

Kittatinny Lodge V
Order of the Arrow, BSA

Lodge Executive Meeting
March 15 , 2001

The February 15, 2001 Lodge Executive Meeting was called to order by Lodge Chief Joe Buchert.

Officer Reports

Chief - Joe Buchert thanked everyone for attending the executive meeting. Joe reported that the officers met to discuss the Troop/Team Representative program and will be seeking the advice of the advisors.

Vice-Chief of Administrations - Tom Rahn also reported that the Troop/Team Representative program is doing very well and that the program will soon get off the ground.

Vice-Chief of Activities - As an observer of the recent mall shows, Steve Dibler thanked Mike Miller and Dave McKeown for actively participating in both mall shows. Steve again thanked Mike Miller for another project that they had worked on together.

Secretary - Chad Shade reported that the digital recorder worked very well at the past executive meeting. Chad noted, however, that when motions are made and seconded, the person who makes the motions should state his or her name for Chad's benefit. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Alex Hafer and seconded by Josh Abramowicz.

Treasurer - Kyle Luckenbill was not able to make the executive meeting so Joe Buchert presented the budget. The motion to approve the budget was made by Bob Cook and seconded by Dan Bingaman.

Committee Reports

Activities - No Report.

Circle - No Report.

CP & E - Chad Shade reported for Scott Kohler, the Appalachian Elections Chairman, who was holding an election at the time : Elections are going very well in the Appalachian District although not too many troops have scheduled elections, but about a third of the troops that wanted elections have had them by today's date.

Ceremonies - Bob Cook reported that as a result of ceremonies' reorganization, Brandon Hafer will be directly in charge of setting up the ceremonies and Bob Cook will be in charge of the Principles in all three ceremonies.

Conference/Conclave- Steve Philips reported that Conclave is rapidly approaching.

Kitchen - No Report.

Kittatinny Inc.- Dan Bingaman reported that the committee is looking for any new ideas.

Membership - No Report.

Publications - Ben Trump thanked everyone who sent articles to him over the winter months. As a result, the next issue of the Wolfs Tale is very healthy-looking.

Service - No Report.

Ordeal - Josh Abramowicz presented the elangomat training, or fellowship, program. The fellowship program, as it should be referred to, is open to everyone on Saturday, March 24 in the Cub Dining Hall from ten in the morning to four in the evening. Josh submitted the first draft of the fellowship syllabus to the Lodge, which is based upon National's syllabus but tailored to accommodate the Lodge's needs. The Ordeal Committee wants to conduct a survey with the ranger to determine Lodge resources and future cheerful service projects. The Committee also wants to give a 'How to Build a Fire' demonstration to all future Ordeal candidates. Josh suggested an extended elangomat program which National also recommends. The program helps to keep a pipeline open to the newly inducted Ordeal Members, thereby enlarging the Brotherhood conversion rate.

Brotherhood - Mike Miller reported that the Brotherhood letters will have gone out before the end of February. Mike added that Steve Dibler and the Brotherhood Committee worked closely together to develop the 'Brotherhood Hike'. The hike is yet another program that National recommends to further stimulate the Brotherhood conversion rate. The hike's syllabus is loosely based upon what National suggests, allowing our Lodge's needs to filter in. The hike will be reviewed and voted upon at the March executive meeting.

Vigil- Dusty Stitzer reported that the nomination forms are due on the Friday of the April weekend. The meeting will be at 10:30 on that same Friday in the Kittatinny room.

Health & Safety- No Report.

Clans

Beaver- Steve Dibler reported in Charles Frankhouser's absence. The Beaver clan will be hosting more volleyball tournaments during the Spring weekends. The Snipe Clan has to bring their trophy and defend their title against the other clans.

Wild Potato- No report.

Snipe- Andy Lenart reported that the Snipe clan is looking forward to another volleyball tournament.

Wolf No Report.

Turtle- No Report.

Adviser Reports

Lodge Advisor- Dick Keppler thanked everyone in attendance, especially the youth, who outnumbered the adults. Dick added that everyone should return to their respective units and encourage Brotherhood candidates to partake in the fellowship conversion. The conversion is not a test. Dick concluded by reminding the Lodge that the units should hold elections, only six weeks remain in the year to do so.

Staff Advisor- Mike Reichart added that any troops that refuse to hold elections should report to him immediately. Mike Angly suggested that the Lodge should eliminate the occurrence of the ward 'test' when referring to the Brotherhood review. 'Test' discourages many youth, and many more adults from taking the initiative to convert

Mike Reichart reminded the Lodge that a Council recognition dinner is being held on the 27th of March at the Berkshire Sheraton.

Old Business

Joe Buchert presented the numerous Lodge Flap designs and the majority of the Lodge determined the final design which will go into print very shortly.

Joe Buchert also presented the flap design that the Jamboree contingent decided upon. The contingent has placed an order for 2000 Jamboree Lodge flaps.

Mike Barner reopened the subject on the tabled chenille with the drum pictured in the foreground. Mike reminded the committee that the Lodge itself has not issued a chenille for a long time, perhaps a decade. Further decisions concerning the chenille were tabled for the March executive meeting.

The 2001 Kittatinny Award design was also voted upon. The Lodge voted in favor of changing the border color of the past Kittatinny Award to gray, the background to blue, and the '2001' to yellow. The decision was based upon the Lodge's tradition of re-circulating designs of Kittatinny Awards for three years, changing only the colors.

New Business

Mike Reichart mentioned a new scout mentoring program which pairs scouts with special skills with other scouts who may be in need of help. Detailed information concerning the new program may be found in-the next Wolf's Tale.

Joe Buchert reported that no designs for the new Lodge T-shirt were submitted and any final decisions will be made at the March executive meeting.

Good of the Order

Joe Buchert reported that housing for the expanding number of females within the Lodge will need to be augmented. The DuPortail Lodge will be allocated for this very purpose. The comfort station and shower houses adjacent to the Lodge should make for adequate accommodations.

Mike Reichart reported that Home Town Collectibles is issuing miniature renditions of several edifices located on Camp Hawk Mountain. The first miniature is the Boy Scout Dining Hall. Order forms will be made available in the Wolf's Tale.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pat Medley and seconded by Josh Abramowicz. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Shade
2000-2001 Lodge Secretary