

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Minutes November 4, 2013

**Presiding: Michael Todd, Lodge Chief
Call to Order: 7:33 PM**

1. Approval of past meeting's minutes
 - a. Andrew Turner Seconds. Minutes pass.
2. Chapter Reports
 - a. Ayochatta – Joseph Nesmith
 - i. We are continuing Unit Elections. We have a Brotherhood ceremony scheduled for November 16th.
 - b. Huracan – Derek Zoock
 - i. We just held our callout for over 100 candidates. We had approximately 80 hours of service at our district camporee. We held a pancake breakfast Sunday morning as a fundraiser for the chapter. Our Ordeal is coming up at the beginning of next month and we look forward to a great Ordeal season. We will be sending 2 members to NLS. We have conducted fourteen unit elections. We're working on an alternative activity for project one day because we ran into difficulties. We will be conducting Elangomat training at our November chapter meeting.
 - c. Kikape – Michael Deliz, Jr.
 - i. Kikape and Nefkete are having a joint Brotherhood Day on November 16th at KARS Park. We announced it to our chapter members yesterday and we already have 2 confirmations.
 - ii. Kikape's next Chapter Meeting should be a lot of fun, we are having a sport themed meeting where we will be playing indoor games.
 - iii. We are more than half way done with our Unit elections and looking forward for them to be complete by Call-out
 - iv. Call out is November 23 at the District's Fall Camporee
 - v. Our Joint Ordeal with Nefkete is going well, we have had 2 planning meetings and another is scheduled for next week.
 - vi. We and Nefkete are designing a patch that will be given to the Ordeal candidates.
 - vii. The Chapter will be running our district's Webelos Woods, which scheduled for the last weekend in January.
 - viii. Everybody have a Happy Thanksgiving!
 - d. Lemhee-Okee – Brandon Eiler
 - i. We enjoyed giving cheerful service during Project One Day at Nehrling Gardens and at our district's fall cub family campout. We ran a successful OA grill this month. We have almost completed unit elections and our ceremonies team is preparing for our callout on December 4th at Camp Ithiel. Newly called-out candidates are invited to our December chapter meeting to converse with members and have fun bowling. We are looking forward to our Ordeal with Wahitlaw.

- e. Mato Tanka – Jonathan Ulrich
 - i. Since the last LEC, we've been working with Tosohatchee to get everything arranged for Ordeal. We held a small fundraiser selling drinks, although we got rained out it was still fun fellowship with our brothers. Past that not much has been going on, if you need anything you know how to contact me.
- f. Micconope – Elliot Gregg
 - i. I will be serving as the Micconope Chapter Chief for the remainder of the program year. We have held both our monthly chapter meeting and CEC. There, we came up with a new t-shirt design. We are almost finished with Unit Elections and our ceremonies team is getting ready for Ordeal. Our Project One Day was held at our district's Cub-o-ree. We provided lunch to the weekend staff.
- g. Nefkete – Charles Owen
 - i. Hello everyone, Nefkete chapter has been having a great month. We have hosted two grills, one at Webelos warriors, and the other at our district's cub family campout. We had a great chapter meeting last month with 39 people in attendance. At our next meeting, we will be conducting Elangomat training. We are in the middle of Unit Elections and they are going smoothly so far. We are having our next chapter meeting on November 14th and will be having a brotherhood day with Kikape on November 14th.
- h. Tomoka – Ben Rice
 - i. Tomoka recently conducted a fantastic callout at our district's camporee. We will be having a Brotherhood day on December 7th. We would like assistance for the ceremony.
- i. Tosohatchee – Kyle Gilmore
 - i. The crazy chickens have been busy at work this fall. Our assistance at the cub family campout our district hosted was a huge success, we taught 6 belt loops and hosted the Saturday night campfire, all of the cubs and their parents had an awesome time. We also served concessions on the side and made some profit doing so. We have been hosting unit elections all over the district, while still preparing for our callout, November 16th, 9:00 PM, in Rybolt Field at Camp La-No-Che, during our district camporee. We also are getting ordeal members signed up for our brotherhood day, the same day as our callout. We're also preparing for teaching an American Indian dance class, putting on a dance showcasing, and cooking and serving a chuck wagon dinner for the entire district at the camporee. We have all of our ordeal positions filled, as well as ceremonies, and have at least 8 Elangomats recruited. We look forward to section seminars this weekend.
- j. Wahitlaw – Steven Kirsch
 - i. We are wrapping up the last of our Unit Elections and look forward to our callout at the district camporee. We hosted an OA Grill to help with our district's Cub Family Campout. We are looking forward to inviting our candidates to our December Barbeque.

