

Kittatinny Lodge V

Order of the Arrow, BSA

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

August 20, 2017

The August 20th Lodge Executive Meeting was called to order by Lodge Chief Andrew Simmons and took place in the Kitty Room at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. The Obligation was recited.

Officer Reports:

Chief- Lodge Chief, Andrew Simmons, wished everyone a good meeting and looking forward to the upcoming year and said that the year will be busy.

Vice-Chief of Administration- Vice-Chief of Administration, Nick Spease, informed his committees that he was looking forward to the challenge of the year ahead and if he could be of any assistance please don't hesitate to ask.

Vice- Chief of Activities- Vice-Chief of Activities, Jacob Hensinger, looking forward to managing the fun at the OA functions this year and informed his committee chairmen that he is always there to help.

Vice-Chief of Inductions- Vice Chief of Inductions, John Conlen introduced the new lodge position of "VC of Inductions to the meeting explaining that his position entails overseeing the Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Camp Promotions & Elections committees.

Secretary-Lodge Secretary, Griffin Price presented the May LEC minutes. Brandon Huey made the motion to approve the minutes and Collin McCulloch seconded them. The motion carried.

Treasurer- Treasurer, Zach Goodman, explained the treasurer's report. John Conlen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Nick Spease seconded it. The motion carried

Committee Reports:

Kitchen- Chris Kochel presented the proposal for the Kitchen Committee to buy new hats. The hats that the Kitchen currently have is described by many as old and raggedy. The kitchen committee is looking for a new look. The Kitchen is looking to buy 36 hats (some flex-fit and some trucker hat), reserving some for those who work in the kitchen and those who will earn the hat by working in the Kitchen for three service weekends. The LEC discussed the relative merits of the proposal and the details there of. Lodge Advisor Kyle Dierolf summarized the proposal for the meeting as follows "just as the ceremonies patch a few years ago the Elangomat patch and the CP&E patch it is an item to encourage people to join the committee and become more active in the lodge."

Avery Millisock made a motion to approve the purchase of 36 new kitchen hats and Jacob Hensinger seconded it. The motion carried.

Troop Team Rep- Jeffrey Davenport presented a list showing which elected scouts have not yet taken their ordeal this year and asked the LEC to encourage those scouts to take their ordeal this September weekend.

Vigil- Presently the Vigil committee chairman position is vacant. Lodge Advisor Kyle Dierolf informed the LEC meeting that the Vigil letter will be sent out in the next couple of weeks and that the Vigil Weekend will be October the 7th through October the 8th.

Activities: Activities Committee Chairman, Jaydon Hensinger was not present but Vice- Chief of Activities Jacob Hensinger let the LEC know that the Activities Committee is accepting ideas for the September Weekend. Those with ideas at the meeting he encouraged to see him before leaving for home after the meeting so those ideas can be communicated to the committee chairman. The theme for the September Weekend will be "sports"

Ceremonies: Ceremonies Committee Chairman Brandon Huey was excited to inform the committee that there are five new members to the ceremonies committee. He let the LEC know that the committee had a great summer and recognized those who helped with summer ceremonies. He also informed us that the committee made new necklaces and replaced broken chokers.

Health and Safety: Not Present and no report was given.

Historian: Historian Augustus Gardella was present but had nothing to report

Kitty INC: Kitty INC committee chair Avery Millisock asked for feedback for ideas on new merchandise. The new merchandise included a wolf shaped hat, a belt buckle, and a belt buckle which showed if you are ordeal, brotherhood, or vigil member. After some discussion, it was decided that these ideas would not be put into action now but to develop them for the next LEC meeting

Service: Service Committee Chairman Cole Butz was Not present but Vice Chief of Activities-Jacob Hensinger let the LEC know that Cole is making a list of service for the upcoming September weekend.

Brotherhood: Brotherhood Chairman Nathan Bender was not present. No report was given.

Camp Promotions and Elections: CP&E chairman Steven Bolt was not present but Camp Promotions and Elections Advisor Geoffrey Price informed the LEC that Elections training will be held in early December. He also informed the LEC that the December-February election season worked well. The CP&E committee will be working with Troops to get election dates allocated well before the event and have dates/days then become constant year to year so that the election teams can more adequately prepare and the angst of trying to coordinate elections can be permanently resolved for Troops and CP&E alike.

Ordeal: Ordeal Chairman Collin McCulloch is looking forward to the September weekend and if anyone would like to be an Elangomat, he asked then that they come down to the pool pavilion at the weekend.

Communications: Communications chair Andrew Fick informed the LEC that the committee has two new members. He let us know that the website is checked on a regular basis and any articles for the wolf's tale is due August the 22nd.

