interested in the position. Carl McCleary and Claudia Carthew. A secret ballot was conducted and an impartial person was chosen to count the ballots. The result was Claudia won the vote. Ken motioned the ballots be destroyed.

Executive meeting adjourned, with a quorum at 11:50am.

GENERAL MEETING

November 15, 2009

Club Roll Call

Club	Present	
Brant	Bill Irwin	
Cambridge	Carl McCleary	
Durham	George Banavage	
Hamilton	Sarah Langthorne	
Kitchener-Waterloo	Phil Maznyk	
London	Terry Little	
Ottawa Amphibian	Tom Mason	
Sarnia	Lisa Boorman	
St. Catharines	Tom & Pat Bridges	
Erie County	Richard Carthew	

Committee	Chair
Aquatic Horticulturist Directory	Dave Boehm
Awards	Terry Little
Binder	Ann Stevens
FAAS	Lisa Boorman
Fish Breeders Directory	Tom & Pat Bridges
Futures	Tom Mason/Carl McCleary
Judges	Bob Wright
Membership	Dave Boehm
Open Show	Terry Little
Steering	Phil Maznyk
Ways & Means	Sarah Langthorne
Webmaster	Phil Maznyk

Treasurer's Report

Dave reported our current standings and the details will be sent to be included in the newsletter. Audit will be conducted after the meeting.

Motion to Accept – Ken Boorman – 1st, Tom Mason – 2nd Carried

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting None

Approval of previous minutes – October minutes – Ken Boorman – 1st, Phil Maznyk – 2nd Carried

Report out of Executive Meeting – Due to lack of response from Fanshawe, it was determined that Sheridan

College has been confirmed for the 2010 CAOAC convention on the long weekend. Claudia Carthew was introduced as the new 2nd Vice President.

Committee Reports

Awards – Terry was asked about the supporting documentation that Lisa submitted for her Author's award. He said he doesn't have it and to check with Paul McIntosh. Ann asked about the submission for the Newsletter award. The last two years, it was determined that the newsletter had to be submitted in black and white copies regardless of whether your newsletter was originally in colour. For submission for the award, newsletters can now be submitted in colour, but must be submitted in January.

Breeders – A submission was received from Sarnia and Winnipeg. One first certificate in was given to Sarnia and 6 first in certificates will be sent to Winnipeg. First in box to go to Noel.

Futures – A very detailed report was given by Tom Mason. The overall goal is to increase our clubs in membership and awareness. There was extensive discussion in items from the futures report, some of which were Fish Rescue and non member clubs. The detailed report will be sent for inclusion into the newsletter.

Judges – Bob would like to have a meeting with the current judges. Meeting, date and place possibly in Brantford to discuss this program. Bob will email Terry to arrange a time.

Membership – Some clubs have already renewed their memberships. Letters were sent to the Presidents of the clubs. Question was raised if we should leave the insurance at the same rate. It will be discussed at a later date. An additional section for Board of Education has been added if needed in the insurance policy.

REMINDER – If you haven't already sent in your membership renewal, please do it now. Thank you.

Open Show – All shows that have notified CAOAC for their 2010 year are now available on the web, thanks to Phil. If any dates are missing, please notify Phil for inclusion.

Ways & Means – Sarah indicated she has left over tickets for a CAOAC draw for a free registration. Terry indicated he has them on his computer.

Old Business - None

Club Reports

Brant – Their November auction went well. They

signed up new members and had several donations. The auction only last about an hour but was a success. Tony Bernard did the auctioneering.

Cambridge – November's meeting will have Zena talk on sea horses.

Durham – February 13 is their annual awards dinner. They will have Oliver Lucanus as the guest speaker. Tickets are \$25 each.

Hamilton & District – Their show went well last month. There are still some tickets left for the speaker night on November 28 for dinner and guest speaker Lee Newman.

Kitchener Waterloo – Their November auction was a great success. No used goods helped cut some of the time down. There were good donations. Several new members were also signed up. They are selling club calendars this year with pictures taken from club members. They have pertinent dates in them related to the club. However, since no other clubs submitted dates, the calendar is Kwas specific. An email that was sent out requesting dates to be included in the calendar, unfortunately not one club replied with even an acknowledgement.

REMINDER – please consider submitting names for the Meicia Burden award. This award is separate from the CAOAC awards.

London – Our Christmas party is set for the 2nd Tuesday of December. This is a pot luck and everyone is welcome, just bring a dish of food or dessert.

Ottawa – nothing to report at this time.

