Well most of you missed a fine convention in Winnipeg over the Easter Weekend. It was a well organized event and gave me lots of good ideas to try out now that I’m back home. My regards to Steve Bansee, Al Moore and the rest of the crew at the Aquarium Society of Winnipeg for a job well done.

I am pleased to welcome back the entire executive for a new year. Also please to say that we have a volunteer to chair the Judge’s Committee from out west. Paul Mansfield from Regina and a many other clubs out west and a former judge for the Federations of British Aquatic Societies has agreed to take on these responsibilities.

Also attended the Durham Region Aquarium Society’s Aquariama. It was a really interesting concept with the vendors and I understand that all sides were happy with the results, I know I bought some good stuff.

May 6 - This month our meeting is at the London Aquaria Society’s Spring Auction. Meeting at 9:00 a.m. to allow us all to attend the auction at 11. Meeting will be in the back room where the Show is in the fall.

May 27 – Ontario Reptile Breeders and CAOAC first ever joint auction at the Mastercard Centre, Toronto. Sellers get 70%, their club gets 20%. Members of CAOAC clubs get in free when they present their membership cards. Please encourage all of your members to come out and to bring stuff to sell - fish, plants, and new dry goods.

Next months President’s Barbeque will be on June 24 in London at my Mom’s – 423 Loverage Street at 11:00 a.m. – bring a bathing suit if you are so inclined.

Bob

Can’t make a meeting in person but would like to attend via Skype. You can, just look up Ann Stevens our Recording Secretary and add her to your list. Search for user nov18angel and then let Ann know prior to the meeting, and she will sign on to Skype and accept your call.
## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 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!
Annual Meeting – April 7, 2012 Winnipeg, Manitoba

Called to order by Bob Wright (President)

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Call to order 11:05 EDT.

Motion to dissolve the 2011-2012 executive by Paul 2nd Catharine Carried

The meeting was then turned over to Phil to conduct the Steering.

Phil welcomed the western friends in attendance.

The report of the steering committee was that most of the year was pretty quiet. Phil would like to see more involvement from other clubs.

Phil did not receive any other requests for executive positions. He raised the option again. Hearing none the last meetings slate of officers is acclaimed.

Motion to accept the Annual Reports was made by Noel, seconded by Rudy.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noel Wright for informing what was happening at the meeting. Since I was in attendance through Skype, I could not hear most of the conversations. So, the following are from Noel. Thank you Ann Stevens

Chris Larsen was in attendance and he is now a sanctioned CAOAC judge. Chris Larsen is a judge as of today. Bob observed the judging last night

Apparently Paul Mansfield is a British certified judge and applied to CAOAC over 2 years ago and hasn't heard back.

A motion was made to accept Paul & Chris as a CAOAC judge by Rudy, seconded by Ann Marie. Carried unanimously

A discussion ensued in regards to the lack of judges in the West to draw from and the other judges getting "older", although we have had a few new ones last year, like Ron Bishop, etc.

Bob suggested that all the clubs who have apprentices to let CAOAC know, so we can move forward with looking at their credentials and getting them certified.

Rudy said that they have been working with the Seattle clubs in the US. They Seattle clubs and BC clubs do this to share costs for speakers going to BC from US and vice versa. Rudy has had conversations with them.

**Club reports**

**Betta – Breeders**
Catherine reported they have received a few new members and are slowly moving up. They have about 35 new members and have not reached 100 yet. A Change in the by-laws was made that you don't have to be a member of IBC to be a member of Betta Breeders. Catherine is working on getting a few IBC judges for show.

**Edmonton**
Rudy reported that the Club is doing really well. Members are around 75-100. Auctions are currently bringing in a lot of people and doing well. Spring show planned for 2013. Edmonton has started the aquarium for schools program and aims for 10 per year. The club is very financially stable, so they try to give back to the community. Some concerns about the aquarium for schools program due to liability issues. CAOAC insurance company was contacted and Fisher, Stevenson and Boehm needed to know what schools. Everything is AFC approved. Bob is telling them that CAOAC insurance provides riders to the clubs for that purpose. Rudy said that the school boards aren't sure what they need either, but since everything is CFA (not AFC) approved it hasn't been a problem. Rudy is going to share the publication he uses with CAOAC and member clubs so that they have the opportunity to do this in their club's community. Rudy said it's a great way to plant seeds in youngster's minds in regards to the aquarium hobby. Average cost is $250 per aquarium. Donations are mostly from Hagen and they get gift cards at local stores. The "liaison" from the club is just that. They are not responsible for maintaining the tank that is the job of the science teacher and students. Also someone must take the tank home at the end of the school year; it cannot be left in the school. Rudy said that Edmonton is thinking they want to host the CAOAC convention next year either the Easter weekend or the May long weekend. Bob said that the club needs to put a formal bid in by the May 6th CAOAC meeting. Catherine suggested that CAOAC hosts biannually. This will be tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

