

# **Kittatinny Lodge V**

## **Order of the Arrow, BSA**

### **Lodge Executive Committee Meeting**

#### **May 17, 2020**

The March Lodge Executive Committee Meeting was held at 2:00 pm on a Zoom Conference call by Lodge Chief Griffin Price. The obligation was recited.

#### **Officer Reports**

Lodge Chief: Griffin Price greeted everyone on the call and hoped everyone was doing well during these trying times. During the meeting, he explained that we'd be going over Slating for new lodge elections, Section news, and just things going on in the lodge over the next year.

Vice Chief of Administration: Jeffrey Davenport hopes that we have a productive Quarterly meeting and stated it would have been a beautiful weekend for a May service weekend, given if the conditions were obviously a little more normal. He stated we will get into committee reports later and is looking forward to a good meeting.

Vice Chief of Activities: Avery Millisock introduced himself and explained he'd get into all that Activities had to share in the committee reports and hoped that everyone was staying safe and doing well.

Vice Chief of Inductions: Jaydon Hensinger introduced himself and said we'd talk about Elangomat updates later on into the meeting and is looking forward to a productive meeting.

Secretary: Christopher Kochel was not present on the call and reported that his computer crashed, and he lost the minutes from the April Quarterly Meeting.

Treasurer: Cooper Dunn introduced himself and shared his screen so all the Zoom Call participants could see the Cash Flow/Expenditure Report. Avery asked who attended NLS and Jeremy said that people did go, as he was one of the people who did go. Mr. Price had a question regarding the NOAC fee, Mr. Piper said that Mr. Davenport would talk about that later in the meeting. Besides that, there were no other comments, and the April cash flow report was approved, first motion made by Avery Millisock, second motion made by Chris Rimby.

### **Committee Reports**

Kitchen: Connor Staub was not present but the only thing to report was that the menu from what would have been at the April and May weekend is just going to be moved to whenever the next OA weekend would be, whether that's June, September, or any other date.

Membership: Nate Brundage was not present on the call, but Mr. Silva provided a quick update on Membership. All the dues that have been paid online have been processed. The last payments received were March 2nd from the office, so if people turned in their money after that, it has still at the office and has not been processed but they will be as soon as the office reopens. There are 326 members currently.

Troop/Team Representative: Connor Raudenbush introduced himself. He did not have anything new to report other than the fact that he had a plan for the OA weekends we were going to have this spring but now that is not possible now.

Vigil (reported by the Chief): Griffin Price reported that we will be looking to have a Vigil Selection Committee Meeting within the next couple weeks now that online school is winding down and more people will be freer.

Activities: Rich Fisher was present but did not have anything to report.

Ceremonies: Everett Fritz introduced himself and said that now he's been working with the council staff for the summer based off how we'll be doing ceremonies to make them as safe but proper as possible during the times of this pandemic.

Conference/Conclave: Cole Geisinger was not able to attend but Griffin Price reported that over the next few months, we will have a Virtual Conclave and each lodge's host year has been moved back a year. This will not affect the new officer elections though, as they will still be taking place on June 7th of this year, when Conclave would have been.

Health & Safety: Braiden Bice introduced himself and said his committee has been going over the inventory list for the medical bags and making a list of what they have and what they need.

Historian: Asa Lackey was not present, but Avery Millisock reported that Asa is ready to undertake the responsibilities of Historian once the lodge is meeting up in person again.

Kitty Inc: Chris Rimby was present but did not have anything to report.

Service: Nathan Bender introduced himself and said he did not have anything new to report besides that he will be talking with Kevin to see what service projects need to be done in the event that we have a June service weekend. The camp will not be putting up many tent sites this year, so we will not really have to worry about that as a service project now.

Camp Promotions and Elections: Jeremy Kirlin introduced himself and reported that on Friday he had a virtual meeting with those in his committee about how they would be moving forward with virtual elections and how they will all work.

The first virtual election is happening tomorrow, and he will keep us posted on how the goes and their plans moving forward.

Ordeal: Jacob Keller was not present but Cooper Dunn said that Jacob is ready to go whenever we are ready to run an Ordeal weekend and they have all the materials they need and are looking forward to be working in tandem with the Elangomat committee.

