**Section NE­3A**

**Council of Chiefs Teleconference Minutes**

**March 12th, 2017**

1. Section Chief Zach Hill began the meeting promptly at 7:00 P.M and went over conference call etiquette.
2. Attendance
3. Chief: Present
4. Vice Chief: Present
5. Secretary: Present
6. Section Advisor: Present
7. Vice Chief Section Advisor: Absent
8. Secretary Advisor: Present
9. ASH Chief and Advisor: Absent
10. Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Chief: Present
11. Lowanne Nimat Chief: Present
12. TKaen DoD Chief: Present
13. Tschipey Achtu Chief Representative: Present
14. Activities and Recreation: Absent
15. Ceremonial: Present
16. Media and Publications: Advisor Present
17. Native American Culture and dance: Advisor  Present
18. Special Section events: Absent
19. Shows: Present
20. Training: Present
21. Service Lodge: CvC Present
22. Staff Advisor: Present
23. Secretary's Report

* Since the last CoC, I have been busy promoting conclave on all of our social media platforms in accordance with the plan set out by previous Section Secretary Peter Huber. I have been posting original content every other day on the Facebook page and taking it and copying it to Instagram and Twitter. In addition to posting about conclave I have also been posting weekly about Operation Arrow.
* I set up a slack channel for the Section communications team in addition to sending out a survey to the section regarding this team.
* We are currently seeking a Webmaster and Social Media lead for the section. If you know of anyone who has the potential to fulfil either position please send them my way!
* If you have anything you would like to see on Social Media regarding conclave please send it to me at [secretary@ne3a.org](mailto:secretary@ne3a.org)

IV. Minutes from last meeting

* Section Secretary Bryan Hitchings went over the appendix of  minutes from the January 8th CoC meeting. Motion was given by Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee to approve and seconded by Lowanne Nimat. Motion passes.

V. Lodge Reports

1. Ash

* Lodge report:
* We had a big success with our banquet and Chili dinner events these past few months.  We are planning on helping to assist in the Spring Camporee on April 28th-30th at Camp Samwood.  We will be helping with the campfire, meals and the compass course activity.  This event is for the troops but the OA has agreed to help and participate in this event.  We are also hoping for high participation at the spring weekend which we have many jobs already set including setting up a permanent stove at one of the cabins and setting up the camps for the coming summer.  The final event for our planned year’s far, is conclave where we have several ideas set, which you will find in the CVC report and we hope to have high attendance and lots of help for this event.

1. Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee

* We just had our Lodge banquet, which was our highest attended banquet according to our records with over 100 people attending.  At the banquet, Connor Gilmanton was elected Lodge Chief, and will be starting on the LEC following Conclave.  We have some service to camp, and the community coming up, as well as broomball on the 18th of March at 7PM, and I would like to invite everybody on the CoC to attend.  If you have any questions, email me at lodge.chief@oalodge159.org.  Finally, we currently have 348 people who have paid their dues for 2016, and as of February 28th, we are ahead of where we were last year.

1. Lowanne Nimat

* Lowanne Nimat Lodge Report for March 2017 COC Teleconference  Lowanne Nimat hosted the annual lodge banquet at the American Foundry in Oswego, NY on March 11th with 146 members and guests in attendance and we are currently at 340 members.
* We hosted the Fire Building Station at the Longhouse Council Klondike Derby. In addition we will be holding a Brotherhood Trail on March 25th and we are currently in the progress of implementing our Extended Elangomat Program.
* We are working on a service program with the William Hillcourt Scout Museum and Carson Buck Memorial Library.
* We are looking for a new Conclave Vice Chief after the resignation of Toby Love.
* We will be receiving the National Service Award, E. Urner Goodman Camping Award and OA Innovation Award in May at the BSA National Annual

Meeting

1. TKaen DoD

* Lodge members volunteered service at various council polar bears, winterees and the venturing biathlon, for a total service time of 434 hours. We staffed a booth at the Five Rivers Council Mall Show on Feb 4th where we assisted participants in creating arrowhead necklaces, for a total service time of 58 hours. We had our yearly ski trip to Swain Resort on February 18. The lodge provided 4 OA classes and 1 Merit Badge at the Five Rivers Council University of Scouting on Feb 25th. We will be hosting our first ever Traveling Sagamore on March 17-18.
* Troop leader training and fellowship opportunity in conjunction with the lodge’s first ever traveling Sagamore, featuring Camping at the Nessmuk Gun Club in Wellsboro, PA, shooting at the indoor range, and discussing outdoor hiking/camping experiences available in the area. On Saturday we will head into Wellsboro for a few hours of community service followed by a pizza lunch, followed by our March Sagamore

1. Tschipey Achtu

* We will be holding the March fellowship weekend March 17-19th at Camp Babcock-Hovey. Our theme will be shooting sports. We will be holding a brotherhood ceremony at this event. Our Lodge banquet was a success we had several section officers and committee members in attendance, we held our Vigil callout and Founders award presentation at this event.  Elections are moving forward, and we are getting ready for our May Induction weekend.

VI. CVC Reports and Back Dater info

* All needs must be delivered to CVCs by April 2nd

1. Activities and Recreation

* Conclave list of activities and needed supplies
* CVC report
* Idea                                                                   Resources needed
* Soccer                                                               soccer ball
* Kickball                                                             Red rubber ball
* Ultimate Frisbee                                                Frisbee disk
* 60’s jeopardy                                           projector, actors names, movie names, tv show names, national OA leaders from the 60’s, singer/ band names
* Archery competition                                          archery range accessibility
* Rifle range competition                                      rifle range accessibility
* Swampathon                                                      water front accessibility
* Triathalon                                                          set up course area, bb gun, bikes, running course.
* Egg toss                                                            eggs
* Landskii race                                                     landskii’s
* Knot tying relay                                                 rope and objects to tie on
* Gaga ball                                                           foam ball, gaga pit

1. Media and Publications

* Please send the needed content to tkaendodvicechief@gmail.com as soon as it is completed.