- k. Wewahitchka – Jonathan Campbell
 - i. We have completed all of our Unit Elections. We had our callout last month where we called out 40 youth and 1 adult. We are moving full-steam ahead to Ordeal with Tomoka.
- 3. Committee Reports
 - a. Activities & Service – Elliot Gregg
 - i. We are in the process of finalizing Ordeal tasks with camp. There is now a new service form, which has been emailed out. Please begin to use them to submit hours. Please turn in any Project One Day hours you've completed. You can turn in any service hours tonight.
 - b. American Indian – Connor Gilmore
 - i. Connor was helping out with a Unit Election this evening. He likely has nothing exciting to report.
 - c. Camping Promotion – Jonathan Catiller
 - d. Ceremonies – Andrew Turner
 - i. I would like to check with all of the chapters for their ceremonies status
 - ii. Ayochatta - absent
 - iii. Huracan - we have Ordeal and Pre-Ordeal taken care of.
 - iv. Kikape – We have all three prepared.
 - v. Lemhee Okee - We will have all of our teams by Ordeal.
 - vi. Mato Tanka – joint with Huracan
 - vii. Micconope - absent
 - viii. Nefkete – We will have all three with Kikape's help.
 - ix. Tomoka – We are still missing a Brotherhood team
 - x. Tosohatchee – We have all three ceremonies taken care of
 - xi. Wahitlaw -
 - xii. Wewahitchka – We will have all our needs met with Tomoka.
 - xiii. Don or I will be glad to give you any help or advice you need. Just ask.
 - e. Conference 2015 – Jonathan Cirillo
 - i. The 2015 Conference committee is prepared to present the theme to the Council of Chiefs this weekend at Section Seminars. Beyond that, we are looking at previous Conference budgets to prepare for that stage of planning.
 - f. Finance – Vacant
 - i. The financial report is up at the front. Please grab and review a copy.
 - g. Founder's – Greg Raymond
 - i. The forms are still out. We are accepting them until the end of the year. A committee will make the decision.
 - h. Inductions – Don Dillon
 - i. I still need the white copies of the Unit Election forms. Please email out your election reports as well.
 - ii. Remember to promote Brotherhood within your chapters.
 - iii. Be sure you train your Elangomats prior to Ordeal. Push for Elangomats to come.

- iv. I need the email addresses, BSA IDs and telephone numbers for candidates so they can be properly entered into Lodgemaster.
- v. I'm passing around a form with the number of reports we've received from each chapter.
- i. Membership – Harrison Cord
- j. Mentoring – Brian Nyffenegger
- k. National Events – Branden Palasi
- l. NOAC 2015 – Ethan Voegele
- m. OA Museum – Kellen Cooper
 - i. A man was selling off his national collection of about 10,000 community strips. We acquired about 30 of them to replace color copies with the real deal.
 - ii. We will be working on the Museum at a couple of Ordeal weekends in January. We could use a little extra help if there are a couple of brothers who are not already committed to being Elangomats.
- n. OA Troop Rep – Thomas Calvert II
 - i. I have recently received some Troop Representative information forms from Tosohatchee and Huracan chapter and have started making a database.
 - ii. I look forward to seeing everyone at Seminars this weekend.
- o. Publications – Vacant
 - i. You should have gotten an email from me on Sunday reminding you that tonight is the deadline for Nimat articles. If you still haven't written or sent it to me, please do so by the end of the evening. The Nimat will be sent out by the first week of December.
- p. Vigil – Phil Daly
 - i. I would like to remind you to return nomination forms with a photo, a description, and a name suggestion.
- q. Website – Michael Sulsenti
 - i. We have TNAW Participant and staff registration live on the website at www.tipisa.org/TNAW. The member card database was recently updated. Please contact Chase, Harrison, or me to let us know if you have trouble with them. The new 2013-14 award forms have also been updated on the resources page. I appreciate any and all feedback. Please contact me.

