

Minutes of the March/April Council of Chiefs (CoC) Meeting
Location: Camp Bucoco
Date of meeting: 03/31/2012

Call to Order:

Mark Steiner, Section Chief- called meeting to Order at 1:02 pm
-led the Obligation

Introductions- all present introduced themselves

Roll Call:

- Wagion #6 (present)
- Allohak Menewi #57 (present)
- Monaken #103 (present)
- Kuskitannee #168 (present)
- Ahtuhquog #540 (not present)



Secretary's Report (Robbie Lavelle):

- All should have received a copy of the Minutes of the January CoC Meeting/Special election and the Agenda for today.

Minutes- Everyone was given an opportunity to review the Minutes of the January CoC/Special Election. No errors were found.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Kris Kummings, **seconded** by Duncan Groth (voice vote).

Motion carries.

- Section website
 - Every Lodge Chief has an account to post on the section website, www.ne4b.org. The purpose of the website is to communicate news from around the section. Please post relevant information that you would like to share with the entire section.
 - The National Order of the Arrow committee recently published Social Media Guidelines. Please take an opportunity to review these with your lodge.
 - We are still looking into ways to further improve communication within the section. We are considering publishing an e-newsletter that can be received by any interested member of the section. More information regarding this will be coming soon. If you have any further ideas pertaining to the improvement of section-wide communication, please let me know.
 - At Conclave we plan on working on shooting some film for use in promotional videos for the section, including Conclave 2013. Once again, more information regarding this will be coming soon.

Lodge Reports:

- Wagion #6
 - Hosted Annual Lodge Fellowship Banquet in February.

- Preparing for our April Service Weekend.
- Continuing to complete our Unit Elections before our goal of May 1st.
- Our Promotions Team is currently visiting Cub Scout Packs and doing Camping Promotion Presentations there.
- Our Annual Cub Scout Spring Nature Walk will be on May 12th at Eberly Scout Reservation.
- Allohak Menewi #57
 - Winterfest was our first lodge full lodge event.
 - We are still working on our lodge's organization and procedures.
 - We are getting our chapters to become the strongest part of our lodge, by working closely with our chapter officers.
 - We're in the process of completing our unit elections.
 - We are also still working on finalizing our Manual of Administration.
 - We are securing our OA Summer Camp Coordinators.
 - Our lodge website is near completion, in conjunction with our council's website (www.lodge57.org).
 - We're attempting to make communication easier within our lodge.
 - We will be hosting our April Weekend at Camp Twin Echo, which, for the first time, is being run by one of our chapters.
 - Our Spring Thaw is also coming up in April.
- Kuskitannee #168
 - We had our Winter Fellowship where we successfully completed 11 Brotherhood Conversions.
 - We also had our Annual Lodge Banquet where we presented our Founder's and Silver Chief Awards.
- Monaken #103
 - We had high attendance at our Pow Wow weekend in February.
 - We also provided service for the Klondike Derby.
 - We had a successful Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Ceremony.
 - We're currently selling belt buckles in order to raise money for NOAC 2012.
 - Our next Chapter, Patch Trading, and 75th Anniversary Weekend coming up soon.
 - We will be holding our next Ordeal Weekend in May.
 - We are still looking for an OA Chief for summer camp.
- Ahtuhquog #540 –not present, verbal report given in their absence
 - We are having a successful year so far.
 - We are introducing the Journey to Excellence (JTE) Program to our lodge members.
 - We are also striving to achieve gold requirements in the JTE.

High Adventure/OA Programs:

- National Planning Meeting
 - This is coming up in December 2012.
- OAHA (OA High Adventure)
 - (Question) Is there anyone in your lodges signed up for high adventure this summer yet?
 - The deadline is soon approaching.
 - Keep promoting within your lodge.
- NLS (National Leadership Seminar)
 - (Question) Do your lodges have a committee in charge of registering members for NLS?
 - The April NLS deadline is soon approaching.

Old Business

- LAP (Lodge Assistance Program) (Tanner Lashinsky)
 - The Monaken LAP was completed at their Pow Wow.
 - We are planning to do Kuskitannee LAP at their lodge weekend before Conclave.
- Conclave 2012
 - Service Lodge Report (Kuskitannee)
 - We need approximate numbers from every lodge today.
 - We also need to know what your lodge needs in terms of facilities, equipment, etc. for Conclave.
 - We need to finalize what to do with the \$2,000 allotted to us from the Conclave 2011 surplus.
 - We will have a tractor that will be transporting lodges' gear to campsites, so no one will be driving to the campsites at Conclave.
 - (Question) Do we still want to do lodge anthems? Please record your lodge singing your lodge song and send it to us before Conclave.
 - Our kitchen adviser said that we will be serving family style at Conclave; we will be providing waiters for the tables. Be sure to be on time for meals.
 - Everyone should have received the patch design sent out over the CoC mailing list; that is our final design for the patch.
 - For the financial end of Conclave—the cost of Conclave will be lowered from \$34 to \$30, because of the flex amount allotted for food costs in case of a sharp increase, which doesn't appear to be necessary, anymore.
 - We need your Conclave registration from your lodge postmarked no later than May 15th.
 - A form for special requests (dietary needs, etc.) will be sent out over the CoC mailing list soon. Please complete and return this to us.
 - Training Cells
 - What do you need for your lodges' training sessions?
 - The CoC reviewed all the training cells scheduled for Conclave:

Native American

- Ceremonies Script Analysis- Ahtuhquog Lodge 540
- Dance Styles and Where to Start- Kuskitannee Lodge 168
- NOAC 2012 Drum Prep- Kuskitannee Lodge 168
- Beadwork- Allohak Menewi Lodge 57

Inductions

- Effective Membership Retention- Sean McCormick (Allohak Menewi)
- Sealing Their Membership- Wagion Lodge 6
- How to Run an Ordeal Orientation- Ahtuhquog Lodge 540
- Non-traditional Ceremonies- Monaken Lodge 103

Miscellaneous

- How to Build Your Committee Effectively- Monaken Lodge 103
- Gap's Stuff- Gap Danish (Allohak Menewi)
- Section Leadership- Section NE-4B Leadership
- Curling/Olympics Info- Wagion Lodge 6

National Agenda

- Journey to Excellence (JTE)- Eric Bush (Wagion)
- Order of the Arrow and Cub Scouting- Ahtuhquog Lodge 540
- The Summit- Sean McCormick (Allohak Menewi)
- National Events- Alex Lydic (Wagion)

- Kuskitannee: (Back to previous question) How are we going to allot the spending of the \$2,000 that was allocated to Kuskitannee to spend on Conclave program (from the excess of the 2011 Conclave)?
 - Mark Steiner, Section Chief—We don't have to allocate the funds for a single purpose. The money will be used for Conclave program activities.

The following are program activities, among others, that the CoC discussed and is planning for Conclave:

- Climbing wall
- Shooting sports
 - Archery, rifle, and shotgun
- DJ (Saturday night)
- Inflatable jousting
- Section Party Boat
- Bonfire (Saturday night)
- Patch Auction (will be moved to another part of the day from Saturday following Cracker Barrel)

- National Officers at Conclave
 - In addition to Eric Bush attending Conclave, David Journey (Southern Region Chief) will also be attending.
 - The CoC reviewed the cost of transportation for David and his schedule of arrival.
- Sean McCormick: (Question) What is the award situation for Conclave?
 - Trophies vs. medals—The CoC discussed the pros of using trophies vs. medals

Medals (pro):

- Fits the theme "OAllypmics" better.

Trophies (pro):

- We have leftover trophies that belong to the section from the 2008 Conclave. We can use these at no cost to the section.
- (Question) How many awards will be needed for Conclave?
 - Wagion has not yet determined a final list of activities for Conclave. We will have and announce this list in the near future.
- The CoC decides to use the remaining trophies from the 2008 Conclave for awards for this year's Conclave.
 - It was also determined that awards would not be given for the Ceremonies and Drum and Dance Team Expos as they are not competitions.
 - A CoC conference call will be held before Conclave in order to make final preparations. A date and time were not yet chosen for this call.

Reports from lodges:

- Allohak Menewi (newspaper)
 - We are still working on securing a laser printer for Conclave.
 - There is a copier here and there will be a printer available
 - We will have a template prepared so that there are as few changes as possible that will need to be made during Conclave
 - There will be six newspapers issued during Conclave
- Monaken (Native American traditions)
 - Drum Exposition
 - Reminder: Kuskitannee and Wagion said that they are bringing Drum and Dance Teams to Conclave.
 - Please have at least two songs ready to be performed.
 - Also, please have your Drum and Dance Team prepare a presentation pertaining to what they did in order to become so successful
 - Ceremonies Exposition
- Wagion (activities)
 - We took a poll of our lodge members in deciding what activities to have at Conclave
 - We are going to continue to work with the Service Lodge (Kuskitannee) in determining the final list of activities for Conclave
 - We are also going to be
- Ahtuhquog (shows) –not present, report given in their absence
 - We are still working to plan the shows for Conclave
- Estimated Head Counts for Conclave
 - Wagion: 60
 - Allohak Menewi: 35
 - Monaken: 40
 - Kuskitannee: 50 (combined staff + participants)
 - Ahtuhquog: 12
 - Section guests: 7 (5 youth + 2 adults)
- Conclave Schedule
 - The CoC discusses the 2012 Conclave Schedule and tentatively determines the following:

Friday:

5:00 PM - Check In

9:00 PM - Opening Show

10:00 PM - Cracker Barrel & Patch Auction

11:00 PM - CoC Meeting

Saturday:

7:00 AM - Reveille

7:45 AM - Colors

8:00 AM - Breakfast

9:00 AM - Training Cell 1

9:45 AM - Training Cell 2

10:30 AM - Training Cell 3

11:15 AM - Training Cell 4
 12:00 PM - V.I.A. (Very Important Arrowman) Lunch
 12:00 PM - Lunch
 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Activities/Competitions for the OAlympics
 1:30 - 3:00 PM - Ceremonies Competition
 3:00 - 5:00 PM - Drum and Dance Expo.
 5:30 PM - Retreat
 5:45 PM - Dinner
 6:45 PM - More Activities
 9:00 PM - Theme Show – Bonfire with DJ
 10:00 PM - Cracker Barrel/Patch Trading

Sunday:

6:00 AM - Vigil Rededication
 7:00 AM - Reveille
 7:45 AM - Colors
 8:00 AM - Breakfast
 8:45 AM - Religious Service(s)
 9:45 AM - Business Meeting
 11:00 AM - Checkout of Campsites
 12:00 AM - Transitional Meeting

- The CoC determines that it is too late to make full preparations for Cub Scouts to attend the 2012 Conclave. It is agreed that the CoC should start much earlier next year in order to allow Cub Scouts to be able to attend the 2013 Conclave.
- The CoC also clarifies that the official responsibilities associated with the having of Cub Scouts at Conclave are under the service lodge.

Mark Steiner, Section Chief entertains a **motion** to officially put the annual responsibilities of Cub Scouting at Conclave under the responsibilities of the service lodge, **seconded** by Sean McCormick (voice vote).

Motion carries.

New Business:

- Section Budget
 - Spreadsheets were passed out containing the proposed 2012-13 Budget, 2012 Conclave Section Assessment and 2011-12 Financial Statements.
 - Each spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed.

Motion to approve the 2012-13 Budget and the Section Assessment for the 2012 Conclave made by Sean McCormick, **seconded** by Josh Nussbaum (voice vote).

Motion carries.

- Sean McCormick—We may want to discuss options other than the Section Assessment for the 2013 Conclave.

- The money raised at the Conclave Patch Auction doesn't go anywhere. This could be a source of future assessment for the section.
 - Further options will be discussed at later meetings.
 - Joe Elwell—(Question) What are other sections doing in place of a Section Assessment?
 - Craig Spink, Section Adviser—Some sections increase the cost of attending Conclave. Some sections have other fundraisers.
- Conclave 2013
 - The tentative date for Conclave 2013, as discussed by the CoC is June 7-9th, 2012.
 - Duties of the lodges:
 - Service—Wagion #6
 - Shows—Kuskitannee #168
 - Activities—Allohak Menewi #57
 - Newsletter—Monaken #103
 - Native American traditions—Ahtuhquog #540
- Section Journey to Excellence (JTE)
 - Reviewed some of the requirements for the section JTE Scorecard.
- Next CoC Date
 - The next CoC will be held Friday, June 8th, 2012 at 11:00-11:15 pm (depending on the arrival of Mark Steiner, Section Chief). The meeting will be held at Camp Bucoco (during Conclave).

Good of the Order:

- Craig Spink, Section Adviser
 - We have our patch design completed for Conclave.
 - Our service lodge (Kuskitannee) will be making the guide book for Conclave.
 - (Question) Are we going to be doing a participation award for Conclave?
 - Kuskitannee will work on this award and will report back to the CoC when more information becomes available.
 - The section has a form for running for a section office that needs to be filled out prior to running for the office.
 - This form has to be signed by the candidate, parent or guardian (if under the age of 18), Scout Executive, and Lodge Adviser.
 - Make sure that your lodges are aware that if someone wants to run for a section office, this needs filled out.
 - If all of the signatures aren't there, you can't run.
- Kris Cummings
 - Onondaga Lodge hosts a Pow Wow annually. They appear to have very strong Native American tradition ties in their lodge. Their Pow Wow is the same weekend as our Conclave this year, but their lodge could be a good resource for some of the lodges in our section who do not have strong Drum and Dance Teams.
- John Chester
 - (Question) What were the results of the NOAC 2012 Scholarships?
 - Answered by Mark Steiner, Section Chief.
- Kuskitannee #168
 - Please remember to record your lodge anthems and send them to us prior to the start of Conclave.
 - Wagion—determine which events you want to have awards for at Conclave
 - We have 14 trophies from the 2008 Conclave that we can use.

- We will be sending out a special needs form over the CoC Mailing List. Please complete and return this to us as soon as possible, including dietary needs, etc. for Conclave.
- We will also be putting the harness/climbing release form on the section website soon. This needs completed and turned in at Conclave in order for participants to be able to take part in climbing at Conclave.
- Confirms the estimated head counts for Conclave. Please let us know if your lodge plans on bringing significantly more than what is stated.
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Adviser's Minute:

- Thank you all for coming today.
- I believe we had a successful CoC today.
- I think we identified some things to work on for the future.

Chief's Minute:

- Thanks everybody for coming out.
- I think we made some great points today.
- I'm excited for Conclave!
- Please remain after the meeting for a tour of the camp.

Motion to close the meeting at 4:06 pm made by Kris Cummings, **seconded** by Josh Nussbaum.

Motion carries.

The song of the Order was led by Josh Nussbaum.

