

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 2, 2013

**Presiding: Michael Todd, Lodge Chief
Call to Order: 7:36 PM**

1. Approval of past meeting's minutes
 - a. In section 3.d.vii of the November Minutes, Mato-Tanka's Ceremonies status has been changed from "absent" to "joint with Huracan".
 - b. Greg Raymond moves to approve the minutes as read. Motion passes.
 - a. Motion 13-12-1
2. Chapter Reports
 - a. Ayochatta – Joseph Nesmith
 - i. We had 4 people go through Brotherhood at Camp Ithiel We're finishing Ordeal preparations. Our Ceremonies team has been practicing.
 - b. Huracan – Derek Zoock
 - i. At our last chapter meeting, we did final preparations for our Ordeal with Micconope this weekend and Elangomat training. Thanks to Alex DeLoach for assisting with training.
 - ii. We currently have 45 candidates and 12 members registered for our Ordeal.
 - iii. We look forward to a great Ordeal season and hope to induct many new members.
 - c. Kikape – Michael Deliz, Jr.
 - i. Our last Kikape chapter meeting on the 14th went well.
 - ii. We had a very successful brotherhood day on November 16th. Eight people sealed their membership.
 - iii. We had our Callout at the Challenger District Fall Camporee. It was a success with around forty candidates called out.
 - iv. We will be having our annual holiday meeting on December 12th and will be finishing preparations for Ordeal.
 - v. On December 14th, we will be having an OA Grill at Cub Scout Family Day Camp. The location will be KARS Park.
 - vi. We will be helping with Webelos Woods on January 24th-26th.
 - vii. We are working on Ordeal and looking forward to the start of a new year.
 - d. Lemhee-Okee – Brandon Eiler
 - i. Lemhee-Okee Chapter has finished conducting its Unit Elections and is ready for our Callout this Wednesday, December 4th at Camp Ithiel. We are making continual preparations for our Ordeal and Brotherhood Day on January 17th-19h. We will be bowling at our December Chapter meeting along with the called-out candidates.
 - e. Mato Tanka – Jonathan Ulrich
 - i. We had around 16 people at our November meeting and we're looking forward to our Winter Party. In place of our normal chapter meeting for December, we're holding a CEC and holding our business meeting at the Winter Party.

- ii. We have 51 youth called out and 4 adults nominated. We had our callout to the camporee our chapter meeting had large attendance. Our next meeting will have Ordeal Planning and our CEC.
 - f. Micconope – Elliot Gregg
 - i. Micconope Chapter will be conducting our joint ordeal with Huracan this weekend. Our ceremonies team has met for and is now complete and ready for this ordeal season. We plan to hold our monthly chapter meeting with our CEC on December the 11th. We plan on showing how the chapter works and how our new members can get involved.
 - g. Nefkete – Charles Owen
 - i. Hello All, This month my chapter had a good meeting. We ran an OA grill at The Lightfest 5k Run. In this coming month we are getting ready to have a great callout at our district's fall camporee and then an ordeal work day on the 14th at Oklawaha with Kikape in preparation for our ordeal next month. Also in preparation for the ordeal we have been having planning meetings every 2 weeks with Kikape. We are having our final 3 unit elections tonight as we speak. We are also going to work a night at Lightfest this Thursday night.
 - h. Tomoka – Ben Rice
 - i. We are currently finalizing our Ordeal plans. We won't be holding our Brotherhood day because we don't have a location. Consequently, we don't need ceremonial assistance.
 - i. Tosohatchee – Kyle Gilmore
 - i. We recently had our callout and Brotherhood day on November 16th. We had 75 called out and we had 32 Brotherhood candidates seal their membership. We are preparing for Ordeal and we look forward to it.
 - j. Wahitlaw – Steven Kirsch
 - i. We conducted our Callout ceremony at our District Camporee on November 16th. We will be hosting a barbeque from 11am-4pm at the First United Methodist Church on December 14th for new candidates and members alike. We will be hosting our Ordeal with Lemhee-Okee on January 17th-19th.
 - k. Wewahitchka – Jonathan Campbell
 - i. The final candidates will be receiving their Ordeal invitations and information packets this week. Our next meeting this Thursday will be focused on our January Ordeal. Elangomats will be trained and members will be signed up to help as Ordeal staff as well.
- 3. Committee Reports
 - a. Activities & Service – Elliot Gregg
 - i. Ordeal tasks are being finalized for this season and are going to be completely gathered by the Micconope Huracan Ordeal. Its important chapters keep track of their service hours obtained from ordeal and send them to me as soon as possible after the ordeal is finished.
 - b. American Indian – Connor Gilmore
 - i. I have nothing to report