Brotherhood: Jay Molleca introduced himself and said that recently he held an online Brotherhood study session on May 2nd where everyone reviewed the material together. 6 people attended but he is looking forward to getting even larger numbers soon.

Communications: Sam Mitten introduced himself and told everyone to remember that if they need any emails sent out for the lodge, just send them to him and he will write up a paragraph and send them to the lodge.

## **ADHOC**

Centennial Committee: Avery Millisock introduced himself as one of the co-chairs of the Centennial Committee. He explained the purpose of this Committee. The slogan is Proud Heritage, Bright Future. The big event we were planning to run for our 100th would be held on the weekend of August 13th to August 15th of 2021. Some of the sub-committees we need help with include Merchandise, Service Projects, History, Events, Finances, Publicity, and Alumni. Avery expanded on each of these sub-committees and some of the ideas we have started to come up with for each of them, and even the ideas he has for that committee soon. Jeff Davenport added on that most of that was included in an email sent to Avery and me from Mr. Fritz. He would like to as is planning on getting all of this information in a document that can be placed in the Wolf's Tail and is planning on sending it to Sam Mitten (Communications Chair) as soon as it's typed up. Avery Millisock added that anyone who has anything they would like to suggest can do so and Mr. Fisher brought up the idea of inviting the old Clan Chieftains to the big event. Mr. Morgan said that if there's anything that you want to see at this event, reach out to Avery or Jeff, really any youth of the lodge so they can make that happen and make it a fantastic event. No one had any other comments and Avery said that if there is anything to learn from that report it was these words, "Proud Heritage, Bright Future".

NOAC/Momentum: Nick Spease introduced himself and said that NOAC was cancelled due to Covid-19 and Momentum, an OA event at the Summit is taking its place as it follows the regulations that need to be followed during this virus much better. He turned it over to Mr. Davenport to talk about refunds. In order to be refunded, you need to email him and say that you are not interested in the new event (Momentum) and would like a refund, you should receive that sometime in June. People interested in Momentum will know whether that event is on and will be held by June 17th. There is also a virtual version of Momentum that is free, but it only includes the trainings, not all the fun activities at the Summit that you can only experience at the Summit. There is no restriction for people who did not sign up for NOAC to go to Momentum, anyone that is interested can go. Rich Fisher asked that if any of the NOAC merch had already been made but Nick Spease stated that it had not. Cooper Dunn asked that if the transportation to the Summit would be the same as what it would have been to NOAC; Matt Davenport said that that information is not finalized yet. Momentum will be August 3rd-8th at the Summit.

Elangomat: Jaydon Hensinger reported that as far as he knows, there is no updates, they are just waiting on an actual OA service weekend to happen. The bylaws will be finalized, and they will be sent out so that they can all be voted on for the September LEC Meeting.

Jubilee: Cooper Dunn reported that there was a Hawk Mountain Council Golden Jubilee Planning Committee Meeting that Mr. Piper and himself attended and the things they talked about there were that fireworks for the final campfire event will be approved by the Board of Advisors for use at the Fairgrounds. Two things discussed were a sound system and power for that sound system and anything else we have going on that is on the stage. If anybody knows any local businesses with access to sound systems, please let him, Mr. Piper, of Griffin know. We will probably use the power that is already there as there should be enough. For the program of the campfire, the only thing we know we need to do is kick off the celebration of the Centennial of the Lodge. We have 5 or 6 months to finalize this stuff, but some of it needs to be decided very soon. The Golden Jubilee is also looking for Merit Badge Counselors and Mrs. Wilder elaborated on that as she is on the Activities Committee. Cooper encouraged everyone in the OA to attend the Golden Jubilee and that they are still looking for staffers to help with the event. Avery Millisock asked about a possible firelight in the closing campfire but we're not sure if that is even allowed anymore. Mr. Fisher had a

suggestion about an arrow being shot on a zipline with 100 LED candles and Mrs. Wilder said she had a connection to an OA dance team.

## **Old Business**

Slating: Griffin Price referred to Article 5 of the bylaws and read it all over the call as to establish how this slating and election in our lodge works. The new term of office will follow immediately concluding this year's Conclave (June 7th). The officers must be under 21 years of age for their whole term, have a good standing in their OA lodge, and be registered in Scouting. This is the slate that was previously proposed at the April LEC Meeting....

