

Minutes of the January Council of Chiefs (CoC)
Meeting & Special Election
Location: Heritage Scout Reservation
Date of the meeting: 01/28/2012

Call to Order:

Eric Bush, Northeast Region Chief & Section Chief—called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

- led the obligation

CoC Roll Call (lodges present):

- Wagion #6
- Allohak Menewi #57
- Monaken #103
- Kuskitannee #168
- Ahtuhquog #540

Introductions:

Everyone present introduced themselves.

Eric Bush, Northeast Region Chief & Section Chief—Thanks for the great year that I had so far.

- Distributes sweater gifts to members of the CoC.

Special Election:

Section Chief Election

Eric Bush, Northeast Region Chief & Section Chief

- Explained the rules of the election (which can be found in the current version of the Field Operations Guide-FOG)
 - Each candidate will receive an opportunity to speak.
 - Each lodge chief will be given one ballot to cast their vote.
- Announces the new Section Chief, Mark Steiner (Wagion #6)
 - Swears in the new Section Chief

Secretary's Report (Robbie Lavelle):

- Agendas and copies of the minutes of the November CoC meeting were distributed.
- Everyone was give a few moments to review the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Allohak Menewi, **seconded** by Kuskitannee.

Motion carries.

- Discussed the CoC mailing list, Twitter page and the new section web site, www.ne4b.org, and how to log in and post to the site.

Lodge Reports:

- Wagion #6
 - We hosted our LLD this month where, amongst a day of great training and fellowship, we already secured two gold requirements for the Journey to Excellence (JTE) Program. We had over 91% of our LEC in attendance were also able to approve donations of up to \$15,000 to our council for the purchasing of a new walk in refrigeration unit for our dining hall and a technology upgrade for our Council Service Center.
 - We will be planning and then hosting our Annual Lodge Banquet next month.
- Allohak Menewi #57
 - We are the newly merged lodge; the process of merging is finished. We have truly come together like our lodge name describes.
 - We have been progressing towards the point that we are at now—we are functioning as one lodge, moving forward.
 - We held our LLDC in December; you're witnessing one of our first lodge events right now.
 - We're progressing towards Conclave and NOAC 2012, assembling and registering our contingent.
- Monaken #103
 - We held our Family Banquet where we presented the Founder's Award.
 - We conducted our LLD and discussed the Journey to Excellence (JTE) Program,
 - We will be presenting the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) as well as continuing to perform cheerful service.
- Kuskitannee #168
 - We held our Brotherhood Weekend which, in part, attributed to us getting Quality Lodge.
 - We're continuing to prepare for Conclave and sign up our contingent for NOAC.
- Ahtuhquog #540
 - Since November we had our Bowling Fellowship with about 25 attendees. There we inaugurated our new lodge officers.
 - The LLD originally scheduled for December 2011 was postponed until February 2012.
 - We are currently looking for a new Conclave chairman; however we will be prepared to handle the shows at the upcoming Conclave.
 - We were not able to fulfill the membership requirement in order to obtain Quality Lodge.

National Programs:

Mark Steiner, Section Chief—Our National Events Chairman is not present today.

Report given by Eric Bush, Northeast Region Chief

- You need to register ASAP for high adventure programs this upcoming summer.
- NOAC 2012: All Conference Vice Chiefs (CVCs) are in place. There isn't a cap on how many members you may bring in your contingent. Keep fundraising as much as you can!
- Project 2013: Includes everything the OA is doing at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit (i.e. service core, day of service guides, etc.). There's a lot to get involved with!

- Visit event.oa-bsa.org where you can find more information about Project 2013 and NOAC 2012. Remember, there will be training for Project 2013 at NOAC 2012!

Old Business:

Quality Lodge

Mark Steiner, Section Chief

- Three out of the five lodges in the section received Quality Lodge for 2011.
 - Wagion #6
 - Monaken #103
 - Nachamawat #275
- Kuskitanee #168 also received Quality Lodge as a part of Section NE-4A in 2011.

Journey to Excellence (JTE)

- Keep working towards the requirements.

OA LodgeMaster

Craig Spink, Section Adviser

- Please see me if you would like more information about OA LodgeMaster.

Conclave 2012 Reports:

- Wagion #6 (activities)
 - We are continuing to correspond with the host lodge in preparing exciting activities that make this year's Conclave one to be remembered!
- Allohak Menewi #57 (newsletters)
 - We are preparing to put out the newsletters during Conclave. We are currently working to secure a laser printer and other necessary materials for effective communication during the course of the weekend.
- Monaken #103 (Native American traditions)
 - We are putting together drum and dance team expos. If you planning on bring a drum and dance team, please prepare 1-2 songs to perform and a brief presentation that includes what makes your teams successful. We are also planning on having a station set up that includes a display of regalia, Native American history, etc. and a craft station set up for the Cub Scouts.
- Kuskitanee #168 (service)
 - We will be providing the facilities for Conclave.
- Ahtuhquog #540 (shows)
 - We don't have a youth Conclave chairman yet, but we are fully confident that we're going to have awesome shows centered on our theme, the OAlympics!

Training Cells

Mark Steiner, Section Chief

- Goes over and discusses each of the training sessions planned throughout Conclave.

Lodge Assistance Program (LAP):

Tanner Lashinsky, Section Vice Chief—We are preparing to the lodge visitations coming up in the near future.

NOAC 2012 Scholarships:

Mark Steiner, Section Chief—Remember, the deadline for postmarking your application is Tuesday, January 31, 2012. Keep promoting the scholarship opportunity to your lodges.

Quality Section:

Craig Spink, Section Adviser

- Reviews the Quality Section Requirements
- Determines that the section is a Quality Section.

Next Council of Chiefs (CoC) Meeting:

Mark Steiner, Section Chief—The next CoC Meeting will be held Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 1:00 pm at Camp Bucoco.

Good of the Order:

Tanner Lashinsky, Section Vice Chief—You are welcome to stay for dinner. The cost for dinner will be \$5.

Kris Cummings

- Had some patches sign for inclusion in the patch auction.

Craig Spink, Section Adviser

- Mike Manner will be moving to a new council. Don Olsen will be the new Section Staff Adviser.
- Mike gave us a going away present of a new headdress with some assembly required.

Adviser's Minute (Craig Spink):

- Congratulations Eric! (and Mark, too!)
- Get Arrowmen to NOAC 2012—promote the section scholarship opportunity.

Chief's Comments (Mark Steiner):

- Thank you to everyone for attending and making the CoC/Conclave preparations productive.

Motion to close the meeting at 5:30 pm made by Allohak Menewi, **seconded** by Ahtuhquog.

Motion carries.

The song of the Order was led by Northeast Region Chief Eric Bush.