- c. Camping Promotion – Jonathan Catiller
- d. Ceremonies – Andrew Turner
 - i. Congratulations to all of the chapters who had brotherhood days this month. Please promote brotherhood within your chapters. I got a new phone number, which is in the latest LEC roster.
 - ii. Do any chapters need assistance with ceremonies? No.
- e. Conference 2015 – Jonathan Cirillo
 - i. Last month at the Section Seminars, my committee presented the theme "They Will See Us as Brothers" to the Council of Chiefs. I'm happy to report that the presentation was well-received by the COC and our tentative theme for the '15 Conference *is* "They Will See Us as Brothers."
 - ii. The Key 3, my adviser, and I are touring camp later this month to plan out how we want the '15 Conference occupy camp. The committee has collected numerous past Planbooks for Section events in order to have some basis budgeting around an amazing program. Using these, we're working to assemble a Planbook. However, we are still working on gathering Planbooks for events outside of S-4 to get strengthen our perspective.
- f. Finance – Vacant
 - i. The October financial report is being passed around. Please pull out the account pages relevant to you.
 - ii. The budget was passed last month.
- g. Founder's – Greg Raymond
 - i. The forms are still out and due on Dec 31st. I have received 0.
- h. Inductions – Don Dillon
 - i. I'm still receiving Unit Election reports. Please review with your chapters the proper way to run an election. I'm still receiving incorrect reports. Remember to get ALL of the information on the sheet collected, like BSAID, phone number, address, etc.
 - ii. As we speak, I am passing out a list of all of the elected candidates updated as of 12/02/13. I would love help folding SOA booklets. Please submit all reports for Brotherhood days.

iii. **Unit Elections totals:**

Chapter	Candidates	No. of Units Reporting
Ayochatta	52	11
Huracan	110	16
Kikape	34	10
Lemhee-Okee	25	3
Mato Tanka	0	0
Micconope	21	6
Nefketch	0	0
Tomoka	36	10
Tosohatchee	24	8
Wahitlaw	30	8
Wewahitchka	42	18
Lodge Total	374	90

