

Kittatinny Lodge V

Order of the Arrow, BSA

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

December 20, 2020

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

Officer Reports

Chief: Lodge Chief Avery Millisock apologized for missing last LEC, and is looking forward to a productive meeting.

Vice Chief of Administration: Vice Chief of Administration Jeffrey Davenport reported that Centennial Planning Meetings have been going on for 10 months. He encouraged us to come to Centennial Committee Meetings because you cannot be unhappy with the Lodge Centennial if you do not provide ideas at the meetings.

Vice Chief of Activities: Vice Chief of Activities Cooper Dunn thanked all of the youth for coming out to the meeting. He thanked everyone who helped with or attended the Elangomat training on the 12th. He knows that training, which was successful, will help the future of the Lodge. We need to get ready to execute the plans we have made to reach a high performing lodge and have a great Centennial.

Vice Chief of Inductions: Vice Chief of Inductions Jaydon Hensinger reported that Ordeal and the soon-to-be Elangomat Committee had a training on the 12th that was very successful. He is excited to move forward with the knowledge to make inductions go smoother in 2021.

Secretary: Secretary Samuel Mitten presented the November Meeting Minutes. Cooper Dunn made a motion to approve them. Jeff Davenport seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Treasurer Christopher Kochel was not present but gave the November Finance report to Avery Millisock before the meeting. Avery presented the November cashflow report. Jeremy Kirlin made a motion to approve the November cashflow report. Jaydon Hensinger seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Vice Chief of Administration Led

Kitchen: Kitchen Chairman Connor Staub was not present and had nothing new to report.

Membership: Membership Chairman is an open position. Jeff is still looking for a chairman. We finished 2020 with 411 members, which is a decrease from 657 last year. We inducted 37 new Odeal members, 11 new Brotherhood members, and 12 new Vigil Members. Dues can now be paid on Tentaroo or in the council office. Membership cards will be going out soon. Avery Millisock encouraged the attending members to reach out to inactive members to pay their Lodge dues. Glenn Piper noted that Jim Milham is working on an incentive to get inactive members to pay their dues.

Troop/Crew Representative: Troop/Crew Representative Connor Raudenbush was not present, but he gave his report to Jeff Davenport. Connor will be working with Jeff to use Lodgemaster to reach out to the Troop/Crew representatives.

Vigil: Vigil Chairman Everett Fritz reported that Andrew Taylor completed his Vigil last weekend, completing the Vigil class for 2020.

Vice Chief of Activities Led

Activities: Activities Chairman Rich Fisher reported that the September weekend activities are being moved over to the April Weekend. Avery asked Rich to come to a few Centennial Committee meetings for Activities input.

Ceremonies: Ceremonies Chairman Everett Fritz reported that ceremonies worked to present at Andrew's Vigil weekend. He is working with the regalia makers and hopes to have a presentation ready for next LEC.

Conference/Conclave: Conference/Conclave Chairman Cole Geisinger reported that the next Conclave will be Olympics themed at Camp Sinoquipe with Lodge 317.

Health & Safety: Health & Safety Chairman Braiden Bice was not present, but gave the report to Cooper. All members interested in Health and Safety or First Aid should ask Braiden to join.

Historian: Historian is an open position. Cooper asked the attendees to reach out to anyone interested in media and photography to help fill the position. Mike Barner is working on the Lodge history book for the Centennial. He needs as many sets of eyes on it to revise it before publishing. A rough draft should be ready in early 2021.

Kitty INC: Kitty INC Chairman Chris Rimby was not present, but gave his report to Cooper. Chris is looking for a replacement chair because he will be stepping down in June 2021. Cooper asked Ed Dundore for an inventory report. He will make the report and have it by the next LEC.

Service: Service Chairman Nathan Bender reported that he is working with David Bailey to find a 2021 AT Service Project. Nate is aging out in September 2021, so he will find a replacement before then.

Vice Chief of Inductions Led

Camp Promotions & Elections: Camp Promotions & Elections Chairman Jeremy Kirlin reported that all of the District chairman and advisor roles have been filled and trained for the 2021 election season. The election videos are outdated, most of them from 2018. Jeremy Bice has recording equipment, and the officers will work to make a new congratulatory video and a new camp promotion video. Jeff Davenport will send a script to Jeremy Kirlin next week.

Ordeal: Ordeal Chairman Jacob Keller thanked Cooper for helping with the successful Elangomat training on the 12th. He is still looking for an Ordeal Chairman replacement as he will be taking over Elangomat after it becomes a committee at the April Quarterly Meeting.

Brotherhood: Brotherhood Chairman Jay Molleca was not present and had nothing new to report.

Secretary Led

Communications: Communications Chairman Jacob Thorpe had to leave the meeting early, but gave his report to Sam. Jacob has been working with Sam and his advisor, Brian Welch, to get started with the committee. The committee will have another meeting before the next LEC.

ADHOC

Centennial: Jeffrey Davenport and Avery Millisock reported the finalized dates for the Centennial. The Centennial Day will be July 21st, 2021. The centennial weekend will be August 13-15, 2021. The Banquet will be December 4th, 2021. There will be special beads for the Centennial Anniversary Events. He needs representatives from each district to research service project ideas in each of the three districts. Jeff is almost finished developing the requirements for the Centennial award. Tom Wolfinger offered to build any contraption we may want or need for our activities; ideas for these are being accepted.

