

# Kittatinny Lodge V

## Order of the Arrow, BSA

### Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

February 21, 2021

The February Lodge Executive Committee Meeting was held at 2:00pm on Zoom by Lodge Chief Avery Millisock. The Obligation was recited.

### Officer Reports

**Chief:** Avery Millisock thanked everyone for coming out today. He made it known that the private settings chats are turned off. If it's a new topic, that's something that needs to be discussed with the committee outside this meeting.

**Vice Chief of Administration:** Jeffrey Davenport introduced himself and let everyone know the past two Centennial Committee Meetings have been increasingly successful. He said that we'll get into his chairman reports and Centennial Committee later on and highly recommends everyone to attend the next Centennial Zoom Call Meeting on Thursday, March 4th starting at 7pm.

**Vice Chief of Activities:** Cooper Dunn introduced himself and thanked all his wonderful chairmen who were at the meeting and those who responded back to him. He's looking forward to a productive, efficient meeting.

**Vice Chief of Inductions:** Jaydon Hensinger introduced himself and apologized for his email not working these past couple days. He hopes everyone has a great day and is looking forward to a good meeting.

**Secretary:** Sam Mitten was not present so Avery Millisock presented the January LEC Meeting Minutes. Jeremy Kirlin approved the minutes, Cooper Dunn seconded them. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer:** Chris Kochel was not present so Avery Millisock presented the December and January Treasurer Reports. Avery Millisock made the motion to approve the

December Treasurer Report, Jeffrey Davenport seconded the motion. Jeremy Kirlin made the motion to approve the January Treasurer Report, Avery Millisock seconded them. Both motions carried, and the December and January Treasurer Reports were approved.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Vice Chief of Administration Led**

**Kitchen:** Connor Staub was not present; Jeffrey Davenport presented his report that he is looking forward to cooking and being back with the Kitchen Clan at the April and May Weekends again.

**Membership:** The Membership Chairman spot on the LEC is currently vacant. Jeffrey Davenport presented that our registered number of members in 2020 was 410, currently in 2021 we are at 212. He let the LEC members know that if they haven't paid their dues yet, they need to do so as soon as possible. There's a lot of awesome events coming up and paying your dues ensures you'll be able to participate in them all! The dues are \$20 for the year and can be paid at <https://www.kittatinny5.org/dues>

**Troop Representative:** Connor Raudenbush was not present; Jeffrey Davenport reported that they have been working together to get Connor in Lodgmaster, but needs to complete a couple things before doing so. Connor sent out an email on Friday (2/19) to all the currently registered OA Troop Representative in LodgeMaster about the Centennial AT Service Project and drumming up interest for that, he will be continuing these types of promotional emails in the future and be working with CP & E to get a more accurate list of all the current OA Troop Representatives across council.

**Vigil:** Everett Fritz was not present; Jeffrey Davenport said that Everett had nothing new to report but he looks forward to beginning the process of selecting this year's Vigil class in the spring.

### **Vice Chief of Activities Led**

**Activities:** Richie Fisher was present; he did not have anything new to report. Jeffrey Davenport told Richie he would be in contact with him to get Activities Input and involvement on some events the Centennial Committee is currently planning.

**Ceremonies:** Everett is not present but he sent Cooper a report saying that Ceremonies is beginning to contact Ceremonialists to see who will be available to help with ceremonies this spring. There have been no developments for the regalia project within the committee and hopefully soon there will be a meeting to discuss Ceremonies involvement at the Golden Jubilee.

**Conference/Conclave:** Cole Geisinger could not be there today and said he has not gotten any new information about Conclave. Mr. Piper said he sent Cole the recent email about Conclave so we'll have to make sure Cole is getting emails. Registration for Conclave will be available on Tentaroo. The theme for this year's Conclave is the Olympic Adventure. They have a full program scheduled on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We are allocated 26 people to attend, the cost will be \$45. This is a bring your own tent type of Conclave.

**Health & Safety:** Braiden Bice is working and was not able to attend. He says that he is in the process of going through the inventory and talking with the Health Officer to see what they actually need to buy. They are preparing for April.

**Historian:** This is a vacant position, Cooper is still looking for someone to fill this position. If you know someone who is knowledgeable with writing and/or photography and would be committed to this position please recommend them to Cooper so he can talk with Avery about that recommendation.

**Kitty INC:** Chris Rimby was not present, but he did send Cooper a report. At the 1st weekend of Winterfest, Kitty Inc sold \$106 of merchandise. At the 2nd weekend of Winterfest, Kitty Inc sold \$132 of merchandise.

**Service:** Nate Bender was not present. The Centennial AT Service Project is on March 27th, it's been discussed with Mr. Bailey. It will be like the ones in the past, where we meet at HMSR, and then drive to our worksite. The next camp service/maintenance day is March 13th starting at 8am up at camp.

### Vice Chief of Inductions Led

**Camp Promotions & Elections:** Jeremy Kirlin is present and introduced himself. The elections have gotten off to a bit of a late start, but they are ramping up and going well so far. The new chairman and advisors have been settling into their positions. If you would like to help out with these Elections, contact Jeremy with your name, unit #, district, and the best way to contact you.

**Ordeal:** Jacob Keller was not present and Jaydon did not have a report from him. Ordeal has a training coming up, it is scheduled for February 28th from 3-5pm.

**Brotherhood:** Jay Molleca was present. He is planning on beginning the letters to the current Ordeals soon and is excited for the start of semi-normal inductions weekends again.

### Secretary Led

**Communications:** Jacob Thorpe was not present and a report for his committee was not sent in. If you have any Wolf's Tail Articles you want put in the next Wolf's Tail make sure you get them in ASAP so we can put them in.

### ADHOC

**Centennial:** Jeffrey Davenport shared his screen with everyone with a Google Doc of the finalized Kittatinny 100th Anniversary Award so that he could explain the details and how it works before making a motion to approve it. The motion was made by Avery Millisock, seconded by Jeremy Kirlin, and the motion carried. Jeffrey Davenport then requested the Lodge approve the idea of inviting the current National Chief and Northeast Region Chief to the Centennial Banquet on 12/4/21 and covering their costs of expense to make it easier for them to attend since they both only live 2-3 hours away. The motion was made by Cooper Dunnn, seconded by Jeremy Kirlin, and the motion carried. Jeffrey Davenport then handed the ADHOC committee report over to Cooper Dunn who went through all of the merchandise items and selling prices we were looking at for the Centennial Year in a Google Slides presentation. A small number of each item would also be purchased for Kitty Inc to sell wherever they see fit. The motion carried and the merchandise and their selling prices were approved. Lastly, Jeffrey Davenport let everyone know that the Lodge Birthday Party will be on (Thursday 7/1), not (Wednesday, 7/21) up at camp. The next Centennial Zoom Call Meeting as discussed before will be on Thursday, March 4th, starting at 7pm.

**Elangomat:** Jaydon Hensinger has nothing new to report besides the upcoming Elangomat Training on February 28th, from 3-5pm. Cooper Dunn urged everyone to get the word out to everyone across the council so we can try to have a larger spread of Elangomats to work with effectively communicating across the area of the lodge.

### Old Business

**2021 Budget:** Avery Millisock shared his screen with the budget that the Lodge has finalized at previous meetings for 2021. Cooper Dunn pointed out that the budget for expenses and revenue is even at \$36,285. For training, we have less money budgeted for training costs and transportations since not as many trainings are occurring in person. One of the major budget changes we made was in Kitty Inc, we moved up the net profit because we looked at the last couple years of the difference between the revenue and expenditures and thought the projected revenue numbers for the committee could be raised and the projected expenditure numbers could be dropped. Avery Millisock also let everyone know that we need a Summer Chieftain for Camp Staff. Jeffrey Davenport made a motion to approve the proposed 2021 budget, Jaydon Hensinger seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the budget was approved.

## **Project 2021**

### **Administration: Reevaluating our lodge fees and creating sustainable administration of our Lodge Participation Award**

Jeffrey Davenport stated that the lodge fees had been reevaluated for this year a couple months back when they were moved from \$15 to \$20 for one year. The plan for creating a sustainable administration of the Lodge Participation Award moving forward is to add it into the responsibilities of the OA Troop Representative Chair since it's all about staying active both in your troop and your lodge and the OA Troop Representatives are what connect those two together.

### **Activities: Investigate and make recommendations and an action plan to increase activation rate within the Lodge.**

Cooper Dunn stated that once we find a Summer Chieftain, he'd like to have a chat with them to see how we can promote the OA as much as possible at camp and how we can have activation events at camp, like the Cracker Barrels and the Lodge Birthday Party. Avery Millisock said Mr. Howett had the idea of having Arrowmen coming up to the Summer Camp once a week during the summer from like 8am-4pm and sign in at the welcome center. If they end up putting in a certain amount of service hours to camp, they get a prize/patch, whatever we can come up with.

### **Inductions: Implement the New Inductions Portal for elected Arrowmen through Brotherhood and roll out the extended Elangomat Program.**

These are things that are both in progress currently with Jaydon Hensinger and Jacob Keller.

**Winterfest:** Avery would like to thank all of the people that came out to help at the 2nd Winterfest. Cooper said that the 1st Winterfest went great, and Avery said camp was astounded at the amount of work/help that we got done.

## **New Business**

**Slate Committee:** The Slate Committee has been picked out and they will be getting together to organize the Slate next month and it will be ready to present at the April Quarterly Meeting.

**Vigil Selection Committee:** The Lodge Chief (Avery) is the one that makes the committee to appoint Vigils, the Vigil Chair is just the chairman that facilitates/runs the Vigil Induction Weekend. Avery has a group of people he will be emailing very shortly about being a part of this and they will be getting together soon.

**AT Service Project - March 27th:** This was covered earlier in the meeting. Avery recommended the Service Chairman write a Wolf's Tail about this Centennial AT Service Project and to get the registration up on Tentaroo so people can start signing up. Brant Portner said he knows that the Blue Mountain Climbing Club has a meeting on March 3rd, so it may be a good idea to follow up with Mr. Bailey before and after that meeting to make sure everything's good on that end.

**April (16-17) / May (14-15) Weekend (2 day format):** Our next two service weekends in April and May will run on a schedule much like the schedule we had at our September OA Service Weekend. We had a lot of success with that one and we will hopefully have a 3 day full service weekend in September and try to get back to a sense of normalcy.

**Momentum Discover (April 23-24):** Avery Millisock said we want to get a lot of people on this event. On the last couple online events, the youth attendance has been especially low, so let's focus on raising these youth numbers up starting with this virtual event. The programming will be available online for all participants, but for \$25 premium delegates will receive special benefits during this event.

**NOAC 2022 - July 25th-29th, 2022:** Will be at University of Tennessee. At the previous LEC Meeting Nick Spease proposed a fundraiser but the biggest question was the order form and its completion. This month, Nick is back with the order form so that this fundraiser can be approved before he turns 21 and he can help out with his committee

before he ages out as a youth and is officially an adult. The cutoff date for these fundraiser flaps is August 31st. Cooper Dunn made the motion to approve Nick Spease's order form, Jeremy Kirlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Project Magellan:** Glenn Piper told everyone that this is a national initiative and it's related to the reorganization of the OA that will be coming up at the end of 2022. To try to reduce the cost of the program, we will be getting rid of the 4 sections that are a part of the OA body. Instead of 4 sections, they will be replaced by 17 territories. They'll be scattered across the country and they'll have a little bit more of a local focus. Glenn told everyone to be ready for some changes over the next couple years in the OA. Councils that aren't in good financial shape will be merging with other ones as this initiative rolls out. Conclaves of the future will also be based much more off of age and experience groups. Project Magellan is the bigger picture of the structural changes that are coming soon to the Order of the Arrow.

## **Adviser Remarks**

**Lodge Adviser:** Glenn Piper said that Camp Staff for this summer at Hawk Mountain are needed. If you're interested, contact Mr. Morgan or Mr. Hensinger. Glenn Piper's closing remarks related the Mars Landing to us as the LEC. They all require planning that connects from the predecessors, to the current leaders, to the future leaders. Sometime we just focus on getting the job done, but how are we setting the groundwork for the future Arrowmen who will eventually take our places? How will it affect the future? Keep up the good work, it's going to be a fun and busy year.

**Staff Adviser:** David Morgan was not present.

## **Good of the Order**

**Cooper Dunn:** Let everyone know the Slating Committee will be meeting in the next couple months and if you have any interest make sure you put your name in the running for an Officer position so the Slating Committee has options.

**Avery Millisock:** Pointed out Nick Spease because it's his last meeting as a youth. He's been a fantastic leader and we'll miss him. On January 28th, Richie Fisher received the Heroism Award and Avery wanted to personally recognize him for his courage.

**Glenn Piper:** Presented Avery Millisock the 2021 Charter for the Lodge that says we can still operate this year. We'll get it in a frame and hang it in the Kitty Room very soon.

## **Adjournment**

Jeremy Kirlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting ended.