4. Officer Reports

- a. Treasurer – Logan Taaffe
- b. Historian – Nick Young
 - i. Brothers, I'm sorry I couldn't make it tonight I plan to be with you next month. I would like to ask for volunteers for wok on the King's Cup display. I am currently deciding on a design and need workers to make the

magic happen. I plan on obtaining the materials before the end of the year and will hopefully have a work-day or two in December.

- c. Secretary – Brent Weilhamer
 - i. I would like to thank the OA Museum, 2015 Conference, Membership, OA Troop Rep, and the Camping Promotion committees, as well as Tosohatchee and Nefkete Chapters, Nick Young, and Michael Todd for submitting their reports. As always, you can still get it to me in text either on paper tonight or by social media that you've confirmed I use.
 - d. Second Vice Chief – Alex Field
 - i. More to come with TNAW and Section Seminars.
 - e. First Vice Chief – Michael Burton III
 - i. I am looking for the sinkathon, best trained and golden arrow awards to redistribute to the chapter who won it during FF. Other than that I am working with Ryan Showman on preparing the Chapters for their ordeals.
 - ii. We wrote a Nimat Article and will be submitting it this evening.
 - f. Lodge Chief – Michael Todd
 - i. We're getting very close to the first Ordeals! Great job to the Chapter Chiefs and their Ordeal Key staff working hard - keep it up! A few things:
 - ii. JTE
 - 1. Need 27 more 2013 dues paying members
 - 2. 15 more people for Brotherhood Bronze
 - iii. Chapter Service Reports – As Eliot said, here are forms for the Chiefs. Please fill out what you can and turn into Elliot so that he can record them.
 - iv. The Section Chief, Matt Dragunchuk, had to resign for personal reasons. There will be special elections held Friday night at Section Seminars. If you are interested in running, please let myself and Howard know after the meeting. Basic requirements are you need to be a youth until April, and you need to have the SCofF's approval. If another Section Officer wins the election, then there will be an immediate election held for his position.
 - v. Inductions Conference Call - we had a conference call with the Chiefs last week, it went quite well. We'll consider pursuing this method of communication in the future.
 - vi. NLS is next weekend - we have a dedicated group of Arrowmen going and are looking forward to the event.
 - vii. We have several presentations this evening to get through - pay attention because all of this is important!
 - viii. You can still come to Section Seminars - please note than any walk-ins need to be approved by the Key three, so let us know before you leave!
 - ix. If you are having a Brotherhood Day prior to the December LEC, let us know your sash needs so we can get them to you.
5. Old Business
- a. 2014 Budget – Michael Todd
 - i. Please take a moment to review the budget we are about to discuss.
 - ii. The budgeted incomes are TNAW Dues, and Lodge Box.
 - iii. The expenses are based on what committees asked for and used last year.
 - iv. Andrew Turner moves to approve the budget as read

