**Section NE-3A**

**Council of Chiefs Meeting Minutes**

**October 2, 2016**

I: Opening

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin calls the meeting to order and leads everyone with the Obligation and the Pledge of Allegiance

II: Ice Breaker

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin led everyone in an Ice Breaker called “I Have, I Am”

III: Secretary’s Report

1. Section Secretary Peter Huber reviews the meeting minutes from the previous Conclave Business Meeting
2. A motion was made to approve the Conclave Business Meeting Minutes by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge. It was seconded by Ashokwahta Lodge and the motion passed.
3. Peter Huber talked about the beginning of promotion for The Aftereffect.
4. Peter Huber introduced the idea of the new communications team to the Council of Chiefs to be discussed in length later in the meeting.

IV: Introduction of Staff Adviser

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin introduced our new Section Staff Adviser Stu Schnettler to the Council of Chiefs.
2. Section Staff Adviser Stu Schnettler presented Section Chief Forrest Gertin and Section Adviser Rick Coloccia with The Founder’s Award.

V: Lodge Reports

1. Ashokwahta- Jacob Dawson
   1. Lodge Banquet will begin on January 9th. We are starting a service crew to perform cheerful service throughout external areas not included in Ashokwahta lodge. We had 100 members attend the last fall weekend and 23 of them were ordeal candidates. We had an ordeal party to help make candidates feel more welcome in the lodge. Taste of Scouting will take place October 8-9. A new candelabra was made for use in ceremonies. We are possibly changing the Spring Weekend to after conclave, but it hasn’t been confirmed yet.
2. Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee- Alex Saad
   1. We currently have 615 people registered, which is a record since 2014. We are also working on a way to send notifications about events out to members via text rather than email.
3. Lowanne Nimat- John Roosevelt
   1. We currently have 430 members in our lodge. We have 83 ordeal candidates remaining, and we are trying to reach our goal of 500 arrowmen in the lodge. Our ordeal conversion rate is 49.79%, and our brotherhood conversion rate is 30.34%. Our Bonihen Tirdey will be held October 21-23. We held our 4th annual Webeloree this past September. 65 youth and adults attended. We hosted a tent at the World Brotherhood Camporee with Gaga Ball and Human Foosball. We are launching a 2nd fundraising patch to send 2 arrowmen to the jamboree as well as releasing a breast cancer awareness flap with 100% of proceeds going to the Carol Baldwin Foundation. Lowanne Nimat Lodge is a sponsor at the first annual Longhouse Council shooting sports classic. The lodge will continue to support both council camps. The lodge revitalized the closing ceremony ring at Sebattis this summer. The lodge is currently closing in on 5,000 serviced hours.
4. TKäen DōD
   1. TKäen DōD lodge was not present at the CoC, and provided a report externally.
   2. PRISM – 9 members attended (3 adult/6 youth)
   3. NEXT- 5 OA members attended (2 adult/3 youth)
      1. Commemorative lodge flap sold to defray transportation costs
   4. Instituting “Traveling Sagamores” in 2017
      1. Friday – Saturday Overnight Event
      2. Held at different corner of 5 Rivers Council
      3. Invite local Troop PLC’s on Friday for training, fellowship and overnight. Local community service project Saturday morning. Troop PLC’s leave after lunch. Lodge continues with Sagamore (lodge meeting) and dismissal
      4. BENEFITS:
         1. Local Troop PLC’s get some training on how to run better meetings/camp outs
         2. Local Troops and Scoutmasters get better acquainted with the purpose of the OA
         3. Local Troop gets an overnight of camping towards advancement /membership in the OA
         4. Local community sees the OA in action – we become more visible!
         5. OA claims ALL service hours towards Journey to Excellence
         6. Local lodge members get access to Sagamore without traveling to Corning
   5. August 19-21 Induction Weekend @ Camp Brule
      1. 216 hours of service
      2. 27 members attended. 7 new members (6 youth, 1 adult)
   6. October 2nd: Wineglass Marathon
      1. OA members helped pick up discarded clothing along the 26 mile course
      2. Will receive a $500 donation for our efforts
      3. First major true-community service project for the lodge in a while
      4. More than 6,500 people participate in the marathon and saw the OA in action
   7. Oct 8th : Pushcart Race Food Booth
      1. Lodge will provide coffee/cocoa and donuts for sale at the Pushcart race for Williamson Road and Indian Waters District races
      2. Introduces Cub Scouts to the OA
   8. UPCOMING EVENTS
      1. October 21-23: OA Fall Fellowship- Fun weekend, Camp Brule, Vigil call-outs, COPE Course, Shooting Sports Indoor / Outdoor Competitions 2017 Lodge Elections
      2. Oct 30: The Aftereffect- Lodge dinner afterwards
5. Tschipey Achtu
   1. The Fall Induction was conducted, and 60 candidates went through their ordeal. Adopt a Park happened the week after at Camp Beechwood in Sodus with 15 people in attendance. We collectively provided 600 hours of service. We elected officers at our last Induction Weekend. Our LLDC weekend is scheduled for December to prepare them to start their terms in January.

