



Kittatinny Lodge V
Order of the Arrow, BSA



Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
August 8th, 2014

The August 8th, 2014 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by Lodge Chief Austin Noguera.

Attendance: Michael Barner, Michael Bellante, Nathan Bender, Rudy Benkert, Taylor Brossman, Christopher Daynorowicz, Stephen Daynorowicz, Kyle Dierolf, Edward Dundore, Vaughn Golden, William Kimmel, Benjamin Klein, Nathan Klein, Cole Mitchell, David Muldowney, Austin Noguera, Joseph Pietruszynski, Glenn Piper, Brant Portner, Kevin Reichart, Richard Reichart, Tyler Resch, Niko Silfies, Eric Silva, Nicholas Spease, Steven Spease, Anthony Stianchie, Benjamin Strausser, Richard Tylka, Aaron Weaver, Richard Zerbe, Susan Zierle, William Zierle

Officer Reports:

Chief – Lodge Chief Austin Noguera reported why the date of the meeting was changed from the original one and thanked all who came for coming.

Vice-Chief of Administration – Vice-Chief of Administration Michael Van Etten was not present.

Vice-Chief of Activities – Vice-Chief of Activities Cole Mitchell was present but late after fulfilling his responsibilities as the camp medic.

Secretary – Secretary Kevin Reichart presented the minutes from May Quarterly Meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Chris Daynorowicz. Vaughn Golden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer – Treasurer Tyler Resch reported that he passed out reports to all in attendance. A motion was made to accept the reports with the mentioned date change by Aaron Weaver. Nate Klein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Activities – Activities Chairman Alex Smith was not present but Advisor William Kimmel reported that the theme for the September weekend is a state fair one. He also expressed a need of ideas for activities. He also asked for feedback on a pie-eating contest.

Brotherhood – Brotherhood Chairman Tony Stianchie reported that so far there have been 29 who took their brotherhood. He also shared that the yearly total has been brought up to 76.

Ceremonies – Ceremonies Co-Chairman Niko Silfies and Nate Klein reported that the ceremonies have been going well at camp. They expressed a need for wax for smudge pots. They also shared that there is still a mice problem in the Kitty room. They also shared that they need more people to join their committee and teams. Lodge Member Mike Reichart shared that a member of his troop signed up for the committee and was not contacted. The issue was then resolved.

CP&E – CP&E District Chairman Nick Spease had nothing to report. District Chairman Chris Daynorowicz shared that someone didn't receive a packet in his district. Lodge Advisor Richard Zerbe said it would be taken care of.

Communications – Communications Chairman Vaughn Golden reported that there has been a lot of stuff going on within his committee. He shared that Smoke Signals was sent out and that they are establishing more lines of communication through the troop team rep outlet. He shared that the committee needs more people to assist with it. He also expressed that they added a protected ceremonies page to the website and that all communications have been updated on there. He also shared that \$364.43 was what it took to print the wolf's tale and send it out. He shared that there is a communications survey and all who complete it will be entered to receive a \$10 Kitty Inc. gift card.

Conference/Conclave – Conference/Conference Chairman Bobby Moyer was not present. Conference/Conclave Advisor Michael Barner shared that the lodge had 6 awards given at conclave. He commended our spirit. He shared that 44 people attended and they all had a good time. He also expressed that Octoraro did an excellent job hosting. He said that we have been very busy regarding the National Order of the Arrow Conference. He shared an email from our centennial guide regarding the attendance numbers quotas and deadlines. He strongly urged all those who want to attend to sign up while they still can. He shared that the second payment will be in February and that at that point they will also start the pre order for trading post merchandise. He shared that we are taking 75 youth but will need to make sure that all they have to do is pay the national fee. He expressed a need for more fundraising in order to do that for the youth. He concluded by saying that August 8th is the end of the chenille pre orders.

Health and Safety – Lodge Health and Safety Chairman David Morgan was not present.

Historian – A Lodge Historian Nathan Bender asked for all pictures to be sent to either him or Vaughn Golden to be posted on the website.

Kitchen – Kitchen Chairman Tyler Moszcienski was not present. Austin Noguera said that menu would be sent out when it was made available.

Kitty Inc. – Kitty Inc. Chairman Mason Dallatore was not present. Kitty Inc. Advisor Edward Dundore thanked those who covered Kitty Inc. at summer camp and also congratulated all new Vigil candidates.

