

Kittatinny Lodge V

Order of the Arrow, BSA

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

April 16th, 2023 in Willits Dining Hall

The April Lodge Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 9:02 in Willits Dining Hall by Lodge Chief Jacob Keller. The obligation was recited.

Jacob Keller: Jacob Keller started by describing what a LEC meeting is to new members. He said these meetings are quarterly meetings run through according to the agenda. Anyone can bring any business at the end during the "Good of the order". Motions are brought forth by the youth and voted on by all of the youth. They need to be brought forth, seconded, stating your name, and then brought to a vote. He said everyone did a great job this weekend and got a lot accomplished. We got a lot of money through the auction, and everyone had a good time.

LC of administration: Maggie Thorpe says her job is to manage some committees and plan the LED. The LED is for youth who want to get more involved. She also manages the bead box as beads you can collect at lodge events. You get a red bead, then can trade them up for multiple colors. Clear beads for example are for national events. Anyone can start collecting beads by coming to Maggie and getting a leather dangle.

VC of activities: Will Brudereck was not able to make it. Jacob gave a report: He would like to give a special thanks to Nolan Garringer for filling into service, and doing his job for activities and as an elangomat.

VC of inductions: Boone Webb's job is to help his committees and make sure they are doing their job. He would like to thank all his chairmen and people on his committees. They make his job easy for doing such a good job. This weekend was one of the smoother ones and went really well.

Secretary: Nolan Garringer motioned to approve. Scotia Foose seconded. Motion carries.

Treasurer: Jonathan Labruto measures the finances of the lodge throughout the year. Made the report, had the dues paid, and the weekend payments. Mr. Silva had the report projected. Christopher Phipps motioned to approve, and Nolan seconded. Motion carries. There is a reimbursement form you can fill out for Eric Silva if you need to get reimbursed.

Communications: Logan Westlake was not here. Was working on getting a wolf's tail sent out, which acts as a newsletter for information.

Kitchen: Matt Kerchner thanked everyone for coming out and enjoying their meals. He heard that people not taking their ordeal had a great time eating their food. The menu for May is on its way, and he is working for another dedicated dishwasher to help with the conclave.

Membership: Owen Thorpe says we inducted 28 new ordeals and 9 brotherhoods this weekend. 294 total members, 81 youth, 34 YA, and 179 adults, 52 of who are an ordeal, 144 brotherhood, and 94 vigils.

Unit Rep: Sam Heebner was not able to make it, and had not sent a report.

Vigil: Jayden Hensinger was not able to make it, sent a report. Says the vigil committee is making progress in vigil selection. They convened and selected this year's candidates and guides. They will be submitted to nationals to be approved.

Activities: Nolan Garringer says the patch auction made 4794 dollars. For the May weekend, they will bring football and kickball, for both kickball and the Gaga pit. Our lodge got a new record for April patch auctions.

Conference/Conclave: This office is vacant, Jacob says this committee plans the group of adults to go out for NOAC and conclave. NOAC is a weeklong conference that happens at a university, this year will happen at Boulder Colorado. These are a lot of fun, and we won the pickleball tournament last year, which we will try to continue this year.

Health: Ty Jozefick says we had 3 minor injuries. All of the candidates are currently in good condition. Thinking for conclave if they can use the camp radios for a better signal than the radios they have now. Jacob says they can talk to camp about that. They also need volunteers for their committee if anyone has first aid certifications. If you want medical forms back, they will be back in the back corner.

Historian: This weekend there was an all-female brotherhood induction, and a new record high for patch auctions. While Joe Campbell could not make it, we made a lot of history and took a lot of pictures.

Kitty Inc: Benjamin Scott says we made 2,995\$, and next weekend they will make more t-shirts, pins, and belt buckles. He also needs more people for his committee. He wants approval for a water bottle and sticker to work on with a standard wolf's head. Ella Howett motions to approve stickers. Jonathan Labruto seconds. Motion carries. Andrew Labruto makes a motion to approve the water bottle and Alyssa McCaffrey seconds. Motion carries.

Service: Simon Thorpe could not make it, filled in by Nolan. Most of the campsites but 3 were set with tents, had platforms repaired, and cleaned bathrooms. Pool covers were moved and put away. Also, Herby Helper Day has anyone yet to sign up. It is on the council web. The signups close on Wednesday. Jacob says this is a day people can come to camp for needed service for summer camp and conclave. 600 feet of water mane got done.

CP&E: Scotia Foose says they come out to troops to promote camp and run elections. They are looking for more people on their committee from the three districts - Frontier, Cacoosing, and Black Rock. The election season has closed except for one troop left.

Ceremonies: Alyssa is standing in for Josiah. Recognizes the ceremonies team. She is super excited about the main weekend and is hoping for an outdoor ceremony to use the circle. If anyone has any interest in helping with ceremonies for any job they should reach out to her or Josiah. They were also debating whether to purchase candle wicks and clothing. They are transitioning to new lights for different effects.

Elangomat: Adler Kullman says there were just enough elangomats for the weekend to get through. These go through the ordeal again as a guide for the new candidates. They need them for the May and September weekend and for future years.

Ordeal: This committee is also vacant, Jacob says they are working on getting this and the elangomat committee combined and will shortly have a bylaw change for that.

Brotherhood: Christina Rohm is not here. There were 9 people taking Brotherhood who were all successful.