VI: Conclave 2016 Budget Closeout

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin went over the Conclave 2016 Budget with those in attendance.
2. A motion was made to close out the Conclave 2016 Budget by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge. It was seconded by Ashokwahta Lodge. The motion passed.

VII: Section Operating Budget

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin went over the 2016-17 Section Operating Budget with those in attendance.
2. The Council of Chiefs approved the 2016-17 Section Operating Budget.

VIII: Calendar

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin went over the draft Section Calendar for the 2016-17 year.
2. A motion was made to approve the Section Calendar by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge. It was seconded by Ashokwahta. The motion passed.

IX: Leadership Positions

1. Communications Team
   1. Section Secretary Peter Huber explained his idea to start a new communications team for the section.
   2. Peter Huber will be looking for 3 positions:
      1. Social Media Lead
      2. Webmaster
      3. Photographers (preferably 1 per lodge)
   3. Peter Huber went over the responsibilities of each position with the Council of Chiefs.
   4. Peter Huber explained that if a lodge feels that they know someone that would be interested in any of these positions to give Peter their name and contact info.

IX: The Aftereffect

1. The Aftereffect, our Section’s training event was promoted to the Council of Chiefs by Section Vice Chief Zach Hill.
   1. The event will take place October 30th, 2016, and the Section team is looking at Rush Henrietta High School to be the location this year. Reservation is still being done because complications have arose. Registration will be held off until then.
   2. There will be eleven different classes. These trainings will be geared towards skills to better improve the lodges in our section as well as provide life skills.
   3. Northeast Region Chief Chris Boyle will be attending as our special guest for the day, and will be the referee for the lodgeball tournament.
2. Section Vice Chief Zach Hill reminded the Council of Chiefs that this is not some boring training. There will be a widespread variety of knowledge shared at this event, and Arrowmen will be able to meet and talk with fellow Arrowmen all around the section and share knowledge.
3. Section Secretary Peter Huber discussed promotions for The Aftereffect.
   1. The idea of a flyer for the lodge’s reference was discussed, and will be put out by Friday.
   2. The plan for social media promotion will be a post on Facebook (and a Facebook link on Twitter) on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
   3. The Website will be updated as soon as info is received.
4. Registration for the Aftereffect should be on the website by the end of the week.

X: Conclave

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin discussed the CVC positions for this year’s Conclave.
   1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin discusses the revised CVC positions.
      1. Shows CVC will be given to a lodge instead of a third party.
      2. Ceremonial Growth and Development and American Indian Affairs will now be combined into Native American Dance and Ceremonies.
      3. All CVC position responsibilities were read over and discussed with the Council of Chiefs.
      4. A Motion to approve all CVC positions for 2017 Conclave was made by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee. The motion was seconded by Tschipey Achtu. The motion passes.
   2. Section Chief Forrest Gertin goes over lodge assignments for CVC positions
      1. Activities and Recreation-Ashokwahta
      2. Media and Publications- Täken DōD
      3. Special Events- Lowanne Nimat
      4. Shows- Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee
      5. Service- Tschipey Achtu
   3. A motion to approve the CVC position assignments was made by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee. The motion was seconded by Lowanne Nimat. The motion passes.
2. Service Lodge Presentation
   1. Conclave Co-Coordinators Sean Hannon and Harry Santora gave a presentation on the facilities available for Conclave this year and their potential uses.
   2. Conclave Co-Coordinators Sean Hannon and Harry Santora proposed a theme idea for this year’s conclave. The theme proposed was “The 60s”, with the slogan “Ask not what scouting can do for you, but what you could do for scouting.”.
      1. After discussion, a motion to approve the theme and slogan was made by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee. The motion was seconded by Ashokwahta. The motion passes.
   3. Conclave Co-Coordinators Sean Hannon and Harry Santora, as well as Section Associate Adviser Jim Nelson propose 2 patch designs.
      1. The first option was created by Section Associate Adviser Jamie Prowse. It is a heart shaped rainbow patch. The second option was created by Section Associate Adviser Jim Nelson, it is a rectangular rainbow patch with 60’s glasses and a flower.
      2. A discussion started about which patch to use for Conclave.
      3. After discussion and editing of patch designs, a motion was made for both patches to be used at Conclave. The first option created by Section Associate Adviser Jamie Prowse will be used as the patch for attending Conclave, and the second option created by Section Associate Adviser Jim Nelson will be used as a promotional/ trading post patch. The motion was created by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee. The motion was seconded by Tschipey Achtu. The motion passes.
3. Section Chief Forrest Gertin discusses Thematic Integration
   1. It is important to specify theme integration in conclave program. Be sure to focus on certain aspects of the 60s only so it doesn’t get out of control.
4. Section Chief Forrest Gertin discusses Memorabilia
   1. There will be a trading post with patches and many other types of memorabilia.
   2. An idea was brought up to create a t-shirt or neckerchief that participants can tye dye while at the event.
      1. This idea was discussed at length by the Council of Chiefs in regards to the feasibility of the idea working.
      2. A decision was reached that each lodge creates a flag to be tye dyed at the event. This flag will be hung all weekend. A T-shirt will be made that will be pre tye dyed
   3. Other ideas were brainstormed by the Council of Chiefs
      1. Peace sign glasses
      2. Headbands
      3. Tye dye bucket hats
      4. Camp stool
      5. Real Glow in the Dark Frisbees.
   4. A Motion was created by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee to allow the Section staff to create and price the list of conclave memorabilia, utilizing the suggestions made. The motion was seconded by Tschipey Achtu. The motion passes.
5. Promotions
   1. A Flyer for Conclave will be created by the Aftereffect.
   2. The goal for registration to go up on the website is by February 1st.
   3. Section Secretary Peter Huber will create a Promotions Plan for conclave by The Aftereffect.

XI: Promotional Sunglasses

1. After research done during the lunch break, a motion was made to approve the purchase of 400 conclave promotional 60’s sunglasses, not to exceed $1.75 per pair by Tschipey Achtu. The motion was seconded by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee. The motion passes.

XII: Backdater Workshop

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin reviews the Backdater used for CVC program planning and how they will be used.
2. Each lodge breaks out and brainstorms program plans for their CVC roles

