

Kittatinny Lodge V

Order of the Arrow, BSA

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

May 21st, 2023

The May Lodge Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 9:08 am in Willitz Dining Hall by Lodge Chief Jacob Keller. The obligation was recited.

Recognition: Mr. Silva recognized Mr. Bice for the commissioner arrowhead honor.

Lodge Chief: Jacob Keller said to only congratulate ordeal candidates if you are an elangomat or chairman. He also said to stand up as you give your report so we know who you are. He said his goal is to make sure everything goes smoothly and thanked everyone who participated this weekend.

VC of admin: Maggie Thorpe said her job was to oversee multiple committees to make sure they get their jobs done. She also plans the lodge leadership development day in December. This is a great event to get involved and learn more about the OA. She has been trying to grow her committees and asks that if you have an interest in any of her committees you should come to her. She is trying to meet with her committees on a regular basis. She also carries around a bead box where you can get a bead for every lodge event you attend. You can trade them up or come to special events for different colored beads.

VC of activities: Will Brudereck oversees many committees as well, and tries to make sure all weekends run smoothly. He thanked everyone for coming out this weekend to get all the service done and will report more later in the meeting.

VC of inductions: Boone Webb says there are 3 inductions weekends per year that he helps run. He thanked his chairmen for running the induction weekend and doing a fantastic job.

Secretary: Lucas Famous showed the minutes on the projector. Jacob Keller explained how to make a motion by having any youth moving the motion and someone else seconding, then proceeding to a vote. Only youth and all youth can vote (under 21), adults cannot. The motion to approve the April quarterly meeting minutes was made by Michael Papa, and Christina Rohm seconded. The motion carries.

Treasurer: Jonathan LaBruto is not present, and has no report

Communications: Maggie Thorpe has nothing from Logan Westlake.

Kitchen: Matt Kerchner is not here, Maggie gave his report. He said he is sorry for not being here and hopes you enjoyed the food from the other kitchen staff. Maggie thanked the kitchen staff for making our food.

Membership: Owen Thorpe gave the report that this weekend there were 39 new ordeal members and 6 brotherhoods. So far this year there have been a total of 66 ordeal inductions and 15 brotherhoods. This makes a total for our lodge of 350 members, 116 of which are youth, 38 young adults, and 196 adults by age. By rank, there are 92 ordeals, 156 brotherhoods, and 101 vigils.

Unit Rep: Sam Heebner says he will be seeking contact for every troop representative and asks for them all to email him or see him within a few weeks to keep them informed.

Vigil: Jaydon Hensinger reports having all of the guides assigned for vigil candidates. They know who they are and they are now able to continue with paperwork for callouts.

Activities: Nolan Garringer says his job is to make everyone have fun. He wants to have more activities to do during weekends and asks for any suggestions.

Conference/Conclave: This committee chair is currently vacant. Maggie is in charge of the contingent. The deadline is this Friday to sign up for conclave. It is at Hawk Mountain for the first time in 5 years. Jacob explained that conclave is a gathering of lodges in our sections. There are 5 lodges in our section and it takes up mostly southern Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland. Mostly we have food, games, and shows. It rotates through every lodge in our section so we host every 5 years.

Health/Safety: Ty Jozefick is not here, Will Brudereck gave his report that there were 2 minor injuries Friday and 1 Saturday. If you are attending conclave you should see Mr. Bice to pick up your medical forms.

History: Joe Campbell has 3 members on his committee now. He is thinking of ideas for conclave and preserving the history of our lodge.

Kitty Inc: Benjamin Scott is looking to approve a jacket, cup, belt, and belt buckle. His goal is to expand his committee with GroupMe and asks if anyone is interested. The items will be approved during new business.

Service: Simon Thorpe is not here. Will Brudereck thanked Nolan for filling in this weekend and last weekend as the service chair. Tent setup has been completed, staff sites were made, there was progress at the stage and firing range, as well as many other tasks

Camp Promotions and Elections: No report, Scotia Foose was not here. She is working on getting patches out to people that completed elections.

