Another year is flying by so fast, it seems a little faster this year as the AGM is earlier than we have ever had it, next month – Easter Weekend – Winnipeg Manitoba. It is not too late to book and it promises to be a great time.

Nominations for Executive positions are due at the March CAOAC Meeting. All of your current Executive has indicated that they are willing to remain for another year but if you are eager to participate please let Phil Maznyk know so that we can have some election excitement at the AGM.

All annual reports are also due a month early so that they can be made at the AGM.

Lots of fish events this month:
March 4 – Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society Giant Auction – I really have to get up to that event some time.
March 17 – Saturday – Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Auction.
March 18, 2012 Aquarium Club of Edmonton Annual spring auction.
March 25, 2012 Brant Aquarium Society. Spring auction and show.
March 31 -April 1, 2012 Calgary Aquarium Society Speaker weekend.

April 6 - 8, 2012 Aquaria Expo & CAOAC Convention

This Friday at 10 p.m. EST, Ann Marie and myself will be guests on the Under the Sea Radio show. Tune in if you get the chance http://www.blogtalkradio.com/wmaquaculture/2012/03/03/meet-the-aquarium-club-caoac

See you next month Bob.
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SKYPE NOTICE

I would like to apologize to Ann-Marie Towell (CAS), Ken Boorman (CKAS) and Al Moore from ASW. While taking the minutes at the February 12th meeting, I was having so much difficulty with SKYPE that I just turned it off. I apologize to anyone else who might have tried to dial in. Clearly we are still having technical difficulties but in time we hope to have them ironed out. Thank you for your patience. I don’t know how Ann Stevens manages to pull it off each month.
Notice to CAOAC Member Clubs

If your club resides outside of Ontario, CAOAC would like to hear from you. Send us your clubs special function dates so we can share them with the rest of our clubs. You never know who might be travelling out your way!

IMPORTANT!

Club Presidents, please email Noel and Ann Marie the names and emails of your current CAOAC Representatives.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE THIS MONTH!

Due to the convention being held one month earlier than in Ontario, the annual reports are due at this months meetings. Please remember to bring it with you or if you will not be in Waterdown, e-mail your report to Ann Stevens before March 18th.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CAOAC MONTHLY MEETING

115 Main Street South, Waterdown, ON
The 2012 CAOAC Awards meeting was held February 12, 2012 prior to the Executive and General meetings. Special guest Bill Gibbons was in attendance for this meeting along with Bob & Noel Wright, Phil Maznyk and Peter Melady (Award Chair).

**Executive meeting – February 12, 2012**

**Called to order** by Bob Wright (President)

**Executive Attendance**

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**Previous Minutes**

Bob made the motion to accept the January minutes, seconded by Phil.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Ken Boorman has re-written “how to run a club”. This new document will be reviewed and added to the downloads section of the CAOAC website.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:55am**

**General Meeting**

**Roll Call**

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**Motion to accept the minutes as read by Phil, seconded by Ed**
Business Arising
Carl and Ann-Marie have looked after making phone calls to all CAOAC reps to remind them of the meeting and to ask for a report if not attending.

Grant Crossman spoke to those present about CAOAC and member clubs involvement in the Spring (May 27, 2012) and Fall (September 15/16, 2012) Reptile Expos. The May event will be held at the Mastercard Centre in Toronto, ON. Details were discussed pertaining to the auction layout and expectations for both events were discussed. Bob Wright and Ron Bishop will be looking after the fish auction. Grant asked for a high resolution CAOAC logo for use in printed event advertising and on his Reptile forum.

Peter Melady discussed new award proposals that were discussed at this years awards meeting. They can be found on page 7 in this newsletter. They will also be on the CAOAC website. Motion to accept: Bill Gibbons, Seconded by: Phil Maznyk (Passed) Concerns were also raised about material being submitted last minute. A motion was tabled by Peter to give the judges of the newsletters and websites 100.00 or a matching amount in some type of unique Canadian gift. Motion to accept: Bob Wright, Seconded by Bill Gibbons (Passed).

Peter proposed that we review the Rift Lake Specialty Awards. Larry Johnson & Al Ridley will be contacted for their assistance in reviewing our documents and proposing changes. Peter would like to see this complete by the fall of 2012.

It was suggested that a plaque be given out for senior level awards instead of a certificate. Motion to accept: Noel Wright, seconded by Bill Gibbons. A proposal was also brought forward to look into an award for Marine classes under Specialty awards. Phil to bring this to Cam Turner (KWAS) for his involvement.

Tom Bridges mentioned that the Breeder form rules need to be revised. He has received updates from Chatham, Calgary and Durham.

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Committee Reports

Correspondence
Nothing to report

Membership
The Greater Victoria Aquarium Society is our newest member. Phil to add them to the website.

Treasurer
Noel has been working on setting up a new CAOAC Paypal account. Phil will add the Paypal logo and link to the website once all the details are secured. Treasurers report can be found on page 14.
Webmaster
Everything’s okay. No new information with regards to the convention has been sent. We are less than 6 weeks away now. Newsletter is going good. The President has sent his monthly notes on time now for the past 2 months.

Breeders
New updates were received from Chatham-Kent and Durham.

FAAS
Ken re-iterated that the speaker database is now established. Please, if you are interested in giving a talk to other clubs, then please sign up, there is no fee.

Fish Rescue
Nothing to report

Club Reports
Calgary - A jar show and speaker the weekend of March 31 - Apr 1.

Chatham-Kent – Their memberships is still around the 20 mark. They have to find a new place for their meetings, since the one member is moving out of the building. They meet the 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM. Some speakers are lined up.

Durham - Durham - Tim McCaskie presented a talk about his recent Madagascar trip at the February meeting. Hernan Lopez-Fernandez presented “Found fishes of the lost World” at the DRAS Annual Dinner February 11th. Big Al’s Whitby and Reptiles Central are the Key sponsors and principle vendors at the DRAS Vendor Show and Auction (AQUARIAMA 2012) and there will not be a fish show this year. Aqua Inspirations will be at AQUARIAMA with Nano planted tanks and equipment. There will be an educational and conservation poster section. There will be an admission charge of $2. There is no charge for registration to sell in the Auction. The auction is strictly live or new products only. You can rent a table to sell used equipment. All information is on DRAS.CA

Hamilton - They have had to change the date of their spring auction to Saturday March 17th. It will be held at the Waterdown Legion.

London - May 6, is the auction in Dorchester and Sept 23 is the date for the show and auction in Dorchester. The March general meeting will feature be a gadget night. Sort of tips and tricks of the hobby, presented by several club members.

Sarnia - Spring Auction date is set for April 21 and Sept 15 is the fall auction date to be confirmed. Speaker date set for June 23. Ted Judy will speak on West African Cichlids.

Kitchener-Waterloo - A Professor from University of Guelph is coming to speak about a rare breed of Sea Horses. They are considering submitting a bid for the CAOAC 2013 convention and also holding a special speaker event in late May early June. Next meeting, Al Ridley will present a talk on Pelvicachromis and other West African Cichlids.

St Catharines - Tom Mason spoke at the club in February about his Costa Rica adventure.

Ottawa Amphibian & Reptile - No report

Tropical Fish Club of Erie County - The spring auction is set for Feb. 19.

New Business - Nothing to report

Next Meeting - March 18 - Those who cannot attend can try out Skype. See cover page for details.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm. Motion to adjourn Phil Maznyk, Seconded by Myron Iwanochko.
Revised General Awards

BASIC MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have advanced well beyond the novice stage. The following requirements will be used by the Awards Committee as a basis for selection of applicants.

1) Any application should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group.
2) The applicant must have experience and a good working knowledge in the care and maintenance of tropical fish.
3) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least six (6) species of egg-laying fish with three different spawning habits, e.g. egg-scatterers, bubblenest-builders, substrate-spawners, mouth-brooders, etc. and raising a reasonable number, of young to eight (8) weeks.

INTERMEDIATE MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have advanced to a high level of achievement with constant success in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of tropical fish. The following requirements will be used by the Awards Committee as a basis for the selection of applicants.

1) It is mandatory that the applicant be a Basic Merit Award holder.
2) All applications should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group. Applications will be qualified and/or verified and/or visited by the regional representative.
3) The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of good quality tropical fish.
4) The minimum requirements will be the successful spawning and raising of a reasonable number* of young to eight (8) weeks from the following list. A variance of three (3) fish will be allowed providing the total number of species (sixteen 16 or more) is acceptable. This would allow a breeder who is not particularly interested in some group of fish to replace a maximum of three (3) with species of a group in which he is interested. It would also allow for inclusion of fish which presently do not fit into the list.

Cichlids 3 species
Minnows 1 species
Tetras 1 species
Catfish 1 species
Anabantids 2 species
Barbs 2 species
Killies (1 annual, 1 top-spawner) 2 species
Livebearers 4 species

Shrimps/Snails 1 species
Common snails (ie. common ramshorn, pond snails and Malaysian livebearing snails) are excluded from consideration
Total of seventeen (17) species

ADVANCED MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have reached a more advanced level of achievement with consistent success in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of tropical fish. The following requirements will be used by the Awards Committee as a basis for the selection of applicants.

1) It is mandatory that the applicant be an Intermediate Merit Award holder.
2) All applications should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group. Applications will be qualified and/or verified and/or visited by the regional representative. 3) The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of good quality tropical fish.
4) The minimum requirements will be the successful spawning and raising of a reasonable number of young to eight (8) weeks from the following list. A variance of six (6) fish will be allowed providing the total number of species, thirty-five (35) or more is acceptable. This would allow a breeder who is not particularly interested in some group of fish to replace a maximum of six (6) with species of a group in which he is interested. It would also allow for inclusion of fish which presently do not fit into the list. The application must include at least four (4) “Target Fish”. (See list or “Target Fish” on page 8109).

Anabantids 5 species
Tetras 4 species
Cichlids (5 substrate, 4 mouthbrooders) 9 species
Catfish 2 species
Livebearers 4 species
Barbs 4 species
Minnows 3 species
Killie (2 annuals, 2 top spawners) 4 species

Shrimp/Snails 2 species
Common snails (ie common ramshorns, pond snails, and Malaysian Livebearing snails) are excluded from consideration.
Total of thirty-seven (37) species

SENIOR MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have advanced to the highest level of outstanding achievement in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of tropical fish. The following will serve to clarify the standards required by the Awards Committee before this award will be made.

1) The Senior Merit Award will be awarded only to those hobbyists who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have reached a most outstanding level of achievement.
2) Applicants must be nominated by the executive body of an aquarist club or group or by a member of the Awards Committee.
3) The applicant must already be a holder of the Advanced Merit Award.
4) The minimum requirements will be the successful spawning and raising a reasonable number of young to eight (8) weeks of seventy-five (75) species which cannot include more than ten (10) livebearers. The application must include at least ten (10) “Target Fish”. (See list of “Target Fish” on page 8109)

Note: Since the term “a reasonable number” is almost impossible to define, the applicant should attempt to raise a quantity of fry that approaches production capability of the species in question.

Catfish Awards

CATFISH BASIC MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have advanced beyond the novice stage. The following requirements will he used by the awards committee as a basis for selection of applicants.

1) Any application should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group.
2) The applicant must have experience and a good working knowledge in the care and maintenance of charac-
cins.
3) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least eight (8) species of catfish and raise a reasonable number of fry to at least 8 weeks.

CATFISH INTERMEDIATE MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have advanced to a high level of achievement with constant success in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of catfish. The following requirements will be used by the awards committee as a basis for the selection of applicants.

1) It is mandatory that the applicant be a holder of the Catfish Basic Merit Award Certificate.
2) All applications should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group. Applications may be qualified and/or verified and/or visited by the regional representative.
3) The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of catfish.
4) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least fifteen (15) species of catfish from at least two (2) families and 3 Genera and raising a reasonable number of fry to at least 8 weeks.

