

Kittatinny Lodge V

Order of the Arrow, BSA

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

February 19th, 2023

The February Lodge Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm at the Wilson Dining Hall by Lodge Chief Jacob Keller. The obligation was recited.

Lodge Chief: Jacob Keller thanks those that were able to make it out to the meeting. He promoted the April Weekend where we will have the 2022 lodge awards. He would like to have the committees meet at least once a month and recruit new members so we can always have a replacement if members are not able to come. February 26th will be the date of the officer training meeting.

Vice-Chief of Administration: Maggie Thorpe was not present and did not send a report.

Vice-Chief of Activities: Will Brudereck is working on communications with his team.

Vice-Chief of Inductions: Boone Webb is working to grow the size of his committees.

Secretary: The Minutes were not able to be printed, but were on a QR code. The motion to approve was made by Boone Webb, seconded by Will Brudereck. The motion carries.

Treasurer: Jonathan LaBruto shared the treasurer's report. Will Brudereck made the motion to approve, seconded by Boone Webb.

Communications: Logan Westlake was not able to make it, Jacob will be in contact with him to get the Wolf's Tail out.

Kitchen: Matt Kerchner was not present, but he sent out a tentative menu schedule to approve. Jacob did not get the schedule, but there will be a motion to approve in March.

Membership: Owen Thorpe said there are 204 current registered members with dues paid, including 37 Youth, 22 Young adults, and 144 adults. Last year there were 407 so he is hoping we can reach that. He wants to work with communications to reach out to members to renew memberships. Membership cards have been printed and mailed and should arrive in the next week. He will be working with the communications committee for the sign-up for weekends and managing membership. Jacob Keller reminds members to get others to sign up, pay dues, and come out for events.

Unit Rep: Sam Heebner has nothing to report.

Vigil: Jaydon Hensinger is not here, but they are working to get a form out for vigil nominations.

Activities: Nolan Gerringer could not be here. Will said that the conference conclave is still vacant. Jacob Keller asked for a theme for April and May weekends.

Health and Safety: Ty Jozefick is not here and gave nothing to report.

Historian: Joe Campbell is not here and gave nothing to report.

Service: Simon Thorpe is not here and gave nothing to report.

Kitty Inc: Benjamin Scott was not present, but the adviser took inventory of Kitty Inc and passed out copies. He also passed out orders for patches for this year and a possible entry for the 2023 Kittatinny award and advised ordering about 500 depending on signups for summer camp. He also presented a FOS (Friends of Scouting) patch that will act as a fundraiser and sell about 300 copies, and 600 of another patch for James E. West Fellowship for \$5 each. FOS and James E. West are fundraiser patches. Jacob asks for a motion to approve 600 for James E. west and 300 FOS patches. Jonathan LaBruto makes the motion to approve 600 copies of the James E. West patch for \$5 a piece, Will Bruderick seconds. Jonathan LaBruto makes the motion to approve the 300 copies of the FOS patch for \$5 each, Will Bruderick seconds. Both motions carry.

Camp Promotions and Elections: Scotia Foose started the election season and went out for a number of elections already. If anyone knows anyone who would like to join they should let her know, and if they conduct 3 elections they can get a new winterized patch. They are reaching out to troops who have not gotten back yet to schedule them.

Ceremonies: Josiah Zaharia could not make it, and sent nothing to report.

Adler Kullman: Contacted recommended water bottle company and will soon be sending an updated mockup of the design. He found another company and is asking for a budget of \$1,650 for either company to get 100-140 bottles. This cost would cover candidates and possibly Elangomats. It must be approved today because the company takes 10-20 days. Both companies offer the same color and type of bottle, but different lids. Will Bruderick motions to approve the \$1,650 for the water bottles, Jonathan LaBruto seconds. The motion carries. The elangomat adviser is stepping down and Adler thanks her for working closely with him and teaching and guiding him. Jacob asks for a thank you card for her for doing a great job with her committees.

Ordeal: Nick Busher is stepping down as the chairman and is not present. The report was given by Boone Webb. He is currently searching for a replacement.

Brotherhood: Christina Rohm is still searching for new members and working on the April weekend prep.

Conclave 2023: The position is currently Vacant, Jeffrey Davenport is stepping down for academic responsibilities, and is not present. Jacob Keller says we are looking for a new chairman and looking for conclave staff. Conclave is June 2nd to 4th. He is going to talk to Logan Westlake about sending out an email and putting on the Wolf's Tail about getting conclave staff. He will send out the list of committees and who is looking to do which role.