- i. Membership – Harrison Cord
 - i. We currently have 1329 dues paid members for 2013. We have made JTE Bronze. We only need 9 more to pay dues to earn Silver and 36 for Gold. This year, we've had 156 brothers seal their membership. That is a 40.6% conversion rate, meaning we've reached the Silver level. We only need 31 to reach the Gold level. Remember, the more people we have seal their membership, the easier it is to earn JTE Gold next year.
 - ii. We've had 3 members recently go through Brotherhood at Brotherhood Days who are not dues paid for 2013. Remember it is important to pay dues!
- j. Mentoring – Brian Nyffenegger
 - i. If anybody is interested in joining the committee, please notify Brian.
- k. National Events – Branden Palasi
 - i. The OAHA scholarship forms were distributed in your packet for this LEC meeting. If you have questions, talk to Michael, Branden, or John Morgan.
- l. NOAC 2015 – Ethan Voegele
- m. OA Museum – Kellen Cooper
 - i. Many patches were donated for our next auction. Belt buckles are in stock.
- n. OA Troop Rep – Thomas Calvert II
 - i. Please send me your Troop rep forms.
- o. Publications – Vacant
 - i. The Nimat has been assembled and will be printed and extras will be printed for Ordeals.
- p. Vigil – Phil Daly
 - i. We sent out a brief email regarding vigil nominations and announcements. Please encourage others to nominate people for Vigil. We have not received any yet. Be sure these nominations get to Phil.
 - ii. We will be having the Vigil Selection meeting on January 11th at 10:00am at Camp La-No-Che. Nomination forms are due January 6th.
- q. Website – Michael Sulsenti
 - i. I have received registration links from many chapters for their ordeals. The closest upcoming ordeals with no registration link are Nefkete, Kikape, and Tomoka. Lemhee-Okee and Wahitlaw are a few weeks after that. So if the chapter chiefs of someone from those chapters please email me or Michael the registration links to those as soon as you can, that would be appreciated and would help candidates find the links.
 - ii. Membership Dues and Cards were updated today.
 - iii. The 2014 Section Conference page will be up soon. Finalized drafts of the content are being reviewed and soon we'll have a landing page for the event.

4. Officer Reports

- a. Treasurer – Logan Taaffe
- b. Historian – Nick Young
- c. Secretary – Brent Weilhamer
 - i. Thank you to Derek Zooock, Michael Deliz, Charles Owen, Brandon Eiler, Elliot Gregg, Jonathan Cirillo, Harrison Cord, and Michael Todd for submitting your LEC reports before the meeting. As always, you can give it to me on paper, in email, or via Facebook to ensure all of the information in your report is accurately reflected in the minutes.
- d. Second Vice Chief – Alex Field
 - i. See Sections Conference and TNAW reports.
- e. First Vice Chief – Michael Burton III
 - i. See Spring Conclave and Ordeal Status in Old business.
- f. Lodge Chief – Michael Todd
 - i. I look forward to Ordeals. Thanks to Alex and Dawn for leading the contingent at Section Seminars. There, the Council of Chiefs meeting went well. The COC is working on planning next year's Section Seminars to make it better. We gained a lot of valuable information at NLS and NLATS. Please talk to Howard about the vigil reunion if you're interested in going. Note Andrew Turner's new phone number and Ethan Voegele's email address on the LEC roster. We're looking forward to University of Scouting.

5. Old Business

- a. Lodge Brotherhood Day – Andrew Turner
 - i. It will be next weekend on the 14th at the 1:00 PM. The ceremony is 5:30 PM. There will be no pre-registration at all. The fee for the brotherhood day is \$10. Dinner will cost \$6.50.
- b. Ceremonies Ring Project – Andrew Turner
- c. University of Scouting – Michael Todd
 - i. January 25th at East River High School. There will be a service corps to earn service hours for the chapter and the lodge. We will also be having a grill starting Saturday morning.
- d. Frisbee Golf Course – Greg Raymond
 - i. We voted in March to use our profits for the year from last year to both build porch fans on the dining hall and make a disc golf course. The price we estimated is too low. I was asked to present what the price has increased to see if chapters are still interested. Holes will cost a total of \$520 before costs of shipping materials and concrete. I would say a safe budgeting number is \$600 per hole.
 - ii. Greg Raymond moves to increase the chapter funding level possibly up to \$600.
 - a. Motion 13-12-2
 - iii. Johnny notes that none of the chapter chiefs now are the same as the ones
 - iv. He also asks: Is camp interested in having a golf course? Greg notes Matt was welcoming to the idea.