CATFISH ADVANCED MERIT AWARD
To be given to a hobbyist who has reached a more advanced level of achievement with consistent success in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of catfish. The following requirements will be used by the awards committee as a basis for the selection of applicants.

1) It is mandatory that the applicant be a holder of the Catfish Intermediate Merit Award certificate.
2) All applications should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group. Applications may be qualified and/or verified and/or visited by the regional representative.
3) The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of good quality catfish.
4) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least twenty-five (25) species, from three families and 5 Genera and raising a reasonable number of fry to eight (8) weeks.

CATFISH SENIOR MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have advanced to the highest level of outstanding achievement in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of catfish. The following will serve to clarify the standards required by the awards committee before this award will be made.

1) The Catfish Senior Merit Award will be awarded only to those hobbyists who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have reached a most outstanding level of achievement.
2) Applicants must be nominated by the executive body of an aquarist club or group or by a member of the Awards Committee.
3) The applicant must already be a holder of the Catfish Merit Award Certificate.
4) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least forty (40) different species from 4 different families and at least 6 Genera and raising a reasonable number of fry to eight (8) weeks.

Note: Since the term “a reasonable number” is almost impossible to define, the applicant should attempt to raise a quantity of fry that approaches production capability of the species in question.

Revised Cichlid Awards

CICHLID BASIC MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have advanced well beyond the novice stage. The following requirements will be used by the Awards Committee as a basis for selection of applicants.

1) Any application should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group.
2) The applicant must have experience and a good working knowledge in the care and maintenance of cichlids.
3) The applicant must be successful in spawning at least ten (10) species of cichlids from at least two (2) Genera and raise a reasonable number of fry to eight (8) weeks.

CICHLID INTERMEDIATE MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have advanced to a high level of achievement with constant success in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of cichlids. The following requirements will be used by the Awards Committee as a basis for the selection of applicants.

1) It is mandatory that the applicant be a holder of the Cichlid Basic Merit certificate.
2) All applicants should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group. Applications will be qualified and/or verified and/or visited by the regional representative.
3) The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of good quality cichlids.
4) The applicant must be successful in spawning twenty (20) species of cichlids from at least 5 Genera and two different geographical areas and raise a reasonable number of fry to eight (8) weeks.

CICHLID ADVANCED MERIT AWARD
To be given to hobbyists who have reached a more advanced level of achievement with consistent success in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of cichlids. The following requirements will be used by the Awards Committee as a basis for the selection of applicants.

1) It is mandatory that the applicant be a holder of the Cichlid Intermediate Merit Award.
2) All applications should be made by or countersigned by the executive body of an aquarist club or group. Applications will be qualified and/or verified and/or visited by the regional representative.
3) The applicant must have a consistent record of successful spawning and raising of good quality cichlids.
4) The applicant must be successful in spawning forty (40) species of cichlids from at least ten (10) Genera and 3 different geographical areas and raise a reasonable number of fry to eight (8) weeks.

CICHLID SENIOR MERIT AWARD

To be given to hobbyists who have advanced to the highest level of outstanding achievement in the maintenance, breeding, and raising of cichlids. The following will serve to clarify the standards required by the Awards Committee before this award will be made.

1) The Cichlid Senior Merit Award will be awarded only to those hobbyists who in the opinion of the Awards Committee have reached a most outstanding level of achievement.
2) Applicants must be nominated by the executive body of an aquarist club or group or by a member of the Awards Committee.
3) The applicant must already be a holder of the Cichlid Advanced Merit Award.
4) The applicant must be successful in spawning seventy-five (75) species of cichlid from four geographical areas and raise a reasonable number of fry to eight (8) weeks.