**Regina**
Chris Larsen reported everything is stable. Profits are up. Show entries are up.

**Calgary**
Paul reported the club is fun and building up. They are at 59 members and growing. The show and auction was last weekend. They had 80 entries in the show. Jim Robinson was the speaker. They made $900. Fall auction date is booked. Monthly meetings include a door prize for half price donated by the stores, as well as 2 for 1 fish from the stores. They had a Facebook page created and that wasn't very active. They had 12 members work the auction. Auctions are strictly non-members. Non members are allowed to purchase. Referral for membership to Calgary gives 3 months free of membership to the referring member. Members only enter in auction...
Durham Region
Barry Makee reported on their upcoming auction. Auction and Vendor space at the next event is being donated by Big Al's Reptile Central (Grant Crossman) will be the main sponsors at Durham. Durham is not having a show this year. Some of the vendors are also online vendors. The other big thing that is new is that it is 2 dollars to get into the Durham auction. No used products are allowed. They have 86 members and have moved to a different school. They have a digital only newsletter.

Aquarium Society of Winnipeg
Al Moore reported they have a new website. This year they purchased the “Winnipeg Fish Forum” (winnipegfishforum.info) and have members from out West and the East. The club is trying to set up a club area on the forum to share club information. They have 3,000 active members on forum. The club has approximately 100-150 members. The “sisterhood” between the forum and the ASW has helped with membership. They also advertised this weekend on Kijiji. They are responsible for an aquarium at the Ronald McDonald house in cooperation with Hagen, who donated the tank. Al also wants to suggest to CAOAC for guidelines on how to run a sanctioned show. Al would like feedback for this as this is their first convention. They didn’t think about making souvenir tee shirts with the CAOAC logo, etc. They wanted to keep the weekend show free for the public to promote awareness of the hobby to the public. They would like suggestions about welcome packages, city info, name tags, etc.

Sarnia
(From Ann Stevens on Ed’s behalf) April 21st is the auction. The club will have no speaker dinner this year. Hagen is making donations to the auction.

Brant
Catherine reported they have a total of 17 members. They had a show and auction March 25th with 120 show entries. Location was moved from Paris fairgrounds to the Best Western in Brantford. They continue to get speakers for the club even with low attendance. Randy Austin does the newsletter and the club has gone digital. Brant also donated a tank in memory of a young member to one of the high schools. It is mainly a cichlid tank.

New/Old Business
Bob Wright mentioned the May 27th event is in conjunction with the Reptile Expo. Any member of an aquarium club with a valid membership gets in free. Sellers at the auction, get 20% for their club.

Saskatoon also does an auction in conjunction with Reptiles.

How can CAOAC be more relevant to the Western clubs?
Rudy thinks that it might have something to do with the people at the helm. Regina, Saskatoon and Alberta have close club interactions amongst them. The factor of how long a president sits in the club can be a factor. By laws are often difficult to get changed. CAOAC can help by providing a lot of serious meeting content. Preparing every month’s meeting can be difficult. How do you bring speakers in? What night of the week is good for everyone? Getting a variety of speakers and perhaps having them go to several different clubs in the Central West? What information is in the library? Bob replied that the CAOAC CD and website has a lot of this information already available.

Bob had an opportunity to speak to the Hagen rep about what CAOAC clubs can do for Hagen. Jason, the representative replied “….to support local retailers and not the online suppliers. “

Rudy said that there has to be a place for diplomacy with this issue and a balance between retailers, whether on line or not.

Bob thanked the ASW for hosting the convention. All the members were thankful for including the Western clubs and thanked Bob and the executive for making a sincere effort to involve all the clubs

Meeting adjourned 1st Barry McKee and 2nd Rudy Kern
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

CAOAC is pleased to announce that we are now fully PayPal certified. All member clubs can now renew their membership and insurance securely online by using PayPal on our website.
LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY
SPRING AUCTION
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012
OPTIMIST HALL
1653 Richmond St.
DORCHESTER, ON
Bargains galore to be had!

AUCTION REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M.
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FREE ADMITTANCE

For more information contact 519-453-0094
or visit the website at www.londonaquariasociety.com
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