1. Greg Raymond notes that the TNAW budget does not match that presented in the Planbook.
 2. Alex suggests to alter the budget so that it matches the TNAW Planbook. Andrew accepts the amendment
 3. Greg notes that training events this past year, we spent more money than it is budgeted for here.
 - a. Greg moves to amend the budget account 310 Training Events to \$300. Amendment passes.
 4. Scholarships account is not budgeted for but will likely have money put into it as funds are raised. - Steven Kirsch's Inquiry
 5. Kyle Gilmore moves to amend the description of the line item in the Native American Committee from "Drumsticks" to "Discretionary".
 - a. By nature of the program, we can't predict what expenses we will need. – Mark Janofsky
 - b. Amendment Passes
 6. What is the remainder of the Inductions budget going toward this year
 - a. Why is there an increase in this year's budget for Inductions? – Edison Velez
 - b. Next year, they will send out a parent letter, which will cost \$300 for printing - Greg Raymond
 - c. We have yet to print New Member Brotherhood eligible letters, new member guides or packets. This is going to cost the remainder of the budget. - Don Dillon
 - d. This year, we're budgeting more items for letters we send out every year in Inductions now instead of not accounting for them, which is why the budget has increased. - Alex DeLoach
 7. Greg Raymond moves to amend account 320 to the new amount of \$265
 - a. We are now large enough to potentially award 3 founder's awards. I would like to change the budget to reflect this.
 - b. Motion passes
 8. Andrew Turner moves to amend the Lodge Box's budgeted income to be reduced to \$4,441.63
 - a. Motion passes
 9. Greg Raymond moves to close the floor.
 10. The budget passes as amended.
- b. Section Seminars – Alex Field
- i. We currently have 40 people registered for this weekend. We have 2 slots available for the pre-registered fee. Beyond that you can be a walk-in. Speak with Howard ahead of time if you intend to attend.
- c. 2014 Winter Camp – Michael Todd
- i. If you're interested in staff, there's a meeting next wed here. We have Brotherhood the weekend between.

- d. Ordeal Status – Michael Todd
 - i. Chapter by Chapter
 - ii. Ayochatta
 - 1. No Ordeal Adviser,
 - 2. No known information further. Bubba may have people.
 - 3. Ceremonies teams are assembled and practicing.
 - iii. Huracan
 - 1. Ordeal Adviser - Rick Scovil,
 - 2. no Elangomat Adviser
 - 3. Elangomat training on the 21st
 - 4. We are set for our ceremonies team. All are practicing.
 - iv. Kikape
 - 1. We have a registration form drafted.
 - 2. Ordealmaster - Joe Hansen
 - 3. Ordeal Adviser - Mike Deliz Adviser
 - 4. no Taskmaster
 - 5. Task Adviser – David Boggs
 - 6. Head Elangomat - Zach Mayers
 - 7. Elangomat training Dec 14th
 - v. Lemhee-
 - 1. Ordeal Adviser - Jordan Walt
 - 2. Taskmaster unknown
 - 3. Task Adviser - Brad White
 - 4. no Head Elangomat
 - 5. Elangomat training Jan 17th
 - vi. Micconope
 - 1. Ordeal Adviser - David Hedegren
 - 2. Taskmaster - Elliot Gregg
 - 3. Task Adviser - Matt Griffith
 - 4. Head Elangomat - Noah Bell
 - 5. no Elangomat training scheduled
 - vii. Nefketeh
 - 1. No Head Elangomat
 - 2. Elangomat Training Nov 14th
 - viii. Tomoka
 - 1. Ordeal Adviser - Jeremy Hurst
 - 2. No Task Adviser
 - 3. No Head Elangomat
 - 4. No scheduled Elangomat training
 - ix. Tosohatchee
 - 1. Ordeal Adviser – Michael Burton II
 - 2. no Task Adviser
 - 3. Head Elangomat Walkeen Valle
 - 4. Elangomat training Nov 23rd
 - x. Wahitlaw
 - 1. Ordealmaster - Allen Cunningham