- v. Johnny - Do chapters have the option to not purchase a hole if they decide they don't have the funds? The agreement last year was that the lodge can front the money for chapters until they have enough funds to finance one.
 - vi. Where will the course be? The course will likely start at the sports field, loop down past Silver springs, but is subject to change?
 - vii. Johnny notes that committee chairmen have the option to commit money from chapters even if all the chapter chiefs are here.
 - viii. If no chapter or donor contributes funds, where does the money come from? We could simply build fewer holes.
 - ix. Could we buy fewer holes and pay less money? No, each hole costs the same amount of money no matter how many we make.
 - x. Are there multiple options to buy holes to get them cheaper? The catchers are made as cheap as possible now to maximize disc sales.
 - xi. Is there a cheaper designer since we don't need world quality? He gave a cheaper price than many of the others I asked.
 - xii. Is the disc golf course going to be used? It's impossible to predict the future but people will likely acclimate.
 - xiii. 5 minute recess. We will reconvene at 8:29.
 - xiv. We will have a poll for just the chapter chiefs. 0 in favor. 7 oppose continuing funding of the disc golf course.
 - xv. Is it possible for chapters to find their own sponsors for the hole? That depends on how you acquire the funds.
 - xvi. It is worth considering a small project to gauge interest. There is no current Orienteering course at camp, which is a valuable service.
 - xvii. Johnny moves to close the floor.
 - xviii. Motion does not pass.
 - xix. Greg will continue to speak to the Key 3 to reevaluate how to use the funds seeing how little interest remains.
- e. Ordeal Status – Michael Burton III
- i. We will ask Huracan and Micconope since their Ordeal is this weekend.
 - 1. Ordealmasters are set.
 - 2. Huracan has 4-6 Elangomats. That will make us have 8-9 candidates per clan.
 - 3. Micconope has 2 Elangomats and 5 registered.
 - 4. We have our tasks from camp.
 - 5. We will be asking adults to bring tools with them.
 - 6. Our ceremonies team is equipped with fire pots, candles, etc.
 - 7. We are prepared for meal counts.
 - 8. We are currently folding SOA booklets
 - 9. We are working on our New member orientation scripts.
 - 10. Our sashes and supplies will be at camp.
 - 11. We have spoken with lodge officers about attendance.
 - 12. Please submit your food numbers to camp and keep your clans small.
 - ii. I will speak with the rest of the chapters individually to get your status updates.

- iii. Registration used to come in as a spreadsheet through Doubleknot. It will now come in as the raw RTS report. I recommend everybody recompiles it into a more spaced out spreadsheet that you can print out before the Ordeal and have the candidates review their information like their address, phone number, etc.
 - iv. When candidates check in, please make sure they check their information so that we get the appropriate information distributed like the Nimat, emails, and more.
 - v. The Tuesday after your registration ends, Paul will be sending you the rts and Doubleknot reports as well as the paper registration forms handed in. If you have issues with the paper registration, please speak with the staff adviser.
 - f. TNAW – Alex Field
 - i. Most of you saw the Planbook I presented last month. We have since recruited more vendors and food vendors. We have confirmed several pieces of program. We have also confirmed demonstrators. The menu will be decided by January.
 - ii. We will try to obtain a Blacksmith demonstrator.
 - iii. How do I get you the contact information of vendors who are interested in TNAW? You can tell them to contact Alex, Doug, or thaw@tipisa.org
- 6. New Business
 - a. Eligibility Extension – Charles Owen
 - i. I move to extend the eligibility of Daniel Hoodie for one more year.
 - a. Motion 13-12-3
 - ii. He was sick the night of the Ordeal and had to leave the event.
 - iii. The troop neglected to add his name again to the ballot because they thought he was still eligible.
 - iv. Phil moves to close the floor.
 - v. Motion passes.
 - b. Conference 2014 Fee – Alex Field
 - i. As it stands the event fee set by Echocketee Lodge is \$34.00
 - ii. I move to set the price for the event and spirit pack at a total of \$44.00.
 - a. Motion 13-12-4
 - 2. The spirit pack will contain a t-shirt.
 - 3. Motion passes
 - iii. The registration form will be online soon.
 - c. Spring Conclave Budget – Michael Burton III
 - i. I move to set the price of Spring Conclave 2014 at \$25.00.
 - a. Motion 13-12-5
 - 2. This price is the same as FF.
 - 3. It allows for a robust program budget along with food.
 - 4. The budget is similar to FF, with \$20 for food, \$2 for cracker-barrel, and \$3 for program.
 - 5. Motion passes.
 - d. Dues Motion – Greg Raymond

