

Kittatinny Lodge V

Order of the Arrow, BSA

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

March 19th, 2023

The February Lodge Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm in the Kittatinny room by Lodge Chief Jacob Keller. The obligation was recited.

Lodge Chief: Jacob Keller thanked everyone who went to the ACT conference for becoming more familiar with leadership and the other parts of our section.

Vice-Chief of Administration: Maggie Thorpe was working on getting committee meetings to happen and getting dates on the calendar.

Vice-Chief of Activities: Will Brudereck said that his committees' communication has improved, and they are working on committee growth. He says they need as many people for their committees as possible.

Vice-Chief of Inductions: Boone Webb had to leave early; he reported that his committees are working on conducting lists for what needs to be done for the OA weekend.

Secretary: Lucas Famous passed out the minutes. He asked for people to say names if they provide any input for the minutes. Jaydon Hensinger asked what tense the minutes should be written in. Jacob Keller said that it does not matter. Will Brudereck motions to approve the February minutes, Nolan Garringer seconded. The motion carries.

Treasurer: Jonathan LaBruto could not make it, and did not have anything to report.

Communications: Logan Westlake was not there and did not send any report.

Kitchen: Matt Kerchner was not there and did not have a report.
(Note: Kitchen menu given in "Good of the Order")

Membership: Owen Thorpe was not there and Maggie Thorpe gave his report: There are a total of 230 OA members signed up, with 45 youth, 25 young adults, and 160 adults; 25 ordeal members, 111 brotherhood members, and 94 vigil members.

Unit Rep: Sam Heebner was not there, but sent a report: "Furthering efforts to get in contact with unit reps".

Vigil: Jaydon Hensinger sent out vigil nomination forms to recommend vigils that came with a list of vigil-eligible people, due by March 31st. Once the closing date comes the vigil selection committee will vote on it.

Activities: Nolan Garringer had an idea for the April weekend focusing on the moon, stars, or star wars. Will Brudereck said that is the theme for the April weekend to see what works and what doesn't before Conclave. Jacob Keller asked if the theme needed to be approved. Ryan Sagnip said it does not.

Conference/Conclave: The chairman is vacant; Jacob Keller said they need to start planning for NOAC and getting everything organized for Conclave soon.

Health: Ty Jozefick said he has been working on getting new members for the committee. So far he has gotten 3 members from his troop to go to the April weekend.

Historian: Joe Campbell is working on reaching out to members of his troop to go to the April weekend. He has been thinking about having display boards to show the history of the lodge at the weekend.

Kitty Inc: Benjamin Scott is working on having an email sent out to all lodge members about getting youth to join the committee. He is getting ready for the April weekend.

Service: Simon Thorpe had a new service committee member and is starting the stage project. He is also getting service projects ready for the April weekend.

Camp Promotions and Elections: Scotia Foose is working on finishing the last of the elections. Troops have been contacted about getting a check-in. They are working on getting all troops contacted.

Ceremonies: Josiah Zaharia was not able to make it. Jacob Keller said he is looking forward to the April weekend and making sure everything is getting planned out.

Elangomat: Adler Kullman has ordered the water bottles that are on the way. He has to reimburse the council. Handed out purchase orders. Approved \$1,650, spent \$1,117.20 for 140 bottles at \$7.98 per bottle. He also said he just did the elangomat training. Training went well, had 4 youths, and he is excited for the April and May weekends.

Ordeal: There is no ordeal chairman: Adler Kullman is working with Boone Webb. Adler said they are thinking about merging the two committees to make it easier to find chairmen and advisers. Jacob Keller said in April they are going to be testing out having one chairman for both ordeal and elangomat committees.

Brotherhood: Christina Rohm has been working with her committee on the brotherhood hike and other brotherhood opportunities. She has also been working on recruitment.

Conclave 2023: There is no official chairman. Jacob Keller and Mr. Seidel have been working on Conclave and getting staff members. Jacob says to forward his information to anyone interested so they can get in contact and we can have more staff for a smoother event. Mr. Conrad says everyone who is interested should contact him at the end of the meeting to get on a committee. Mr. Fry expresses that people are interested but do not know how to register. Jacob said registration has just opened. If they sign up for staff we can contact them ourselves.

AT Service Project - March 25: Jacob Keller says that there are details on where to meet on the signups that close Thursday night. He says it will be a good time and will be easier and smoother with more people. There are currently only 3 people registered. From 8 am - 4 pm at Bake Oven Knob shelter on the Appalachian Trail.

Conclave Staff: Jacob Keller says to sign up to be on Conclave staff.

Campfire Circle Project: Glenn Piper says they just had a meeting to get the design worked out. The picture shown last month is still the design they will go with, though the cost of materials will probably be higher than they thought, so they will do it in phases now unless they get more donations. The designs still need to be drawn up and permitted. It should move forward this year before Conclave. It will have 2 types of fundraiser - a flap and CSP set, as well as looking for vendors to have engraved blocks to be put in out in front of the seating area. He is trying to think of a catchy phrase, and people should contact him if they think of anything. This could honor Eagle/wood-badge/other honorable scouts. Eric Silva says they will have a 3-inch round participation patch for this and any other yearly improvement project. The design will also change each year.

