

Kittatinny Lodge V
Order of the Arrow, BSA

Lodge Executive Meeting
February 15, 2001

The January 18, 2001 Lodge Quarterly Meeting was called to order by Lodge Chief Joe Buchert.

Officer Reports

Chief- Joe Buchert thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked for everyone in attendance to question their respective troop's advice on the subject of the Troop Representative Program.

Vice-Chief of Administrations- Tom Rahn added that the executive committee will be working on the structure of the Troop Representative in the spring .

Vice-Chief of Activities- Steve Dibler highlighted several committees; the Brotherhood committee for their work in the springtime, the Ordeal committee for their elangomat training program, and the Publications committee for their continual delivery of a high caliber newsletter. Steve added that the winter months is an excellent time to work on your committee in preparation for the springtime.

Secretary- Chad Shade introduced the digital recorder to the Lodge. The motion to approve the minutes was accepted by Shawn Baer and seconded by Dan Bingaman.

Treasurer- Joe Buchert, on Kyle's behalves, asked the Lodge to review the treasurer's report. The motion to approve the report was made by Steve Dibler and seconded by Shawn Baer.

Committee Reports

Activities- Joe Buchert, in Steve Kline's absence, placed an inquiry to the Lodge concerning new ideas for weekends. Steve is already working on the idea for making regalia during the cracker barrel.

Circle- No report.

CP & E- Seth Wolfinger reported that several troops are requisitioning some sort of high adventure tape to supplement the other tapes presently available at elections. Seth asked for a list of all available videos.

Ceremonies- The committee reported that ceremonies is doing very well and diligently working on regalia.

Conference/Conclave- Joe Buchert read Steve Philips' report. Anyone who was interested in attending Conclave should be signed up at this point. Joe reminded the Lodge that Jamboree will overlap Conclave this year and attending both activities might present a problem.

Kitchen- Mike Walden reported that the Kitchen Klan will be holding a meeting at the end of February. During that meeting, the clan will be taking any meal suggestions and base a menu off of them.

Kittatinny Inc.- No report.

Membership- No report.

Publications- Ben Trump reported that many phone numbers and brother's names were misconstrued in the last publication. If any such corrections must be made, they should be brought to publication's attention immediately. Ben also reported that in the last issue, he did not receive any committee's Chairman Report. At that time, Dick Keppler added that committees might have to be assigned dates, because the reports are for the Lodge's benefit. Ben concluded by reminding the Lodge that publications is welcoming all kinds of articles, not just chairmen reports.

Service- No report.

Ordeal- Josh Abramowicz reported that Ordeal is working on a training program for elangomats. As of presently, the program has a syllabus to work with, and plan to run the program momentarily.

Brotherhood- Brotherhood is sending out their letters next month. One of Brotherhood's goal is to plan a Brotherhood hike for Brotherhood candidates to promote numbers .

Vigil- Joe Buchert, in Adam Kenderdine's absence, reminded the Lodge that the Vigil meeting is in the month of April. The due date for nomination forms is rapidly drawing to a close. Dusty Stitzer added that the nomination forms are in the Wolf's Tale. Dusty reminded the Lodge that last year's nominations came short of the total slots allotted to the Lodge. Therefore, if anyone knows of any brother deserving the honor, they should send the form in as soon as possible. A vigil outpost is needed for Greg Hafer in April.

Health & Safety- No report.

Clans

Beaver- No report.

Wild Potato- No report.

Snipe- No report.

Wolf- No report.

Turtle- No report.

Adviser Reports

Lodge Advisor - Dick Keppler thanked all brothers for remaining in touch with the Lodge. Dick asked everyone to keep the upcoming weekends in mind, and to plan ahead of time. Dick reminded that the Where To Go Camping booklets are ready to be distributed to the troops who are holding elections.

Staff Advisor- Mike Reichart reported that as of the January executive meeting, only four troops have had elections, all of which are from the Cacoosing District. Mike also reported that Kittatinny has received their charter from National, and it will be placed in the Kittatinny room at the appropriate time. National has also changed their adult election process for troops having more than fifty youths chartered. Mike also stressed the importance for sending in the award nomination forms on time.

Old Business

Joe Buchert inquired about a lodge flap for the jamboree contingent. The Lodge favored the issuing of Kittatinny's first Jamboree lodge flap, but the Jamboree contingent must supply all necessary funds. The motion to make a Jamboree Lodge flap was accepted by Dan Bingaman and seconded by Mike Miller. Designs for such a flap will be voted upon at the next Lodge executive meeting. Bids on all kinds of options will be presented in February.

Joe Buchert also added that designs for a new issue of standard Kittatinny Lodge flaps will be voted on at that time. Dan Bingaman suggested that the new flap be completely embroidered. All suggestions for the new Lodge flap will be voted upon at the February executive meeting.

Joe Buchert uncovered a chenille that was tabled several years ago. Joe asked if there was any interest in such a chenille and Mike Barrier added that a Lodge chenille hasn't been made for a very long time and suggested that the Lodge might want to dedicated the chenille to the circle building. The chenille will be voted upon at the February executive meeting. Roger Mory asked the Lodge if there would be any interest in a new Lodge T-shirt. Any designs should be submitted at the February executive meeting to be voted upon.

New Business

Tom Rahn noted that the salary of Camp Hawk Mountain's Summer OA Chieftain, Joe Buchert, was written so that exactly half would be paid by the Lodge. Today, due to unknown circumstances, less than twenty- five percent of the Summer Chieftain's salary is being paid for by the Lodge. Mike Reichart reminded the Lodge that pay does increase from year to year. The motion to return to paying the Summer Chieftain's salary was approved by Shaun Baer and seconded by Shawn Reager.

Good of the Order

Joe Buchert reminded the Lodge that the deadline for all award nominations is the February executive meeting. Steve Dibler-added that all forms are available on the website.

Mike Reichart discussed the Lodge's annual service project for Camp Hawk Mountain is parking cars at the Sheraton. The date of the service project is February 27 and begins around 5:30. Eight to ten volunteers are needed and anyone who is interested should contact Mike Reichart. Mike Barner accepted the responsibility as being the adult leader.

Barry Leister reported that the Lodge had a fifty-one percent Brotherhood conversion this year. According to the figures, Kittatinny has the highest Brotherhood conversion in the section. Barry also reported that the 2002 Conclave will be hosted by Unami Lodge from the 7th of June to the 9th. The Conclave will be held on Treasure Island. Barry also reported that the Jamboree is looking for staff volunteers. Barry concluded by proudly announcing that for the past four years, Area 4 has had a youth on the National Committee.

Glenn Piper noted that the applications for the Northern Tier are available. Glenn continued to say that the Northern Tier is an excellent opportunity.

Mike Barner reported that two mall shows are rapidly approaching. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the mall show should contact him.

Mike Reichart asked for any volunteers to make a troop representative flier.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Josh Abramowicz and seconded by Shaun Baer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Shade
2000-2001 Lodge Secretary