ACT Conference at Camp Mack: March 3-4, Jacob Keller says it is a great training conference for all officers and LEC members about different aspects of lodge operations and training for the OA and leadership. If you are interested, you can talk to Jacob. There are 2 adults and 4 youth signed up so far.

Activation Event: Scotia Foose says there are scout days at both Bear Creek and Blue Mountain we could attend, though it would have to be mid-March. We could choose a scout day or plan our own weekend. Jacob Keller says we should have a meeting about different possibilities for events for activation events.

Pickleball Patch: For NOAC, Jacob Keller says we want to improve merchandise that is coming out for new members of the lodge, and we are the reigning national champions of pickleball. Boone Webb has a design for lodge flaps and passed out one finalized patch. Jacob Keller talks about how it is deserved for a lodge flap and should be pursued. Eric Silva recommends 150 patches. Jacob recommends that number as well. Mike Barner thinks that will sell really fast and we should sell more, at least 300, and sell them for \$5. Lucas Famous makes the motion to sell 300 patches at \$5 per patch, seconded by Will Brudereck. The motion is passed.

NLS/DYLC in Pittsburgh - March 24-26: DYLC is the Developing Youth Leadership Conference. The report is given by Jacob Keller. NLS is the youth version. It is a weekend training about learning how to be a member of your lodge and advice about growing your lodge. It is close, so we should take advantage of how close it is. There are 3 youths currently registered. People going should be leaving the Reading area by 2:00 pm.

AT Service Project - March 25: Jacob Keller says it will be at the Bake Oven Knob Shelter. We will hike about 2.5 miles to the shelter and bring "earth-moving tools" to dig a trench to divert water from heating up at the shelter. Will also be rerouting a spring outflow to make it more accessible. Finally, we could carry in and assemble picnic tables for hikers. Jacob encourages everyone to sign up to give back to the Appalachian Trail.

Conclave Staff: Jacob Keller says that anyone who is interested in being part of the kitchen, a lodge greeter, or a program area worker should contact him if interested, as they will all need staff. An adult asks if we could get a list so far of who is here. Jacob Keller put a paper for after the meeting to sign up with their name, email address, and area of interest. David Smith is volunteering to work in the kitchen.

Campfire Circle Project: Glenn Piper wants the lodge to do campfire circle improvement projects. He discussed building a stage-like area over at the campfire circle that would be 32 feet long by 16 feet deep to go up and to help make presentations or skits. They should make a raised campfire out of stones to look good and symmetrical. He notes that this will take time and needs to be done before the conclave. He already has blueprints drafted and is trying to get a budget. He wants to get a flap with the campfire circle to reduce the cost. They could sell a combination of CSP and flap for \$20. Hopefully 300 copies for \$6,000. He also wants to build pavers to help sponsor. Jacob says the plan for the improvements are looking great and will benefit both the camp and the people that use it, including the conclave. Glenn showed a 3D diagram of what it would look like. Jacob points out that the stage could open up a lot more options for skits.

Trading Post Merchandise: Jacob Keller says we would like to get more merchandise for our lodge to represent us and should sell them at the trading post so people can learn more about our lodge. Boone Webb says that the camp was looking at camp-specific lodge flaps.

Lodge Adviser - Eric Silva sent a report given by Jacob Keller: He is currently driving back from DYLC and is in the meeting on zoom. He wants to reiterate that we need committees to regularly meet outside the LEC. The committees also need to grow in size. If nobody is here, their voice is not represented at the LECs. His goal is to recruit 1 new youth and adult before the April weekend. He brought up the need to improve communications. Members need to reach back to their adults and vice versa. He closes by saying people have a responsibility to perform their roles with 100% effort. Even though you may be busy, it is important to carry out our responsibilities with the lodge. We are a family and people need to ask for help if they need it. Asking for help is not a failure and is a constant awareness of oneself and is completely ok. He thanks us for being here today and says there is a lot to do in the next 4 months and we need to help each other out to get it done.

Associate advisers: The associate advisers have nothing to report.

Staff Adviser: Ryan Sagnip is under the weather, reporting on zoom. He apologizes for not being able to come out today and says to keep up the great work, says we only have a few months to finish planning and executing to show other lodges what we are capable of and should be proud of, including showing off Hawk Mountain. He talked with someone about time management and how rushing last minute is worse than planning it all out in advance. Lastly, he reiterates what Silva said about asking for help.

Good of the Order: Jacob reminds people to sign in on the attendance sheet.

Boone Webb makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:58. The motion carries.