Brotherhood day - Nov 18, Christina wanted an open discussion to have the LEC at the brotherhood day. Jacob said it is approved that the LEC will be following the brotherhood day.

2023 Jamboree Ghost Set: Jacob Keller said they were approached to approve a set for the council. They asked again if we could approve a ghost version of the set. They want it approved for Jamboree to get scouts from our council. Eric Silva said the Jamboree committee would be setting the cost, and our lodge would get half of the proceeds. They will

sell preorders + 250 units and any remaining at the council office. Jacob said it is the same patch we approved in January but ghosted. Jaydon Hensinger motioned to approve the ghost version of the patch and Will Brudereck seconded. The motion passes. Silva estimates another 6 to 7 thousand dollars coming into the lodge.

Kitty Inc shopping List: Ben Scott reported said we need to approve the shopping list for the April weekend. Glenn Piper asks if we want to order both small and large sashes. In the inventory, they have more of the large ones and only 14 regular sized. There are medium, large, xl, and XXL shirts. Does not have a total cost, but would be about \$8.50 per shirt. Scotia Foose moves to approve the shopping list for the April weekend, seconded by Maggie Thorpe. The motion carries. Eric Silva said we also need about 250 more lodge flaps. Joe Campbell motioned to approve, and Will Brudereck seconded. The motion carries.

Lodge Adviser: Eric Silva thanked everyone for being here, and for coming to the elangomat training. He has been excited and encouraged by the youth in the last couple of weeks in various capacities. The officers have met twice about what our purpose is in the order of the arrow and the lodge. He is encouraged by the vice chiefs for communicating with their committees. There are a lot of moving parts to make it work to be able to achieve great things and have a successful summer camp and make an excellent experience for new members to the order of the arrow. He says there are only 10 weeks until Conclave, as well as getting through the April and May weekends and building a stage. We should all be the spokesperson for the OA and get people to pay their dues and encourage them to come out to get the maximum benefit of this organization. It was mentioned that Mrs. Wilder stepped down as the elangomat adviser, and became the new associate adviser of administration, which is the vacated role because of Eric Silva moving to lodge adviser. Some members are going to Pittsburgh for NLS this weekend, and there is a seat available, at no cost. The time is from Friday at lunchtime until dinnertime on Sunday. Will also send an email to the rest of the lodge tonight.

Associate adviser: Mr. Kullman challenged every adult in the room to go to their units and challenge them to come up and be a part of the OA. The leadership is doing a great job of planning amazing events but we need youth to come up. Mrs. Wilder says there are a busy couple of months coming up and remembers all of the activities they did when she was younger and does not want us to miss out on that experience.

Staff adviser: Ryan Sagnip wanted to keep promoting staff for NYLT and summer camp. The council wants to thank Jacob Keller for coming out to the leadership dinner and doing the invocation, as well as everyone else who came. It is an annual event at the doubletree hotel to celebrate scouting and for donors to see the scouts. He looks at some of the youth as getting overwhelmed. He says it is hard to ask for help and it is hard to accept the fact that nothing will change overnight. It cannot all be done at once. Instead of focusing on the big picture and getting overwhelmed, you should look at a small part at a time. Everyone is doing a fantastic job. He loves coming out and seeing the development of young leaders.

Good of the Order: Jaydon Hensinger got a donation to the lodge of a genuine Alaskan wolf pelt to use for ceremonies and on display. He wants to store it somewhere safe. It has contact information and names of the people we got it from and wants to send a letter thanking them. At the end of the meeting, people can come to look at it. Maggie Thorpe got a report from the kitchen of the menus for the April weekend. Friday's cracker barrel will be a charcuterie board. Saturday breakfast is breakfast bake or casserole with biscuits and gravy, cereal, and milk, lunch is pizza, juice, chips, and fruit, dinner is scalloped potatoes, broccoli, and orange cake, and the cracker barrel is french fries, brownies with whipped cream, and leftovers. Sunday breakfast will be the usual complimentary breakfast. For the May weekend, Friday will have ice cream sundaes with strawberries, bananas, and blueberries. Saturday breakfast will be breakfast burritos with cereal and fruit, lunch will be chicken sandwiches with fries and fruit, dinner will be tacos/taco salad and corn, and cracker barrel will be funnel cake and charcuterie board. Sunday will have a complimentary breakfast. If there are any ideas for upcoming meals, they can email him or Maggie. Eric Silva answered a question about ceremonies and said regalia at crossover ceremonies are no longer approved. Jaydon Hensinger said they are working to make a stand for the wolf pelt but it needs to be kept safe before then. Jacob Keller said there is an email sent out about changes to the LEC meeting. All new items should be brought up by the youth - any adult with an idea needs to bring it up to the youth outside of the LEC meeting. Adults can be asked to present something, however. It is also Christina's birthday! Happy Birthday was sung.

Christina Rohm makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 pm. The Motion carries.