Sarnia – The club has decided to have a summer speaker again. Gary Lange will conduct a presentation on rainbows. This will be a dinner and guest speaker. It will be held at the Eagle Club, where the last auction was held in Sarnia. Cost will be \$25. There will be two talks, dinner and a mini auction. The date is to be confirmed, but will probably be around the middle of June.

St. Catharines – December 7 will be the clubs Christmas pot luck.

Tropical Fish of Erie County – The TFCEC November Fall auction was very well attended and over 1300 items were sold. A donation of products from ZooMed was auctioned on behalf of CAOAC, with 100% of the sales revenue going to CAOAC. The spring auction will be February 14, 2010. Thank you Claudia for your written submission.

New Business

March meeting will start at 9:00 AM for the awards meeting, followed by the executive meeting at 11:00 and then the general meeting at 12:00.

REMINDER – Membership dues are due January.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm by Ann Stevens

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE AT THE DECEMBER 2009 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

MIECIA BURDEN AMBASSADOR AWARD

Submissions should be given to Phil Maznyk in person or e-mail pmaznyk@rogers.com

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2010

Nominations for the newsletter award are to be submitted at the **January 17th meeting. All other nominations need to be submitted by **February 14th** including the following:**

Fish Breeders Awards

Basic Merit Award

Intermediate Merit Award

Merit Award

Senior Merit Award

Aquatic Horticulturist Awards

Advanced Aquatic Horticulturist Awards

Expert Aquatic Horticulturist Awards

Master Aquatic Horticulturist Awards

Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturist Awards

Specialists Breeders Awards in

African Rift Lake Cichlids-Characins-Killifish-Livebearers

Hobbyist of the Year Award

Junior Hobbyist of the Year Award

Service Award

Scientist Award

CAOAC 25 Years of Service Award

All information about the above awards are posted on the CAOAC web site.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE AWARDS 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”
Miecia Burden Ambassador Award**

The hobby doesn't always recognize our most faithful Ambassadors - 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.

Further details on this award can be reviewed on the CAOAC website

**CAOAC Convention
May 21-23, 2010
Sheridan College Oakville, Ontario**

2010 Convention Committee

Dave Boehm / Bob Wright/Ann Stevens / Noel Wright/Carl McCleary / Ken Boorman

CONFIRMED GUEST SPEAKERS

- David Boruchowitz
- Spencer Jack
- Ad Konings
- Oliver Lucanus
- Lee Newman

MORE DETAILS WILL APPEAR AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

CAOAC FUTURES COMMITTEE REPORT

CAOAC held a futures meeting at Carl McCleary's home October 10/2009. The meeting began at 1:30pm and went until 4:30pm. In attendance; Dave Boehm (KWAS, treasurer CAOAC), Phil Maznyk (KWAS, webmaster/newsletter/steering CAOAC), Tom Mason (DRAS), Carl McCleary (CDAS) Absent: Udo Rohmann (PRAS)

Listed below are the recommendations that came out of this first meeting.

FUTURES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1) Object is to increase the amount of clubs in CAOAC.

- to do so, more has to be offered (ie to reptile clubs, marine societies, pond clubs)
- a CAOAC news bulletin should be sent to each club, either participating or non-participating. (quarterly?)
- news bulletin would be world tropical fish, marine, pond, reptile news, government changes in laws, new species found, info on C.A.R.E.S., invasive species, fish (reptile) rescue, hobby, industry, scientific.
- liaison to the Francophone clubs.
- teleconferencing calls to clubs out of regular meeting area (eastern, central, western) on a quarterly basis.
- show non CAOAC clubs the effective programs already in place (ie BAP, HAP, judges, Show, fish rescue)
- is it possible for U.S. clubs to get an insurance policy like ours, so they can join CAOAC.

2) To bring CAOAC business into each club.

- have a general meeting at a clubs auction/show.
- executive and club reps to visit different club meetings several times a year to bring in info, events calendar and question period.
- each club to have a small piece in newsletter (website) about CAOAC events, news (sent by CAOAC exec.)

3) PayPal will be setup on the CAOAC website.

- clubs can rejoin by submitting through PayPal for membership and insurance on CAOAC website.

4) Fish Rescue program works.

- need more documentation (ie who is it from, where did it go, date)
- need at least 1 person per club helping
- can be a potential funding project.
- promote to city, provincial and federal

5) CAOAC general meetings can be shortened in time. (Suggestions)

- all committees file reports 7 days beforehand to exec

to be reviewed

- executive agenda published to all executive and board of directors prior to meeting (maybe 4 days prior)
- these will be brought up at the general meeting if deemed necessary by the executive.
- some may be skimmed through, others may be discussed, voted upon or deleted.
- these reports can be submitted through the CAOAC website.
- having no committee report is common.