XIII: Backdater Presentations

1. All backdaters can be found in the Shared Documents in the Google Drive
2. Shows- Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee
   1. All information is outlined in the backdater on the Google Drive
3. Activities and Recreation
   1. Swampathon, Archery competition, OA jeopardy, Outdoor obstacle course, Weapons collector for vintage weapon display, Frisbee Golf, Discus/ rock throwing, Rock skipping at waterfront, yoyo/top spinning competition, CD identification contest, Scooby Doo clue hunt/scavenger hunt, 60’s tv show guessing game, 60’s National officer list, 1960 was 50 year anniversary of Boy Scouts, lip sync battle, gaga pit
4. Special Section Events- Lowanne Nimat
   1. All information is outlined in the backdater on the Google Drive
5. Operation Arrow- Sebastian Bodkin
   1. All information is outlined in the backdater on the Google Drive
6. Training- Peter Huber
   1. Utilize Texas Connections and Sandy Rhodes for AIA Training. Focus on the balance between informative trainings that lodges need to succeed, and fun that Arrowmen will enjoy. The goal is to fit the needs and interests of the Arrowmen in the Section.
7. Service Lodge- Tschipey Achtu
   1. All information is outlined in the backdater on the Google Drive
8. Native American Dance and Ceremonies
   1. All information is outlined in the backdater on the Google Drive
9. Media and Publications
   1. All information is outlined in the backdater on the Google Drive

XIV: National & Regional Programs

1. Operation Arrow
   1. Operation Arrow Ambassador Sebastian Bodkin talks to the Council of Chiefs about his plans for advertising and promoting Operation Arrow to the Section.
   2. Those attending Operation Arrow as of October 2nd have received an email about joining the street team to help advertise to lodges.
   3. Other plans can be found in the Operation Arrow backdater in the Shared Documents folder on Google Drive.
2. NLS/NLATS+DYLC
   1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin advertises National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar to the Council of Chiefs
      1. The next opportunity to go to NLS or NLATS is on November 11-13 at Camp Alpine.
      2. This is the last opportunity to go to NLATS before the course changes to DYLC (Developing Youth Leaders Conference)
3. OAHA
   1. Section Vice Chief Zach Hill and Conclave Co-Coordinator Harry Santora talked to the Council of Chiefs about the opportunities for OA High Adventure.
   2. Arrowmen are highly encouraged to attend, and to put it in your calendar soon, so they don’t miss out on the wonderful opportunity.
   3. OA High Adventure is less money than regular council high adventure. You have the opportunity to meet new friends, and it is an amazing experience
   4. In order to attend, you must be 16-21 years old, but for the Summit Experience, you can be 14-18 years old.

XV: Action Items

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin reminds the Council of Chiefs of their action items.
   1. All CVC’s should finalize their backdaters
   2. Lodges should begin promoting the Aftereffect, registration will open as soon as possible
   3. Remember to keep CVC responsibilities on your radar
2. Section Chief Forrest Gertin thanks everyone for their hard work

XVI: For the Good of the Section

1. Section Secretary Peter Huber reminds the Council of Chiefs to look at the contact list on the Shared Documents in the Google Drive and send him any updated information so he can update it in the contact sheet, as well as remind CVC’s to put brainstormed ideas on the end of their backdaters so he can put their ideas into the meeting minutes.

XVII: Adviser’s Minute- Section Adviser Rick Coloccia

1. The theme of this year’s conclave is a copy of President Kennedy. This is an important time in scouting. Our movement needs to grow and be strengthened. We have all seen references to declining membership. One of the goals of the OA is to strengthen scouting, and make it so scouting will endure. Scouting has been an American icon for over 100 years. It has been a defining component in American life. What you do in conclave, in your lodges, in your units, and in your daily lives represent scouting, and attracts people to scouting. You are the examples of scouting, and the challenge to you is astronomical. As Arrowmen/ model scouts, I have no doubt that everyone has what it takes to help scouting grow. As we move forward, let us not forget our mission as Arrowmen to support scouting and not to forget the good that scouting brings to American life.

XVIII: Adjournment

1. Section Chief Forrest Gertin adjourns the meeting with the Song of the Order.

Appendix of Motions

* A motion was made to approve the Conclave Business Meeting Minutes by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge. It was seconded by Ashokwahta Lodge and the motion was approved.
* A motion was made to close out the Conclave 2016 Budget by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge. It was seconded by Ashokwahta Lodge. The motion passed.
* A motion was made to approve the Section Calendar by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge. It was seconded by Ashokwahta. The motion passed.
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