NOTE: For the purpose of this Award, there are the following Geographical Areas:

North and Central America
South America
Africa (excluding the Rift Lakes)
Madagascar, Middle East and Asia

As there is already a Specialty Award for Rift Lake Cichlids, no cichlid from the Rift Lakes is eligible to be included in the Cichlid Specialty Award. The Rift Lakes are Lakes Tanganyika, Malawi, Victoria and environs.

Note: Since the term “a reasonable number” is almost impossible to define, the applicant should attempt to raise a quantity of fry that approaches production capability of the species in question.
**Brant Aquarium Society**

**TROPICAL FISH AUCTION & SHOW**
**on March 25th**

**NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR**
BEST WESTERN, BRANT PARK INN
19 HOLIDAY DRIVE, BRANTFORD, ON. N3T 5W5
DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 am   AUCTION STARTS AT 10:00 am

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THIS EVENT**

for more information go to www.brantaquariumsociety.ca or call 519-752-8642

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If anyone would be willing to sponsor a show class please contact Terry Little by telephone 519-752-8642 or by e-mail tlittle28@rogers.com

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

All member clubs are reminded to check our calendar found at the back of each newsletter or online. If you do not see your event listed it is because we were not notified. Please let us know so we can share this information with all fellow clubs.

CAOAC respectfully asks that you not hold your events the day of any CAOAC meeting.

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**REMINDER FROM YOUR EDITOR**

All newsletter content must be sent in by the end of the month. Any material not received may have to be omitted until the next issue.

Phil Maznyk
CAOAC Newsletter Editor/ Webmaster
Treasurers Report

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**Committed Funds**

Programs                                                               $441.28
Apprentice binders
Tony Bernard, Bob Wright, Paul McIntosh, Chelsey Smith               $80.00
Total committed funds                                                $521.28

*First in CAOAC Certificates*

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

**Dan Grimbly** of CAS Kryptolebias marmoratus, Rhinogobius wui and Simpsonichthys santanae

**Barry McKee** DRAS Hypancistrus debilittera

**Myron & Sharon Iwanochko** DRAS Betta simplex

They are the first in CAOAC member clubs to breed and submit these species and are to be congratulated on their achievements.
Are You Interested in being a part of the CAOAC Executive Team?

At each annual convention, CAOAC holds its annual elections. You may run or nominate someone for one of the 6 positions available. They are; President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Please see the general rules and procedures on the next page. A resume or bio for the nominated position should be sent to the CAOAC Steering Committee chair by no later than end of the March 18, 2012 executive meeting. A list of candidates will be published in the April 2012 newsletter as well as e-mailed to all member clubs. The list of candidates and options for voting will be e-mailed to each member club ASAP after the March 18, 2012 meeting.

Respectfully,
Phil Maznyk
CAOAC Steering Chair
E-Mail: pmaznyk@rogers.com

The following people have already agreed to stand for their same positions at the CAOAC Annual Elections (April 7, 2012) being held in Winnipeg, MB.

Position
President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Corresponding Secretary

Nominee Name & Home Club
Bob Wright (Hamilton)
Phil Maznyk (Kitchener –Waterloo)
Ken Boorman (Chatham – Kent )
Ann Stevens (Sarnia)
Noel Wright (Brant)
Ann-Marie Towell (Calgary)

Any member in good standing with a CAOAC member club must have a ballot filled in and sent to the CAOAC steering chair.
GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

1) The Chair of the Steering committee or his or her designate, hereinafter known as the Steering Chair, may appoint other committee members and shall enlist qualified applicants and accept valid nominations for all positions on the Executive, publish the slate, arrange for mail-in votes, as well as at least two scrutineers and all supplies needed to run the annual elections in accordance with the rules as set out in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

2) Nominations for the Executive will close at the end of the break at the regularly scheduled April meeting. If there is only one nomination to any position, the person so nominated will be acclaimed to the position for the following year. If there are no nominations, nominations will be requested at the Election at the Annual meeting. Each nominee must declare positions for which he or she will stand and may submit to the chair a resume/platform no larger than a single page 8½" x 11". Any member in good standing of any CAOAC member club in good standing may nominate him or herself or any other club member in good standing. A nominee may run for more than one position but can be elected to only one.