6) With shortened general meetings, more time can be spent having experts in to improve CAOAC reps in the hobby, (ie C.A.R.E.S., invasive species, conversation and scientific research).

7) Link CAOAC with University, colleges and school programs regarding the hobby.

8) Review judges standards and corporate By-laws.

- what needs trashing and what needs updating in by-laws.
- are all rules being followed by judges (ie IFGA, HADAS, etc.)
- voting for executive.

Treasurer's Report November 15, 2009

Cash on hand	\$293.03
TD Bank	\$7,661.45
Outstanding cheques	\$0.00
Cheques to deposit	\$0.00
PayPal	\$2,309.06
Sub-total	\$10,263.54
Receivables	\$561.31
Committed funds	\$621.28
Working Balance	\$10,203.57
US Dollars	\$0.00
Committed Funds	
Programs	\$441.28
Apprentice binders	\$80.00
Tony Bernard, Bob Wright,	
Paul McIntosh, Chelsey Smith	\$100.00
Total committed funds	\$621.28

**DON'T FORGET
DECEMBER 13th IS OUR
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCH**



**AT 12 NOON FOLLOWED BY THE
GENERAL MEETING
'PLEASE BRING A DISH FOR SHARING'
SEE YOU THERE**

First in CAOAC Certificates

Based on the latest submissions from the CAOAC clubs, the Breeders Directory Committee has issued certificates to:

Lisa Boorman of **SAS** for *Melanotaenia irianjaya*

Robert Brown of **ASW** for *Petrochromis famula* and *Lophiobagrus brevispinis*

Vince & Cheryl Mayers of **ASW** for *Buccochromis nototaenia*

Fred Olynyk of **ASW** for *Jenynsia onca*

John Sabo of **ASW** for *Synodontis lucipinnis* and *Nandopsis haitiensis*

They are the first in CAOAC member clubs to breed and submit these species and are to be congratulated on their achievements.

**DON'T FORGET JANUARY 2010
IS MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE RENEWAL MONTH
FOR ALL CLUBS!**

All clubs should have received an application form by e-mail. If you have not received this application, please contact Dave Boehm (Membership Chair) by e-mail fishman@golden.net

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

All memberships will be accepted at the January 2010 meeting.



CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

December 13, 2009

(Christmas pot luck lunch following the executive meeting) (Membership and Insurance applications are due) (Author and Advanced Author applications are due)

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON

January 17, 2010

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON

February 14, 2010

Tropical Fish Club of Erie County. **AUCTION ONLY**

February 21, 2010

CAOAC general and business meeting
(CANCELLED) Awards submissions for the 2010 convention are due with CAOAC by this date.

March 7, 2010

Peel Regional Aquarium Society. **AUCTION ONLY**

March 14th, 2010

Hamilton & District Aquarium Society. **AUCTION ONLY**. Waterdown Legion, Waterdown, ON

March 21, 2010

(Awards meeting begins at 9:00am *LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO THIS DATE)

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON

March 28th, 2010

Brant Aquarium Society, **SHOW & AUCTION**. Special Events Building, Paris Fairgrounds, Paris, ON

April 11th, 2010

Durham Region Aquarium Society. **SHOW & AUCTION**. Aquatic Centre, Ajax, ON

April 17, 2010

Sarnia Aquarium Society. **AUCTION ONLY**

April 18, 2010

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON

May 21 – 23, 2010

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs. 51st ANNUAL CONVENTION. Sheridan College (**Trafalgar Road Campus**) Oakville, ON.

June 26, 2010

Sarnia Aquarium Society Dinner & Guest speaker Gary Lange (Rainbowfish) Eagle Club in Sarnia. 25.00 per person. This event includes 2 talks and a mini-auction.

June 27, 2010

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON

(**PRESIDENT'S BBQ**)

September 18th, 2010

Sarnia Aquarium Society. **SHOW & AUCTION**

September 19, 2009

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON

October 3, 2010

Hamilton & District Aquarium Society. **SHOW & AUCTION**. Waterdown Legion, Waterdown, ON

October 17, 2010

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON

October 24, 2010

Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society. **SHOW & AUCTION**. Waterloo Inn, Waterloo, ON

October 31, 2010

St Catharines & Area Aquarium Society. **SHOW & AUCTION**

November 7, 2010

Peel Regional Aquarium Society. **AUCTION ONLY**

November 21, 2010

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON

December 12, 2009

(Christmas pot luck lunch following the executive meeting) (Membership and Insurance applications are due) (Author and Advanced Author applications are due)

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON

12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON