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January 2010

**Happy
New Year**

President's Notes

A whole new year, well not quite since I'm writing this in mid-December as I'm about to go to Cuba for two weeks and would miss the deadline if I didn't.

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Lots of aquarium related presents etc. Its been a busy fall with lots of hobby related events. I'm looking forward to a hectic year, there are a lot of really great conventions coming up – lots to learn and always a good party.

There is the Northeast Council of Aquarium Clubs Convention the last weekend in February in Connecticut, great people, great speakers – a really fun event for anyone that hasn't taken it in. In April, the American Livebearers Association is meeting in Dearborn, Michigan – as close as it will get for most Canadians.

In May there is our very own CAOAC Convention which will be held at Sheridan College, there is lots of information on the website and more to come. Please start encouraging your members and non-members to come and enjoy

the convention. The weekend following our convention, the American Killifish Association will be holding their convention in Cleveland, again about as close as it is likely to get for most of us.

I'm still trying to figure out what to do about electronic meetings – I think we are going to try an Executive meeting in February using Skype. Since it is a small group that should work okay – if anyone has suggestions for what to do with larger groups, I would appreciate any input.

Wishing all of you a wonderful new year, make some resolutions – mine should be to clean my tanks regularly, not to mention the list that my wife would have for me, like clean up the fish stuff, quit using her coffee grinder to make fish food – well that list would just be too long...

Happy New Year

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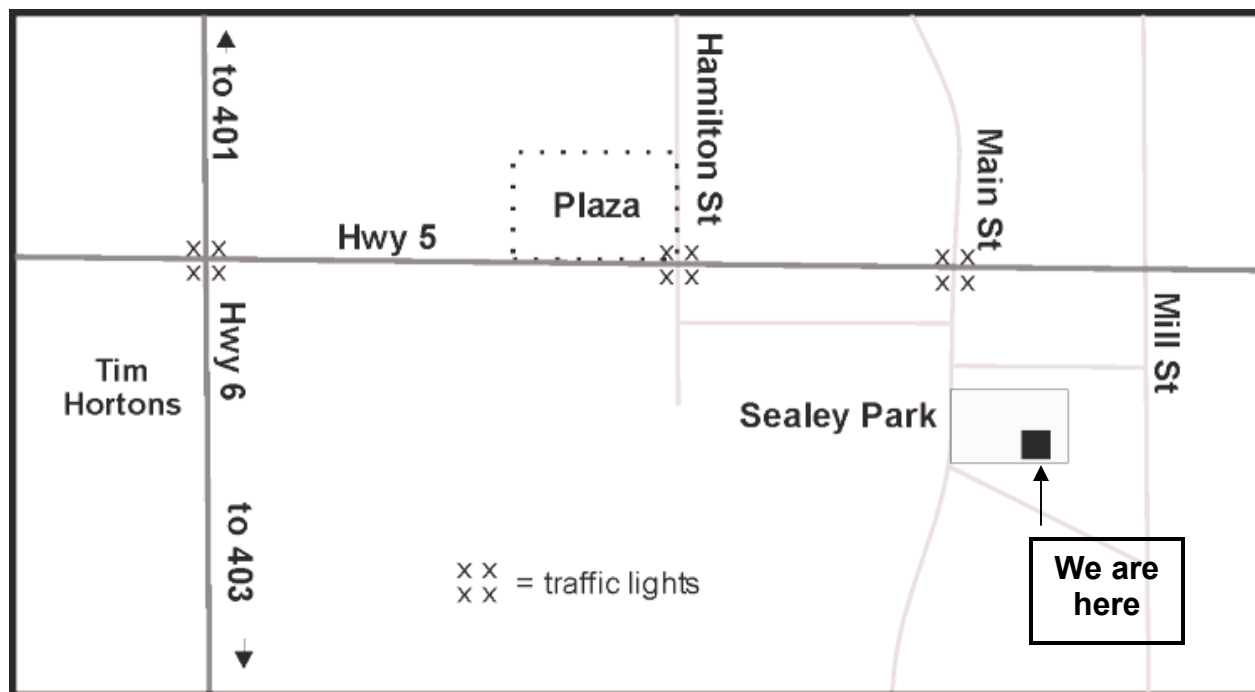
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HOW TO FIND US!



Minutes of the Meetings December 13, 2009

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Called to order by Bob Wright (President) 10:35am

Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Present/Absent
President	Bob Wright (LAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ken Boorman (SAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Claudia Carthew (TFCEC)	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)
	Richard Carthew (TFCEC)	

Approval of November minutes – Ken Boorman 1st, Claudia Carthew – 2nd

Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

Audit – Was completed after last meeting. The time frame from when Dave Boehm took over was reviewed. Everything was in order and Neil was impressed with the condition of the books. Neil will give a written recommendation in regards to tracking assets and liabilities.