Avery added that our presence was requested at Treasure Island for the Centennial by Kurt Freer. Kurt Freer was present, and reported that the Treasure Island owner has made a commitment to keep it open to Scouts. This is an opportunity to do a service project, and if the Lodge is interested, this can be part of the Centennial year. The Committee will make a decision at the next meeting on January 6th.

Elangomat: Jacob Keller reported that there was a successful training on the 12th. He is planning a second training, potentially on January 9th. He is considering an Elangomat baseball cap for all Elangomats. He is planning on having 1-2 Elangomats per area to make activation easier.

October Golden Jubilee:

Old Business

2021 Budget: Avery Millisock reported that the budget is almost finished, and it should be ready for presenting and approval at the January LEC. He presented the budget that we have so far. The budget committee will meet before the next LEC.

Project 2021:

Administration: The first point, which was to change Lodge fees, has already been completed. Jeff is working to create a sustainable participation award.

Activities: Cooper is working to get many activation events during Summer camp where attendance is recorded to keep members interested in the Lodge. This way, Cooper can help boost the Lodge's activation numbers. The Treasure Island service opportunity would be a great example of this. Cooper would like to promote Camp Maintenance days to increase home council service hours.

Inductions: Jaydon has begun to look into the new inductions portal, which is still coming out. He has been familiarizing himself with it, and will be ready when it is fully released. Jaydon has been attending Elangomat committee meetings, and is looking into getting elangomats in each school district to help with the extended Elangomat program.

New Business

FOS: Avery noted that the thriving number for FOS donation is \$7. That would result in a \$2877 contribution. Friends of Scouting helps support the Scouting program, and it is important for us to make a contribution to since 2020 has been an especially rough year for scouting. Jeff Davenport made a motion to contribute \$7 per person, or a total of \$2877, to friends of Scouting for 2020. Cole Geisinger seconded the motion. The motion carried and the contribution will be made.

James E. West Award: The Lodge needs to make a \$2000 contribution, which is for 2 awards. This amount has already been funded by patch sales. Cooper Dunn made a motion to pay for 2 James E West awards. Jeremy Kirlin seconded the motion. The motion carried and the awards will be ordered. An awards committee will be meeting to decide who gets the rewards. This will be started in September next year.

Winter Fest: Winter fest is Council's 1 day Klondike event on January 23th and February 6th, 2021 from 8 AM to 5 PM . Council needs 6 to 12 guides for the events. Avery needs a person to head a search team and participate in helping on both weekends. Details will be decided on for the January LEC.

Advisor Remarks

Staff Advisor: Staff Advisor David Morgan was not present.

Lodge Adviser: Lodge Advisor Glenn Piper thanked us for approving the James E West and FOS contributions. The Lodge can now proceed with finishing our performance management. We did not reach one of the levels to get PMP for this year. Though we cannot reach that level this year, we have learned how to handle the COVID situation. The first half of 2021 will be similar to 2020, and we need to deliver the Lodge program we need to to our members and candidates. Glenn is encouraged by committee meetings and progress. We can get the inactive members back in. Let's have a great 2021 Centennial year.

Scouting is supposed to be fun. Glenn read us an OA version of the night before Christmas:

Twass the night before Vigil and all through the camp
We were all under quarantine, even the ants
We were camping in tents on east Miller porch
With visions of ceremonials carrying a torch
With Dave in his face shield and I in my mask
Had just settled in for our night's sleeping task
When outside the hall there arose such a din
That I checked, 'cause I thought it was Everett trying to get in
But Santa was there with gifts to bring in
I said "Santa, stay out, you can not come in!"
He said it's okay I've had the test
The one way up the nose cause it's the best
And tonight before the reindeer did fly
I checked that my temperature wasn't too high
Okay we said, come on inside
We know you and the reindeer had a long klondike ride
But keep your distance, at least six feet is best
We don't want the virus, you know the rest
Well Santa, I'd like to shake hands with you
But right now an elbow bump will just have to do
And oh for those presents just leave them anywhere
Then you and your reindeer can get outta here
Santa it must be hard to travel the world in an instant

Especially when you must remain socially distant
This year we got much Covid-wiser
Soon we'll be protected by shots from Moderna and Pfizer
The year was not good it was more like a bad dream
Next year will be better when we have the vaccine
Santa put on his hat as he said "I'd like to stay"
But the 'deer and I must be on our way
So he sprang to his feet and then gave a whistle
And they flew off the rooftop like the down on a thistle
But I heard him exclaim as he flew in his sleigh
Merry Christmas, stay healthy, 2021 is not far away!

Associate Lodge Advisor: Associate Lodge Advisor Matt Davenport was not present.

Good of the Order

Avery Millisock: Avery needs a summer camp staffer to volunteer for Summer Camp Chieftain. Avery wants us to be diligent in recording attendance at meetings to boost activation rates.

Cooper Dunn: Cooper asked Glenn if the dues increase was approved. It was approved. Cooper asked Jacob if attendance was taken at the Elangomat training. It was. The attendance will be put into Lodgemaster.

Adjournment

Jeremy Kirlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.