For completing the the Participant guide we need:

Conclave Patch Image

Letter from Section Chief and Advisor

Welcome Letter from Host Lodge

Camp Emergency Procedures/OA Code of Conduct? If needed

Menu

Open Period Activity Schedule and locations

Better Map : Host Lodge

Conclave Award Descriptions

Gold/Silver Arrow Insert

Needs for Program Book - Under $50 to Print

For the Newsletters we need asces

Needs

Printer/Paper/Ink

Connection to Internet

Have begun brainstorming ideas/concepts for newsletters

We plan on printing the first newsletter offsite, before conclave

1. Native American Culture and dance

* Texas Connection is still on board with everything they have approved the training schedule that we provided them with.

1. Special Section events

* The Lowanne Nimat CVC resigned and we are currently searching for a new Arrowmen to replace him. We are currently also working on forming teams of Arrowmen to take care of our lodge responsibilities and we are promoting conclave within our lodge.

1. Shows

* Everything with shows is on schedule. Our needs list has been sent in. We are finalizing our list of people for roles and our scripts. Anyone from section that wants to help with shows is welcome to contact us but if not we are more than able to handle the shows. Eventually we will need a list of things that section would like us to include in the shows such as important camp information, safety information, or special guests.

1. Training

* I met with my TTT trainers via teleconference, sessions have been assigned, and trainers are currently preparing their sessions.
* I am still looking for some backup trainers. If you feel that someone is qualified for any trainings that do not have a backup trainer yet, please let me know. (details in the google drive)
* I sent out an invitation to TTT. If you are a trainer, PLEASE ATTEND! I would like a response as to if you can or cannot attend so I can account for you. Lodge chiefs, there is a  trainer contact sheet separated by lodge in the Google Drive. Please help me out by encouraging trainers in your lodge to go to TTT.
* I will be working with adult leadership to make sure TTT materials are accounted for.
* Any questions can be emailed to me at vicechief@ne3a.org
* Will be sending a list of what trainings I will be needing backups for

1. Service Lodge

* We have been working on Conclave things and have been making great progress on Conclave. 93% of our staff that has either signed up or has been contacted and agreed to be on Staff

VII. Conclave Registration and Promotions

* We have been putting out regular info onto Social media per the schedule in the google drive. We have had hits on the posts ranging between 500 and 800 with certain content seeing higher hit rates than others. The Section officers will be sending weekly emails to the CoC to be distributed in local lodge masters.

VIII. OAHA

* Lodges should be encouraging Arrowmen to attend OAHA as it is a great opportunity to go to High Adventure at a cheaper rate than usual and for longer than usual. There are also scholarships that can help with the cost.

IX.  Merchandise

* Today (3-12-17) the first list for Quotes for Merchandise was sent out and all merchandise  will need to be purchased by the end of this month
* Anyone who has any ideas that they want to bring up send it to Jamie Prowse ([Secretary\_Advisor@ne3a.org](mailto:Secretary_Advisor@ne3a.org))

X. National Program

1. NOAC

* Lodges should start working on the plans for this National event coming up in 2018 so that they are not left in the dark.   It will be at Indiana University

1. NLS/DYLC

* Lodges should Arrowmen to these programs, It will help to improve your LEC and it is beneficial for the section
* Peter is Currently coming back on a Bus from NLS and DYLC He was a trainer, HDNSN had a great contingent 3 adults and one youth. Be sure to go if you haven’t gone, and advertise it in your lodge
* Next NLS is April 7-9th 2017 in  at Camp Spencer in Maryland,  please note DYLC will not be held at this time only NLS the next DYLC/NLS combo conference will be held on November 10-12th 2017 at Camp Alpine

    C. OP Arrow

* Participated in the Callforce, all Promotion will be relevant up until Conclave. Talked about the possibility of setting up a booth, talking at shows, possibly adding him to participant award. All promotion is going well, getting closer to the goal of 750
* Lodge Chiefs should promote this because it is cheaper way for Arrowmen to attend Jamboree,  and it allows Arrowman who have aged out of the troop to go as Staff
* Sebastian has spoken with all the lodges at their banquets
* Sebastian will  be contacting lodge chiefs shortly regarding Ordeal Weekend Promotion

XI. For the Good of the Section

* Nothing was brought forward

XII. Conclave Coordinator’s Minute

* Conclave Coordinator Harry Santora says he is excited for conclave and can’t wait to see everything come together

XIII. Vice Chief’s Minute

* Section Vice Chief Peter Huber Reflected on our power to inspire the people around us as leaders on the lodge and section level and he hopes you are all ready for Conclave.

XIV. Chief’s Minute

* Chief Zach Hill talked about  how excited he is for all the great plans we have for conclave and that he is sure that we have a great conclave this year and gave a reminder to reach out if you need help.

XV. Adviser’s Minute

* Advisor Rick Coloccia spoke about preparing for conclave and the message we are giving to the section.

XVI. Dismissal

* Meetings was adjourned by Section Chief Zach Hill

**Appendix of motions**

* Minutes from last meeting Ho-Dee-No-Sau-Ne Motions Lowanne Nimat Second. Motion Approved