PIJAC membership still not completed, Dave has been very busy at work and will attend to it as soon as he can.

Ann Stevens attended the Reptile Expo in November and was surprised at the size and varieties on display. There were some cichlids there and a few others she didn't remember what they were. She also met with Grant and he was pleased to hear of the convention location next year and has suggested a meeting with him and the committee to discuss his further involvement.

Convention – Bob has received the finalized contract and will be contacting the caterer for the Hamilton speaker to inquire about her services to cater the convention banquet. Two days after the last CAOAC meeting, Fanshawe did send Bob a proposal, with the cost of the dinner increasing \$7.00 over last year. Ken still has not heard from David Boruchowitz whether he needs a kosher meal. Ken advised he has agreement from Ray Lucas to be the dinner speaker. The topic will be announced later.

Previously it had been decided that the awards meeting, traditionally held in March be held at a restaurant for a breakfast meeting at 9:00.

It was also decided that it may be better to hold it after the general meeting, since some people have so far to travel. The time will be firmed up as we get closer to the date. A motion was made that CAOAC will pay for the meals that day for those in attendance.

Noel – 1st, Ken – 2nd – Carried unanimously.

Ken is exploring speaker options for spring or summer 2010 CAOAC dinner. He has already spoken to Tom Mason who indicated it would probably be okay to hold the event at the Toronto Zoo, provided enough notice is given.

Binder – Phil indicated that once all the pieces are updated, he has a program that will compile it into one file and create an index with links to each section. He also has a multi burner, so when CAOAC purchases the CD's he can burn them for us to have available at the convention.

Executive Reports

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

Motion to accept: Ann – 1st, Noel – 2nd.

Correspondence

Sent email notification to all CAOAC member, non-member and other clubs in the US (used NEC list) (North East Council) as well as some other cichlid clubs, like Texas and ACA notifying them of our upcoming convention. Provided website link for further details. Also included notice about Insurance dues. Lisa and Carl provided me with the club lists that they had. Thank You.

Need to follow-up with Regina, as they are interested in knowing if we want to link to their website's newsletter. Noel will contact the club to find out if the newsletter is hidden (or protected). If it is, then the file can be sent to Phil to upload to our site with a link below the club information link.

Suggest that we add a link to Toronto Tourism on the convention page. This may spark some interest to people visiting the website link as to other things to do in Toronto. We may attract some more visitors to the convention. Also to add other tourism links to include Niagara and Hamilton regions.

Calgary contacted me in November for updated information to their binder. I responded that if they need a particular section or have a question to email me and we will do our best to provide them with the information. I

notified them that we are in the process of updating the binder and plan to have it available on the website, as well as on CD at this year's convention. Calgary's contact information has changed and the changes were emailed to Phil and Dave. They are very interested in participating in online meetings.

Joe Anderson from the former Oklahoma City Aquarium Society contacted me as they are in the process of re-vamping their current club's organizing documents and wondering if CAOAC may have some examples; ie the CAOAC, and its members clubs that we may look at to help them in their task. They are forming a local and regional club. I also emailed them the information about becoming a CAOAC member club and insurance information.

Dave to email Noel electronic copy of By-Laws to forward to the club.

Distributed CAOAC convention flyers at the OCA (Ohio Cichlid Association) Extravaganza

Was contacted by Holiday Inn in Oshawa regarding hosting the 2011 convention there.

Need to finalize menu for Sheridan.

Thank you Noel for the typed submission.

Fish Rescue – Phil forwarded an email to Tony in regards to someone having an electric catfish that needed a home. When the person still hadn't heard from Tony, Phil advised Bob who made arrangements to pick it up and take it to The Tropical Fish Room, Brantford.

Phil will create a new section on the web to list successful fish rescues.

New Business

No new business to report at this time.

Executive meeting adjourned, with a quorum at 11:45am.

GENERAL MEETING

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
Newsletter	Phil Maznyk
Open Show	Terry Little
Steering	Phil Maznyk
Ways & Means	Sarah Langthorne
Webmaster	Phil Maznyk

Approval of previous minutes – November minutes – Claudia – 1st, Ann – 2nd Carried

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

There was some discussion at the last meeting, but was not included in the minutes in regards to the cancellation of the February meeting. It was determined that since it fell on Valentine’s Day that the meeting be cancelled. Newsletter submissions are to be in by the January meeting. All other submissions are to be sent in January or via email in February to Terry Little at tlittle28@rogers.com.