Membership – Membership Chairman Pat Iezzoni was not present but Advisor Glenn Piper shared that the total membership is at 955 members. He also shared that packets were sent out to each scoutmaster that detailed who all was a member of the OA in their troops. He shared that if anyone wants to see numbers broken down that they could see him following the adjournment of the meeting. He also recommended to the CP&E Committee to start elections in January to fully ease the transition of the altered lodge year. Richard Zerbe asked if they could extent the period for elections from January to March in order to do all the elections and not have scheduling conflicts. Glenn said that there would not be a conflict.

Ordeal – Ordeal Chairman Ben Strausser reported that 132 members took their Ordeals between April and May. He also expressed a need for charcoal for the September Weekend. He asked for roughly 5 more bags.

Service – Service Chairman Matthew Beekman was not present.

Troop Team Rep – Troop Team Rep committee member Nick Spease shared that there was nothing to report.

Vigil – Vigil Chairman Matthew Kayhart was not present but Austin Noguera shared that everything involving the committee is going well.

Advisor Reports:

Lodge Advisor – Lodge Advisor Richard Zerbe reported that he was glad so many made it out to the meeting. He then congratulated the lodge and contingent that went to conclave and shared that they captured four 1st place awards. He said everything at Conclave went very well. He shared that for NOAC the lodge has 120 registered and are trying to get 162. He expressed the need to fill all slots by the end of the September weekend. He stated that over 12,000 members from all over the nation are already going and that Michigan State will max at 14,000. He concluded by stating that he was looking forward to the September weekend.

Associate Lodge Advisor – Associate Lodge Advisor Richard Keppler was not present.

Staff Advisor – Staff Advisor David Muldowney had nothing to report.

Supreme Chief of the Fire – The Supreme Chief of the Fire was not present.

Old Business:

- Austin Noguera shared that camp is going very well.

New Business:

- Austin Noguera shared that the September weekend will have a state fair theme and that it should be a lot of fun for all those who come out to it. He shared that the dates of it are the 19th-21st. He also shared that he would not be in attendance because he would be at the Council of Leaders. He also shared that Cole Mitchell would be in charge.
- Austin Noguera stated that the Vigil weekend is October 11th and all candidates will receive a packet closer to the date of it.
- Austin Noguera said that a lodge fellowship day would be on November 15th and that games and awards would be there. He stated that the day is to prove that the lodge does more than hard work. He said it should be a good time. He stated that it will be at 1pm and that there would be a fee to cover the food. He also said that the food thing would be figured out at a later date. Erik Silva shared that they could maybe do a Dutch oven cook-off to feed everyone. Kevin Reichart suggested maybe a potluck dinner could be utilized. The ideas will be further discussed in September. The price for the day will be 10\$.
- Austin Noguera said that he would like lodge sweaters. He said it would be black and have the lodge logo on it. Richie Tylka suggested that the lodge should maybe do a raincoat instead. Austin said he would look into it.
- Austin Noguera said that it should be considered that the annual lodge donation to the camp should be to fund the purchase of a \$1,390 hot box. A motion was made by Brant Portner to approve the purchase. Niko Silfies seconded the motion and it carried.
- Austin also brought up that there is a lot happening for the 100th anniversary of the OA. He shared what all is already happening. He also asked for an ad hoc committee to maybe be constructed to promote all of the events. He also shared that there is a new Vigil card for the anniversary and also a promotion patch. He stated that there is an award for the 100th year of service that would earn a patch to be worn on the sash. He also mentioned that Arrow Tour would be here mid next summer. Brant Portner explained that there is a boarding pass that will enter you for prizes. Glenn Piper suggested that promotional items would be made to go in the CP&E packets to get the word out more effectively.

Good of the Order:

- Austin Noguera shared the section back patch and that they were for sale.
- Cole Mitchell brought up that as of April, 2015 all people at the lodge weekends will need part A and B of the BSA medical form to attend.
- Glenn Piper shared that 72 ordeal candidates had not signed up for a weekend to take it at. He also pointed it out that that was a major problem.
- Edward Dundore said that the lodge is almost out of Elangomat patches. He also circulated a design that he thought could replace it. The idea was saved to be discussed at a later date.
- Richard Zerbe shared that a donation was made for David Smith Sr. to the American Heart Association and that a receipt was received.
- Tony Stianchie shared that he made the council strip to match the lodge flap that was proposed for the 100th anniversary. Ben Strausser shared the t-shirt he also made. Eric Silva shared that you can go on the website and share designs and find tools to help you make them. The ideas will be further discussed in September.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Taylor Brossman and was seconded by Nick Spease. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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2014 Lodge Secretary