

Kittatinny Lodge V

Order of the Arrow, BSA

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

January 15, 2023

The January Lodge Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:04 at the Kitty Room by Lodge Chief Jacob Keller. The obligation was recited.

Lodge Chief: Jacob Keller presented 2 letters from the council thanking us for the donation.

Vice-Chief of Activities: Will Brudereck stated the need to schedule officer training, looking forward to the rest of the year.

Vice-Chief of Inductions: Boone Webb is working to build a connection with the chairperson, and learning what he needs to do in his new position.

Secretary: Lucas Famous presented the minutes. Jacob Hensinger pointed out a punctuation mistake. Jayden Hensinger motioned to approve the minutes with the changes in punctuation. Will Brudereck seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Treasurer: Jonathan Labruto presented the treasurer's report. Items in red are questionable and they are working on fixing them. On yellow are dues that should be moved to the other account. He is looking forward to working with his advisor. Lucas Famous moved to approve the treasurer's report. Boone Webb seconded. The motion carried.

Communications: Logan Westlake is continuing to work on the wolf's tail. Members are encouraged to send items by the end of this week. He has gotten a few items and wants to start the year strong. He is trying to get things sent out more ahead of time so wants a week or two notice before any events for any communication. Jeffrey Davenport asked when the deadline to get it out is. The 22nd is the cutoff, and it should be out by the 25th-28th.

Kitchen: Matt Kerchner said the conclave meal has been planned out. The upcoming meal is for the banquet, which has a catering meal planned.

Membership: Owen Thorpe was not present, but sent the report to Jacob Thorpe who presented it: There are 138 dues-paid members in 2023 so far, or 34% of the total of 407. We also received an \$80 donation. There are people who paid dues who are not registered with the BSA and who have been

contacted and have not been entered in lodge master. There are 22 Youth (under 18), 13 young adults (18-20), and 103 adults registered (21+); and 11 Ordeal, 62 Brotherhood, and 65 Vigil registered.

Unit rep: Sam Heebner will be sending out notes to all OA troop reps.

Vigil: Jacob Hensinger had nothing to report, but is getting ready for the new year.

Activities: Nolan Garringer could not make it, but he has been thinking of activities and is looking forward to this year.

Conference/Conclave: Need to start planning if we want t-shirts for members who attend.

Health and Safety: Ty Jozefick said the main goal is to recruit new members. He has sent Logan a wolf's tail about how he is going to recruit people.

Historian: Joe Campbell is coming up with ideas to get new people to join and he will send Logan an article about things that have happened and recruiting.

Kitty Inc: Benjamin Scott is trying to get people to help out.

Service: Simon Thorpe said there were no service events since the last LEC so there is not much going on now, but soon will be.

Camp Promotions and Elections: Scotia Foose could not be here so the report was presented by Boone Webb. They will be starting elections soon, and the training went well.

Ceremonies: Josiah Zaharia could not be here, the report was presented by Boone Webb. He is planning for training on Feb 11.

Elangomat: Adler Kulman researched water bottles more. For 144 bottles with each bottle at \$11.40, it will be \$1650 total. He is asking for approval for the wolf's head design, using black instead of green to save money. Training will be on March 19th online if you are unable to make it for elangomats. Jacob Thorpe asked how they will be handled; if they will be handed out. Adler Kullman responded that they will all be handled out one and then can buy more. Any leftovers will be given to Kitty Inc. Jacob Keller asked for it to be sorted out more.

Ordeal: Nick Busher was not here and did not give a report.

Brotherhood: Christina Rohm is starting preparations for April and May inductions. She is excited about her second year on the committee, and she sent in a wolf's tail article.

Conclave 2023: Jeff Davenport stated how the Conclave is in June so he can be a chair. There is a speaker for the Conclave lined up on Sunday morning. He shared notes from the meeting and wants to finalize the roster for conclave committees: administration committee, cooking, program committee, swag committee, campfire committee, promotion committee, and merchandise committee. He needs 80-100 staffers in the lodge. The last conclave held on camp was in 2017. The plan is to host monthly meetings before the LECs, and periodical meetings on zoom calls.