Report out of Executive Meeting

The audit was completed after the last meeting. A suggestion in regards to assets and liabilities was made. A written report will be forthcoming from Neil. Kudos to Dave for a job well done.

Report on convention. Things are coming together. Terry requested a layout of the rooms for a map on how to get around.

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 – 1st, Lisa – 2nd Carried

Committee Reports

Membership

The following clubs **have not** forwarded their renewal application to Dave. Dave is going to phone the clubs.

Calgary	Hamilton	Saskatchewan
Cambridge	Ottawa Valley AS	Toronto Willowdale
Durham	Peel	
Forest City	Regina	

Ken reported that a new club, East Coast (possibly cichlid) is sending in their membership. They are also doing some fundraising to raise funds to send 6 people and their president to the 2010 convention. **REMINDER** – If you haven't already sent in your membership renewal, please do it now. Thank you.

The meeting broke to enjoy the pot luck lunch at 12:40. It was great food and the selection couldn't have been better.

Breeders – A submission was received from Tom Bridges. As requested at a previous meeting, a modification to the reporting to add when the submission was made has been created. It was circulated for comments. Great work!

Binder – Some updates will be available in January.

Futures – It was suggested that based on the money in the account, we should look at ways to lower our current funds, constructively. It was suggested that after convention would be a good time to look at that.

Judges – Bob is arranging a meeting in January with Terry and all involved.

Newsletter – Phil wanted to thank everyone for getting their submissions to him in a timely manner, allowing for the newsletter to be published well in advance.

Open Show – Terry would like some vibrator pumps for the convention show. Some concerns were voiced in regards to safety and availability of plugs in the room.

Ways & Means – Sarah thanked everyone who contributed to the pot luck lunch today.

Old Business

Club Reports

Durham – February 13 is their annual awards dinner. They will have Oliver Lucanus as the guest speaker. Tickets are \$25 each. January meeting will have Barry McKee, Doug Chessell and Jim Taylor talk on their trip to Uruguay.

Sarnia – Gary Lange has been confirmed as June 26, 2010 dinner speaker. He will conduct 2 talks. One talk will be on collecting and the other on care of rainbow fishes. The cost is \$25 per person. Also, they thanked Hamilton for the invitation to their guest speaker, Lee Newman.

Tropical Fish of Erie County – December 15th is our annual Christmas party and the first meeting at our new location (3071 Abbott Road). The spring auction is February 14th, 2010. Happy holidays to all. Thank you Richard (Claudia) for your written submission.

New Business

Convention – Terry suggested that an email address be created that would send to a group of people on the convention committee. Phil will create an email link on the website. Terry also suggested a contest for juniors to win free convention registration. Everyone is to send their ideas to the convention committee (via the link Phil will create) for discussion at the next meeting.

We also need to look at ways to encourage University Students to get involved in the convention. They could be encouraged to write a paper and submit to win. Each paper could be included, one per month in the newsletter.

Bob is to find out if wireless internet access is available at Sheridan.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm by Ann Stevens

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 / Terry Little

CONFIRMED GUEST SPEAKERS

David Boruchowitz

Spencer Jack

Ad Konings

Ray 'Kingfish' Lucas

Oliver Lucanus

Lee Newman

MORE DETAILS WILL APPEAR AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

Treasurer's Report November 15, 2009

Cash on hand	\$165.58
TD Bank	\$9,800.39
Outstanding cheques	\$0.00
Cheques to deposit	\$270.00
PayPal	\$2,309.06
Sub-total	\$12,545.03
Receivables	\$561.31
Committed funds	\$621.28
Working Balance	\$12,485.06
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

KEEP US UP TO DATE!

Noel Wright our corresponding secretary needs to know if there are any changes with your clubs contact information / mailing information / website changes etc. **PLEASE** send her any changes and additions so we can update our files. This way CAOAC and its member clubs will have the most current information available.

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 416-883-0571



Fish Rescue News!

CAOAC President Bob Wright successfully rescued an electric catfish from Burlington to Brantford November 24th, 2009.

FISH RESCUE DOES WORK!

If you or someone you know needs to have a fish rescued, please visit our fish rescue page on the CAOAC website for details and a downloadable form.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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.

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 WERE DUE AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

All memberships will be accepted at the January 2010 meeting.

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CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

January 17, 2010

10:30 AM CAOAC Executive meeting Waterdown, ON
12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting Waterdown, ON

February 13, 2010

Durham Regional Aquarium Society Annual Awards
Dinner with special guest speaker Oliver Lucanus

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, 2010

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, 2010

(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