Conclave 2023: Jacob says the conclave is being hosted here at HMC for 2023. It is a gathering of all lodges in our section to meet for one weekend for fun and to learn about that camp. To make it fun, we need plenty of staff and a lot of planning. Registration is open for the conclave now, and there are flyers with information. It is June 2nd-4th. More experienced members are encouraged to be staff and help run the event, while newer members should sign up as a member. The conclave contingent lead is Maggie Thorpe.

Conclave Staff 2023: Jacob Keller asks if anyone interested in being staff for any part of the conclave can be used to help run the conclave and have it move smoothly.

Campfire circle project: Glenn Piper says the main project for this year is to make a stage for the campfire circle. Got an estimate of 9-10,000 dollars. The OA will help try to fund this project and they need to raise money for that. Wants a motion to approve 2 fundraisers for that. One is custom brick pavers engraved, the other is a special commemorative patch as a CSP and a flap. They have a rough draft but no final design. They want it done to showcase it on the conclave. They do have the permits in so it is moving along. He also showed a picture of what it would look like. A motion to approve the use of brick pavers as a fundraiser was

made by Andre and seconded by Ben. Motion carries. A motion to approve the commemorative patch flaps and design was made by Justin Zimmerman. Matt Kerchner seconds. Motion carries.

Brotherhood Day - November 18: Jacob says anyone taking ordeal this weekend is able to get brotherhood on this day, and they have a ceremony that night.

Bylaw Change: Maggie Thorpe says there was a proposal to add a new bead to the bead box. It is a stainless steel bead with a wolf head on it. The camp has 2 different awards that troops can earn. Because the troops may not be able to go through the award even if one member wants it, they are making this an individual award someone can earn outside of their troop at camp this year. Motion to approve bylaw change by Nolan, seconded by Boone Webb. Motion carries. Eric Silva says we also need the motion to use lodge funds to spend them. They cost roughly a dollar per bead. Motion to approve the purchase of 300 beads at around a dollar per bead, Erin Heffner made a motion, and Ella Howet seconded. Motion carries.

A change in the order of business was made by Mr. Silva.

Staff Adviser: Jacob gave a report of Ryan Sagnip. He was not able to make it. He mentioned how we had made a Ryan big head 3 ft to carry around to take it to shows. He remarked that he was sorry he was not able to attend, and congratulated all new members of the order. The camp and council thank them for their hard work. Encourages everyone to attend conclave as staff or participants, and hopes to see them all in May.

Associate Advisers: Jared Eyer is the associate adviser for activities. Says we had an awesome weekend for activities and service and got a lot done for the camp. They need to keep it up to get a good conclave. They really need people for Herby Helper Day to get camp ready for the conclave and summer camp. This is not an OA event, anyone in the council can help. Adopt a Site is a program where a troop can get a campsite to improve and help it. They get free camping for doing work. Kullman is the associate adviser of inductions. He says everything is about perspective. He asked a lot of people what they did and everyone got a lot of jobs done. His perspective is different, he says 2 years ago he sat in Glenn to talk about if the lodge would be here or not. They were losing faith in whether they could keep the camp going. In that perspective, he saw that Jacob and a committee met every Wednesday for 12 weeks to get a plan of work. With everyone doing their little part, all of the small tasks build up. There are 1100 participants coming to camp this summer, and we made it a lot better for them. By being part of the OA, you help change people's lives. On this weekend, they did more to help camp than any other weekend with weather like this.

Lodge Adviser: Eric Silva says his job is to make sure the committee is successful. The key tenants are leadership and service. Kullman thanked them for their service and Silva did as well. He says people in their troops are also in the OA, and by working together they can

get much more done. Adler and Will Brudereck went to Pittsburgh to attend the national leadership seminar to learn about how to be better leaders. He was never a youth scout and came in as an adult. He says the ceremonies team did a fantastic job, being small and indoors. The elangomat team also did a great job helping candidates be successful. There were 150 tents put up which will help 300 scouts this summer. On March 25 10 members went to help the Appalachian trail with climbing clubs. This year at Knobbs Shelter they hiked 2.5 miles to put up picnic tables and helped a life scout working on his eagle for it to be successful. It was not sunny or warm, but still made the project successful.

Good of the order: Jacob says they got a thank you card for the far north adventures, a group in Alaska who worked to get us a timberwolf hide, which is in the Kitty Room. If people want to sign they can up and sign after the meeting. Last night, they had a couple of awards presented at ceremonies. One camp service award last night. The other was not here then, for Patty. Jacob Thorpe wanted to get the lodge flaps back here before summer camp. He thinks it is important for new scouts who never got a dining hall experience through covid. They would be instrumental to make it more inspirational. Maggie says people who took their ordeal will have a flyer in their packet that says NYLT. NYLT is an important training program at hawk mountain. It is a 6-day experience in August. The packet has information. Most of the leaders in this room took this program, which changed their lives. Many troops benefit from their scouts being NYLT trained. Jacob has a sign-in sheet for people to sign for attendance for the quarterly meeting. People also need to clean up this room in the way it was before. The layout is drawn up on the chalkboard. Nolan volunteered to lead that project. They also need people to clean the bathrooms. Mr. Thorpe volunteered to lead that project. Also needs people at each site to clean up trash and get everything cleaned. Boone volunteered for TTK and Scotia for Shenandoah. Jonathan volunteered for Seneca. Justin Zimmerman for Lenape. Also needs 2 people to go up to clean up the backside of Miller where ordeal candidates made their fires. Adler leading that. Also needs a group of 3 adults to go up to the compound to unload cement bags from the truck. Needs 2 people for the comfort station at Miller. Adler and his group will do that.

Motion to adjourn made by Ella Howett. Motion carries at 10:12 am.