2. Ordeal Adviser and Task Adviser - Arthur Polnasik
 3. Head Elangomat - Bradley
 - xi. Wewahitchka
 1. Ordealmaster - Ethan McCumber
 2. Taskmaster - Nicholas Bentley
 3. No Ordeal Adviser
 4. No Task Adviser.
 5. No Head Elangomat
 6. No Elangomat training scheduled
 - xii. Remember your backdate planner in your LEC notebook and to make sure you have the items for 2 months out since you are that close.
 - xiii. You can use the emails we've sent out as a to-do list. Remember the difficulties with preparing tasks and Elangomats. Start planning now.
6. Brief 2-minute recess.
7. New Business
- a. Ceremonies Ring Project – Andrew Turner
 - i. WE will host the 2015 conference for the 100th anniversary. We will start having evaluations at the ring so we would like to beautify it.
 - ii. We'd like to repair the old, deteriorating benches.
 - iii. The proposed benches will be modeled from the ones in the Woodbadge ring, and will be sturdier.
 - iv. Donators will have the opportunity to have the benches engraved.
 - v. Individuals may contribute \$45 to donate a bench.
 - vi. Chapters are expected, but not required to sponsor a bench. If a chapter would like, we can work out an advanced payment to be repaid later.
 - vii. When donating a bench, \$10 of those dollars go toward the remainder of the project such as replacing the Ws, improving the fire ring, and painting the tipi.
 - viii. We intend to work on the project on two workdays in January. An alternate option would be to have one whole weekend dedicated to the ring improvement.
 - ix. If there is a limited amount of funds available, the healthiest benches will be kept and moved to the back of the ring. – Johnny Cirillo's Inquiry
 - x. Smaller donations will be accepted if individuals would like to make them.
 - b. University of Scouting – Michael Todd
 - i. Same place as last year. This year, we will also be hosting a grill there as a fundraiser much like last year. Additionally, council has requested we send 10-15 individuals to help set up the evening before.
 - c. Section Conference 2015
 - i. This will be the centennial anniversary. As such, we must celebrate the past hundred years but we would also like to kick off the next century properly.
 - ii. We would like to celebrate the ideals, not the material, as Goodman noted. As such, the theme we propose is "They will see us as brothers". It encourages a sense of universal brotherhood, so as to match the strategic

plan put out by National. The OA is meant to be seen by the community. The “They” is anybody any of us chooses to serve.

- iii. We would like to use the past hundred years as a launching point for us to begin serving for the next hundred years.
- iv. With this theme, participants can leave the conference with their own idea of who to serve, tailored to them as individuals. The goal of the conference is to inspire to do more.

d. TNAW

- i. Before you lies the second edition of the TNAW Planbook.
- ii. We still need both a shows and food coordinator for the event.
- iii. The schedule may still be fine-tuned as appropriate.
- iv. We will still speak with Matt Raegan about staff campsites.
- v. Vendors have yet to be determined.
- vi. Michael Todd – Note you have registration forms with you.
- vii. Here is the T-shirt design for the year. The color has yet to be determined.
- viii. Joe’s Inquiry- I propose we add a Tipi to the participant shirt.
- ix. Charles Inquiry – We are relying on the chapters to promote the new troop deposit opportunity with the attached forms.

8. Open Forum

- a. Alex Field – Conference spirit item choices include Stadium bangers, sunglasses, or Hats. Pick any two. It would seem stadium bangers are unpopular.
- b. Greg Raymond – I’ve found Facebook or Email addresses for lodge chiefs going all the way back to 1978. We will begin to update their contact info so we can start inviting them to the Vigil Reunion.
- c. Greg Raymond – I met with the disc golf designer. He gave us a quote of \$1800 to design the course. That would make the cost per hole around \$550, which is higher than previously thought. Please think on it and let me know.
- d. I am hereby notifying everybody that I intend to amend lodge rules to raise dues. I intend to raise it to \$12, to reflect the increase in publication cost. \$5 would go toward publications and \$1 would go to general lodge improvement and that would account for any miscellaneous postcards.
- e. Andrew Turner- I have a sign-up sheet for anybody interested in donating to a bench

9. Meeting Adjourned at 9:22