3) The Steering Chair will contact all nominees and only those wishing to stand for election will have their names published. Only member clubs or societies in good standing at the end of the April General Meeting shall be entitled to vote in the Annual Elections. The Steering Chair will email each member club's President the slate, resumes and one ballot for each vote entitled to the club not later than the end of the first week of May. The ballots will list each office in the order of voting and the candidates for each office alphabetically.

4) Clubs may vote at the Annual Election by either; using the mailed out ballot(s) which must be returned to the Steering Chair before the call to order of the Annual Meeting and must be properly filled out and signed by the club President and either the Club Rep or another Executive officer of that club, or by exercising their vote(s) in person at the Annual Election.

5) The order of voting shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. Ballots are to be marked in accordance with instructions provided by the Steering Chair with each ballot. Clubs should indicate their preference for officers by marking their ballot(s) with their choice for 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. depending on the number of nominees.

6) The Steering Chair may declare any ballot which is improperly filled out or which is unclearly marked to be a "spoiled" ballot, which shall not be counted. The Steering Chair, with his or her scrutineers will retire to a private place after the call to order of the Annual Meeting. They will validate each ballot and then, commencing with the election of the President and following through the order of voting, they will tabulate the votes. Once a candidate is elected, his or her name will be stricken from any subsequent positions for which he or she may have run. Second & third choices for these positions would then move up accordingly.

7) Election will be by simple majority of the valid ballots cast. If no candidate receives a majority and there are more than two candidates for the position, the candidate with the least amount of votes shall be dropped and the second (or third or fourth etc.) choices will be tabulated. This process shall be repeated until one candidate receives a majority of the valid votes cast.

8) No vote counts shall be announced but the Steering Chair shall notify the Chair of the Annual Meeting when the results have been finalized. The results will be announced by the Steering Chair as the final piece of new business at the Annual Meeting. The Steering Chair will retain all ballots and materials of record in a safe place until at least the end of the September meeting or until any and all questions arising out of and concerning the elections have been resolved. In no case shall he or she release any information or data to anyone except as noted below.

9) Each candidate may ask for and receive the vote tabulations for any office in which he or she ran. If the candidate ran for more than one office, he or she may only receive the vote tabulations for those offices up to and including the one to which he or she was elected. 10) Each club may find out from the Steering Chair whether their ballot or ballots were received and whether they counted. If they were received and not counted, the Steering Chair will explain why.
October 13, 2011

Canadian Association of Aquarium Club
223-1717 60th St. SE, Calgary, AB
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Phone: 403-244-7575
E-mail: amfowell@shaw.ca

Dear Ann Marie,

We are pleased to confirm you’re booking account number CC7180 for your upcoming Canadian Association of Aquarium Club convention being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 6-8, 2012. We are pleased to offer a 10% discount off our best available regular fare at the time of the booking (excluding web fares and seat sales pricing). Below are the guidelines which will need to be communicated to all your delegates.

Please have your delegates submit their booking requests to our agents in the Groups Department:

- The discount is only available by contacting our Group agents via WestJet’s Convention line at 1-877-952-4696. Our Group agents are available to book all your delegates reservations Monday to Friday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm (Mountain Standard Time)
- The Conference/Convention Code (CC7180) must be quoted at time of booking; this is not a promo code which can be used on WestJet.com at this time.
- The discounted rates are available for travel up to 3 days prior and 3 days after your event. For travel outside of these dates we will offer the best available fare at the time of booking.
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We will offer 1 complimentary ticket for every 50 guests booked (maximum five per conference). This ticket may be used for a draw or raffle item at the conference/convention. Please contact us prior to your event so we can tally the bookings and issue the reward letter if applicable. If you are a Travel Agent it is your responsibility to keep track of the bookings and email us a list of the confirmation numbers once you reach your 50 seats. Once we’ve received your list we will confirm the seats sold and issue the reward. Details of use will be outlined on the reward letter.

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Sincerely,

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