Old Business:

New Business:

NOAC 2018: Nick Spease informed the committee that there are only 11 members signed up for NOAC 2018. It was decided that if anyone who wanted to go to NOAC but who hadn't beat the deadline, had the chance to send applications in late.

Fall Fellowship Weekend: Lodge Chief Andrew Simmons presented the idea to have a fall fellowship weekend similar to the one in 2016. The meeting discussed this and the collective concern by many was that we wouldn't be able to plan a successful event because of the time constraints. After further discussion, it was decided that the idea would be tabled at this time.

Patch Auction: A patch auction will be taking place during the Saturday evening of the September Weekend. The income from the event will be going towards the cost of NOAC 2018. All patch donations are to be given to Dave Smith.

2018 Banquet: Lodge Chief Andrew Simmons presented the idea of doing a banquet like the previous one last year in 2017. It was resolved that the coordinator of the activity would be Activities Chairman: Jaydon Hensinger.

2018 Dues: The meeting was informed that OA National has increased dues to \$5 which is a \$2 increase from previous years. The LEC had a brief discussion about how the Lodge will deal with this increase: whether it will be passed onto membership or be absorbed by the lodge. An answer was not decided. Treasurer Zach Goodman will be heavily involved in this process.

AT Projects: The Lodge was contacted with requests to do service projects around/along the Appalachian Trail. Eric Silva informed the meeting how well the AT project last year went. The LEC is looking to do a shelter project on April 7th, 2018. Service Chairman Cole Butz will be organizing the project.

Patio Projects: For the Lodge Journey To Excellence, the LEC resolved to carry out work that we will be working on the Patio at the new Welcome center in the HMSR parking lot. Also discussed without resolution was the possibility of moving the totem pole at the Indian Village to the Welcome center. The dates for this work will be September 23th, 2017 and October 7th 2017.

November NLS/DYLC: Lodge Chief Andrew Simmons explained NLS and DYLC to the LEC. If anyone is interested in going he asked that they inform Lodge Advisor: Kyle Dierolf or one of the six lodge officers. At the meeting Geoffrey Price and Jerry Miller were to be the two adults going to DYLC. It was discovered that there was no one signed up to go to NLS.

New Lodge Flap/Shirt Design: Lodge Chief Andrew Simmons and Vice Chief of Administration Nick Spease presented two lodge flap designs. Andrew's flap depicted a wolf on a cliff overhang looking out into the Appalachian Mountains, Nick's flap depicted one big wolf howling at the moon with five little wolves (symbolizing Lodge V) howling at the moon. After a vote was held, Andrew Simmons's

design will be become the new standard lodge flap. Nick Spease made the motion to approve the vote and Brandon Huey seconded it. An order of 750-1,000 lodge flaps will be made.

Wolf's Tale Articles: Communications chairman Andrew Fick discussed with Eric during the meeting a finalized date of when articles were to be submitted. It was decided that articles would be due August 22nd, 2017. Hard copies of the Wolf's Tale will be mailed out on October 21st, 2017.

September Weekend: The theme for the September weekend is Sports. The kitchen is planning a new menu for the weekend. Check ins will be done at the new welcome center in the parking lot.

Adviser Reports:

Staff Advisor: Staff Advisor Adrienne Wrona was not present.

Lodge Advisor: Lodge Advisor Kyle Dierolf introduced himself to the LEC. Kyle recognized Ben Weber, Nate Bender, John Conlen, and Brandon Huey for their great job at the Indian village over the summer. The 2016 Lodge Spirit award was presented to Brandon Huey. Kyle also reminded the LEC that JTE numbers are due by December 2017.

Associate Lodge Advisor: Associate Lodge Advisor Rudy Benkert introduced himself and his role in the lodge. His role is to advise the Lodge Advisor.

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- Lodge Advisor Kyle Dierolf reminded us about cultural appropriation after someone a facebook comment concerning the issue. Kyle let the LEC know that no one is at fault and that we (The Lodge) are doing a great job with regards to cultural appropriation. If someone outside the lodge were make a comment or complain regarding that subject he asked that we have them to talk to Kyle, who will then tell them to talk to National Advisor Matt Dukeman.
- Jeff Reichert asked us to tell fellow arrowmen that the bridge on Route 183 will be taken down so plan accordingly.
- Lodge Advisor Kyle Dierolf thanked us for a good meeting.

Lodge Chief Andrew Simmons asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Nick Spease.

A change was made by Lodge Advisor to the song of the Lodge. The extra "Ya" at the end of the song is now open to past and present Lodge Chiefs for their service in the Lodge