- i. I move to change the lodge rules section XI article C from “Lodge Duse shall be \$9 per year” to “Lodge Dues shall be \$12 per year”.
 - a. Motion 13-12-6
- ii. My discussion is in the packet.
- iii. \$3 pays to national recharter, \$1 to Friends of Scouting, \$1 to council, \$1 to program support, and \$3 goes to publications.
- iv. If amended, publications will be increased to \$5 and will have \$1 added to lodge program support
- v. If you look at the number breakdown in front of you based on current numbers. As it stands, it costs around 0.94 to pay for each Nimat per person, which is sent out four times a year.
- vi. I believe it is important to add money to the lodge program because you are entitled to the program so you should support it by paying dues.
- vii. Do you think the funding is necessary to improve the program? It just gives us more room to do more things.
- viii. Are there specific plans for that additional dollar? It is up to the Lodge budget for the following year.
- ix. When was the last time the Lodge’s budget ran on deficit at the end of the year? It has been more than five years.
- x. Alex, do you think the extra dollar is needed to replace TNAW as an income? TNAW consistently makes income.
- xi. Jonathan- I would like to point out the difference between events and the program budget. The cost of the weekend pays for all weekend expenses. That dollar would go toward program such as Inductions and related items. The idea is that those items go toward specific necessary things. When they pay dues, it does not go to program.
- xii. What is not an event but is program? Everything in the budget in the 300s accounts. All of the committee budgets are considered program.
- xiii. Every year, we put more pressure on the lodge box to make the budget. This extra dollar would alleviate some stress on the Lodge box.
- xiv. Where is the money coming from that goes toward the Nimat that does not come from the dues? As it stands now, the Lodge Box and TNAW make up the rest of the income in the budget.
- xv. If we want to increase program, the lodge box will not be able to cover any more money than it currently makes.
- xvi. Johnny moves to amend the motion to amend the lodge rules to read “Lodge Dues shall be \$11 per year” instead of \$12 to compensate only for publications.

i. Motion 13-12-6-a

- 2. This only goes toward publications.
- 3. This alleviates the money going toward publications, which frees money to go toward other parts of program.
- 4. Greg argues that \$1 is not unethical to charge members to support their lodge.
- 5. Floor closes 12 in favor of amendment. 3 opposed. Amendment passes

- xvii. Why is the \$2 increase in publications necessary? If you look at the publications budget, you see that it costs more money to print the *Nimat* than we get from dues.
- xviii. If it passes tonight, it will be voted on in Spring Conclave. If it passes there, the increase would most likely be effective beginning for 2015 dues. We have a few options.
 - 1. We could not let anybody pay before Spring Conclave
 - 2. We could let people pay at the reduced price before Spring Conclave
 - 3. We could just let it start for 2016 dues.
- xix. The extra money will be budgeted will be decided by that year's LEC when they pass the budget.
- xx. 5 minute recess. We will reconvene at 9:23.
- xxi. Motion Passes
- xxii. The Key 3 will discuss presenting this at SC and how it will be implemented and how it will be voted on in Spring Conclave

7. Open Forum

- a. Micconope made a new shirt and is donating one to the OA Museum.
 - b. Greg – I move to extend the Brotherhood fund into 2014.
 - i. In April, we created the Brotherhood fund only for the rest of the year.
 - ii. Late fees go toward the fund only if the weekend has broken even.
 - iii. Motion passes.
 - c. MB3 I noticed the brotherhood day Tosohatchee hosted was very successful. I think it is a great item to have at a Camporee.
 - d. Alex Field – Just curious, would you prefer white on red or red on white? It would seem we have an even split.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 9:28 PM.