Lodge Chief: Avery Millisock

Vice Chief of Administration: Jeffrey Davenport

Vice Chief of Activities: Cooper Dunn

Vice Chief of Inductions: Jaydon Hensinger

Secretary: Sam Mitten

Treasurer: Chris Kochel

No petitions were received so the Slate is running unopposed. Each person on the slate gave a 2-3-minute speech about themselves and what their plans are if they are elected on this call. Chris Kochel was not present on the call to give this little speech/introduction, but all the other members of the proposed Slate were. Because no one is running against the Slate this year, an election is not needed. But a motion will be needed to move forward with this current Slate of Officers for the upcoming year. A first motion was made by Everett Fritz and a second motion was made by Connor Raudenbush. Moving into a vote, the motion carried, but the officers slated will not take their places in their position of office until June 7th. Griffin Price, as current Lodge Chief inducted upcoming Lodge Chief Avery Millisock, which then Avery Millisock inducted his other 5 upcoming Officers with him.

Online Videos: Griffin Price said he would like to see online videos from the leadership of the lodge that involves a Scout skill. It could be cooking, knots, etc. It is recommended that people choose something that other people can learn relatively easily. If you have any ideas for this, just let him know, make them and send them to him.

## **New Business**

Section News: Griffin Price announced that as we know, Conclave will be held virtually for this year and each lodge's host year will be moved back one year. Also, you can now order the OA High Adventure patches online and they will get to you via mail. The Section is going to be moving towards a Lodge type system. This means that they will be adding new committees to a Section and they will also be parts of the COC meeting. They will not be voting members on the COC though. If anyone is interested in becoming a chairman for the section, just let him know and he will get you in contact with the Section Vice-Chief.

### **Adviser Remarks**

Staff Adviser: Mr. Morgan just wanted to thank everyone who jumped on the call today. There is not much known about camp at this time, that will be announced later into this month. Camp will look a lot different this year, but that means there is less for us to worry about getting done at service weekends. As we are still in the yellow phase, we are not even sure when the next service weekend will be, but we will continue with updating everyone as soon as things are found out/finalized/discovered. Mr. Morgan also congratulated all the officers on the Slate who have been elected and he's looking forward to making the 100th year of our lodge a great one.

Lodge Adviser: Mr. Piper wanted to congratulate all the new elected officers and especially Griffin Price for all that he has done as Lodge Chief this year. There has been a lot of questions talking about the possible June weekend and because the state is not opening until possibly June 4th, we cannot plan a weekend for June 5th-7th. Even if we can have a service weekend, we would need to keep groups small. We could have small weekends if there has no more than 25 people, but all of that is up in the air until the state and CDC finalize everything for sure. If you get the call, encourage yourself and others in your unit around you to participate in the OA when they are needed most. Make sure to stay posted, keep your spirits up, and remember that the lodge is here to serve.

Associate Lodge Adviser: Mr. Davenport announced that one additional item related to NOAC that came to be after its cancellation is that they have merchandise for the event on OATradingPost. If you want to have merchandise for the NOAC that never happened, then you can go to the OA Trading Post site and purchase them. Reach out if you have any interest in attending Momentum,

and even if you are not, please make sure to email him to let him know that you aren't.

### **Good of the Order**

**Glenn Piper:** The games with the National Officers at an online event last night were a lot of fun, we could really do something to that in our lodge, we'd just have to take the proper time to fully prepare it and put it together.

**Cooper Dunn:** As Chaplain's Aide for the Lodge, he encouraged us to stay reverent and he is looking forward to when we can all worship together again.

**Avery Millisock:** He informed us, "Proud Heritage, Bright Future. Remember it."

**Griffin Price:** Thanked everyone for the hard work that the LEC has put in while he has been Lodge Chief for the past year. Our LEC saw one of the highest attendances at a September weekend that we have seen in many years. We revamped and revitalized the Elangomat Committee and we are really making it its own. We held a phenomenal Lodge Banquet where Representative GT Thompson spoke, and we held a great LLD with lots of valuable training. He thanked each one of us for our hard work and dedication to the lodge and asked if anyone else had anything for the Good of the Arrow

### **Adjournment**

Braiden Bice made the motion to Adjourn. The motion to adjourn the meeting carried and the LEC's Quarterly Meeting of May 2020 concluded.