Activation Event: Scotia Foose cannot make it so the report was presented by Jacob Keller. There were problems at Bear Creek and they need the date changed. We could either go to Blue Mountain or hand it changed to a later date, later in February. Jeffrey Davenport presented alternate routes: we could go with Bear Creek, or go with Blue Mountain to check what dates they have. Eric Silva said there was a place that went to Iron Valley Tubing that may be another option. They just have tubing so they may be more flexible with the dates.

Annual Lodge Banquet: Presented by Jeff Davenport. The speaker could not be finalized for Feb 4th, so it is not in the best situation. It could be discussed to move it back. Jacob Keller talked with Eric about moving it back or just giving awards from last year. Silva said we cannot plan the banquet in 2 weeks, but we still need to give out awards. We could present awards at the April weekend. Logan says that doing the awards is very important, and doing them at the weekend will hold the same value. Pushing the banquet back will lose the value of a 2022 banquet. Jacob said how it would be important for everyone to see the awards. We will have the awards on the April weekend and not have a banquet.

2023 budget: Jacob Keller said at the last LEC meeting we discussed the budget. We only need costs for Ad Hoc for Conclave. The decision will be made later today, and approved. Eric Silva said he has all of the numbers for the budget. Glen says the conclave will not need a budget because it is an event.

ACT Conference at Camp Mack – March 3-4: They are opening registration soon. The Officers/LEC should try to get out to meet others and the section, learn and increase our communication with other lodges in the section. Jacob Keller looked up that ACT stands for Adapt Collaborate Thrive. Silva says we may be restricted on how many people may join. Friday is more relaxed and Saturday is the conference with training.

2023 Wolf's tail: Logan Westlake said to make sure you get your articles in. The plan is to submit the draft for approval on the week of Jan 22nd. Eric Silva sent out a list of all the new emails and said it is a good way to get the word out. Jacob Thorpe asked if summer camp can send an article, and he said he could add any articles. Jeff said that if it is quarterly, so the next time it would come out is April.

New Officer Introduction Training: Jacob Keller said there will be stuff coming out about planning, and a time will be decided after the meeting.

OA weekend Fees: Eric Silva said Weekend fees have not increased in many years and there is no change for this year. They may not need to increase for next year, but keeping an eye on the finances.

Lodge Adviser: Eric Silva said There is continuous service every month. The second Saturday is a camp maintenance day open to anyone in the council and they will be formally putting together a list of projects for units where you can stay in a site for free if you are doing service. They will find other days during the months for a planned set of projects for people to come up, as they will need some extra days for conclave and summer camp. He also thanked everyone for coming out and pointed out that they need to focus on communication, so people need to send out more emails. The advisors and Vice Chiefs should be included in all messages to be on the same page. he finally talked about broadcast text messaging, similar to the Jamboree.

Associate Advisors: Jared Eyer says we have many projects that need to be improved, such as the roads and latrines.

Staff Adviser: Ryan Sagnip said the Council thanks us for the contributions we have made. He encourages the maintenance weekends to work with skilled people. He pointed out that BSA just surpassed over 1 million members that we helped with.

Good of the order: Jacob Keller said that signed sheet being passed around. Eric Silva said that one member here yesterday asked if we have a record of people who come up on Saturdays for hours. The hours are not recorded in the book. He will be working with Simon to put up a google form on google drive for those who have not signed in to the book, can go on the form to enter into lodge master. The last book entry is in 2021. Logan encouraged people to sign up for NYLT as registration opened today. He said It's a good opportunity to learn the skills to be successful in the lodge. Jacob Keller said the service weekend for OA, April, May, and September weekends registration is now open. Jacob Thorpe says applications for summer camp staff are open. Applications are on the hawk mountain website. Wood Badge is open this fall for 18 and older at the end of September.

Adjournment: Jayden Hensinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed.