



Section NE-3B

Council of Chiefs Meeting Minutes
Price Chopper Community Room, Schenectady, NY
November 17, 2007 - 10:00 am

I. Opening

- A. The meeting was opened at 10:08 followed by the Obligation and introductions.
- B. A certificate was presented to Robert Stickle for his work related to the 2007 Conclave.

II. Secretary's Report

- A. The Secretary, Zach Shepherd, reported that a resource CD has been created and distributed the CD to each lodge (Copies for the Chief, Adviser, Staff Adviser, Scout Executive, Conclave Vice Chief, Conclave Vice Chief Adviser, ArrowCorps5 Coordinator, and ArrowCorps5 Adviser). He also reported that major work has been done on the website, which Matt Lacy would be presenting later.
- B. He also displayed the minutes from Conclave, distributed previously, and asked for comments. There were none.
 1. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Half Moon and seconded by Otahangon. The motion passed.

III. Lodge Reports

A. Kayanernh-Kowa

1. Nate Wadsworth from Kayanernh-Kowa lodge reported that they had a successful year with 150 new members, 50 brotherhood conversions, and 4 vigils. They plan to earn quality lodge, but have not yet calculated the brotherhood conversion percentage for the year. They hope to send ArrowCorps5 contingents to two sites, Shasta-Trinity and Bridger-Teton. The lodge will be holding its annual winter banquet January 12 in Watertown.

B. Ga-Hon-Ga

1. There were no members of Ga-Hon-Ga present.

C. Half Moon

1. Kiel McCarren from Half Moon lodge reported that the lodge will be earning quality lodge this year. They have selected their CVC for the 2008 Conclave. They have several events coming up including a holiday service project, a lockdown on December 27, a winter banquet January 12 in Hurley, and a spring LLD. There are a few things they are working on, specifically communication and recruiting leaders.

D. Tahgajute

1. Brendan Broadwell from Tahgajute lodge reported that they will not be earning quality lodge (they missed two items: positive growth and LLD attendance). They held their first LLD, with 10 people attending, which was just short of the required percentage and are hoping to improve next year. They held their fellowship in September and brotherhood in October (with 54% conversion). They have a winter banquet and community service project (constructing benches and nature trails at a local school) planned.

E. Othanagon

1. The Zach Reardon from Othanagon lodge reported that quality lodge is still in the works. They seemed confident that they would successfully complete the requirements. They will be holding another LLD Nov 30. They just held a food-drive related service project. They will be holding their winter dinner January 5. The issues they face are delegation and communication

F. Onteroraus

1. The Lodge Chief from Onteroraus was unable to attend. Max Meadows reported that the Lodge Report will be forwarded from Lodge chief at a later date.

G. Kittan

1. No youth member from Kittan was present, but a report was given by an adviser, John Kent. They reported that, because of brotherhood conversion, they will not be earning quality lodge this year. They held a fall fellowship and ordeal (ordeal had to be rescheduled). They had 17 ordeal, 6 brotherhood, and 4 vigil inductions. They have no upcoming events in near future. The issues they face are communication and personnel issues.

IV. Conclave 2007

- A. Tim Monnin (Section chief for Conclave 2007) gave a brief post-term report covering topics in the Conclave Report.

V. Conclave 2008

- A. Presentation by Zachariah Riley (Othnagon)
- B. Suggestions were invited on training topics. Suggestions included High Adventure, Cub Scouting, and Individual Characters in the Ceremony (characterization).
- C. The theme was discussed. Proposals included "Lucky 7", Halo 3, Harry Potter, Casino Royal, and Coast Guard. An informal vote was held and it was determined that the majority supported "Lucky 7"
 1. A motion to approve the theme of "Lucky 7" was made by Kayanernh-Kowa lodge and second by Tahgajute lodge. The motion passed.
- D. Possible patch designs were discussed. Most suggestions were focused on casino-related items such as dice (showing "7"), poker chips and cards (possibly with a Section "casino logo"), and slot machine with "WWW", roulette wheel (with lodge numbers).
 1. A motion to approve the concept (final design subject to approval by section staff) of a round chip-like patch with image of hand holding cards was made by Onteroraus lodge. Othanagon lodge seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. 2008-2009 Budget

- A. A proposed budget for the 2008-2009 conclave was projected and comments were invited and changes were made based on the comments.
- B. A motion to approve was made by Kayanernh-Kowa and seconded by Tahgajute. The motion passed.

VII.CVC Assignments

- A. Service Lodge – Othnagon lodge
- B. Friday Shows - Onteroraus lodge
- C. Saturday Shows - Tahgajute lodge
- D. Special Events - Kittan lodge
- E. Publications - Ga-Hon-Ga lodge
- F. American Indian Affairs - Kayanernh-Kowa lodge
- G. Recreation - Half Moon lodge

H. New Programs/Ideas were mentioned

1. CVC Calls (similar to Lodge Calls)
2. AIM Chat
 - i. Details to be finalized, but will be having everyone meet online to discuss anything that needs to be discussed

VIII. Conclave Backdater

- A. The Conclave Backdater was reviewed. It outlines Section Plans for the year and is available in the planbook.

IX. Planbook

- A. Section Chief Dan Higham gave a summary of the contents of this year's planbook.
- B. Planbooks have been distributed to each lodge on the resource CDs and will be posted on the website.
- C. Highlights of the presentation included that the Section hopes to make Quality Section again this year, we would like to run a successful Conclave, the CVC position descriptions have been updated slightly, and if 300 people register on time and attend (not including guests), Zach will shave his head.

X. Lodge Assistance Program

- A. Section Vice Chief Jon Whitaker reported on the status of the Lodge Assistance Program. Kayanernh-Kowa was visited at an LEC meeting last weekend and Kittan will be visited this weekend. Jon would also like to visit another lodge before Christmas.

XI. Roundtable Discussion –

- A. Topics covered in the open discussion included tactics to encourage younger members to take LEC positions, Scoutreach mentoring, lodge organization, ways to work with cub scouting, ways to track lodge information, how to best utilize lodge websites and newsletters, communication, and tactics to combat “sash and dash”

XII. Training – OA Strategic Plan

- A. Training on the Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan was conducted. The session included an overview of the national plan as well as a short planning session in which lodges came up with things they could do to support each of the four points of the strategic plan.
- B. Presentation materials were based on the national document “Living the Legacy”.

XIII. Conclave Video

- A. The 2007-08 Conclave Video was demoed.

XIV. Recognition

- A. Name Badges were distributed to new Section Staff members (Jon Whitaker, Max Meadows, Matt Lacy, Patti Tabor)

XV. Upcoming CoC's and dates

- A. January 1 - Section Goal to have AC5 Attendees set
- B. January 19-20 - Council of Chiefs meeting, Conclave Retreat, and TTT-Gloversville, NY
- C. February 1 - AC5 Deposits Due
- D. February 2-3 - (Snow Date) Council of Chiefs meeting, Retreat and TTT-Gloversville, NY
- E. March 2 - AIM online Chat date
- F. April 13 - AIM online Chat date
- G. May 10 - Onsite Walkthrough (Council of Chiefs meeting) - Camp Tuscarora, Windsor, NY
- H. June 1 - AIM online Chat date
- I. August 15-17 - NE-3B Conclave - Camp Tuscarora, Windsor, NY

XVI. Web Site

- A. Section Webmaster Matt Lacy gave a demonstration of the redesigned website for the 2007-2008 year, which will be rolled out as soon as the final changes are made.

XVII. SOS

- A. Section Chief Dan Higham reflected on the Section Officers Seminar, which was held November 1-3 at Camp Alpine, NJ.

XVIII. ArrowCorps5

- A. Max Meadows gave a presentation on ArrowCorps5. Materials were distributed to each Lodge Chief related to promotion of the event.

XIX. OA High Adventure

- A. A brief overview of the High Adventure program was given along with a promotional presentation.

XX. Adviser's Minute

- A. Section Adviser Bob Black give an Adviser's Minute.
- B. Some of the things mentioned included:
 1. Remembering that even though we need to promote national and section events, our primary responsibilities are to our home troops.
 2. The National Charter Renewal Packet is out. Please fill it out by December 31 to avoid late rechartering issues.
 3. ArrowCorps5 promotional packets have been distributed nationally.
 4. A National Operations Update states that Lodges may not use the USFS shield on memorabilia.
 5. Remember to promote Conclave. It's a great opportunity for Lodge and Personal development.

XXI. Closing

- A. A Motion to close was made at 2:24 by Othangon lodge. Tahgajute lodge seconded the motion. The motion passed and was followed by the song.

Appendix A: Attendance

Last Name	First Name	Email	Phone	Position
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Kent	John	johnkent78@yahoo.com	518-725-6221	Kittan Member
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Thomas	Ron	mrrthomas@aol.com	315-253-6168	Otahnagon Member
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Whitaker	Jon	YankeesNY5289@aol.com	845-233-1055	NE-3B Vice Chief