Ceremonies: Alyssa McCaffery was filling in for the weekend. They had 3 Ceremonies this weekend that all went great. She thanked everyone who helped out. She is working on setting up a workshop to get more practice in and asks if anyone is interested in joining, as well as asking for a patch to approve. The patch approval will be done in new business.

Elangomat: Adler Kullman says we have 39 candidates who come through. He thanked all of them for coming out and becoming a part of our lodge and to elangomats for helping them.

Ordeal: The chair is vacant, but Adler was helping out.

Brotherhood: Christina Rohm says we had 6 people taking Brotherhood and is starting to plan brotherhood day on November 18. This is for people who took the ordeal in April/May to get their brotherhood in the same year because it takes 6 months to be eligible.

Conclave 2023: Jacob Keller is the conclave chair with Mr Seidel as his adviser. There are only 12 days until conclave and you can still sign up. It will be a blast.

Campfire circle project: Improvements are going on, you can see the stage from across the lake. It should be ready to use for conclave, though there is still a lot to do. Thanked all volunteers who came out to make that happen. Once the stage is built there are still jobs to do. For conclave, they should have the main deck but may not have railings or other jobs completed, but will be done by summer camp.

Brotherhood day: November 18. Christina Rohm went over it previously and reiterated it. Last year they had a good turnout and fun. She noted that all members, even ordeal, can come (though they can't participate in the ceremony).

Bylaw change/Wolf Bead: Maggie Thorpe adding an award for OA members to earn. It will come in the form of a silver wolf head bead. There is a proposed bylaw amendment inserting: "The lodge will sponsor the summer camp individual Order of the Arrow service project award each year." Jaydon Hensinger makes the motion and Will Brudereck seconds. Motion passes.

Summer camp trading post: More items from our lodge are in the trading post, for example, water bottles and Bolos.

Kitty Inc Merch approval: Christina Rohm says Ben had to leave. She wants to approve the belt buckle (showed design) for preorders. The lodge does not need to approve numbers, just approval of logo and production. Michael makes the motion. Drew Pengelly seconds. Motion carries. The belt is included in the motion, and will just be a standard OA belt. It will be available on the website with an added trading post link. There will also be an email sent out. It will be

there by tomorrow morning. We do not need to order belt buckles and belts together. He showed a mug design with a fox on the front and Kittatinny Lodge V on the back. It will be a Yeti style but not the Yeti cup. Keagan makes the motion to approve, seconded by Jaydon Hensinger. Motion carries. Fleece design with a fox and Kittatinny lodge text on the left breast pocket area. Drew Pengelly motions, Boone seconds. Motion carries. Full zip fleece with colors of gray or navy. All options of sizes will be available.

Sand donations for the volleyball court: The lodge put a big mound of sand in the parade field with a big hole. We are building a volleyball court for summer camp. Council approved the idea to build but is asking for our support. They want a donation of \$2000 for sand. Jacob says it's good quality, beach-quality sand from New Jersey. He wants a motion to approve \$2000 for the use of sand. Zachary Arthur makes the motion and Christina Rome seconds. Motion carries.

Conclave Auction Item Donation: We were asked by the section to donate an item to the conclave auction. All lodges are asked to donate an item of substantial value. We are sending a jet boil kit and a titanium spoon and fork in a bundle to raise money for the section. They will cost \$175 and need a motion to approve. Boone Webb motions to approve. Seth White seconds. Motion carries.

OA village logo approval: Boone Webb will be the summer chieftain. He asked to make a logo for the OA village, made by Christina. Needs a motion to approve. Michael Papa makes the motion, seconded by Jacob Gatehouse. Motion carries.

Clean-up projects: We should give back to camp by cleaning up after ourselves. First, the dining hall needs to be set up for a gathering of eagles ceremony. It needs 15-20 people to help with a project lead. There is a picture of how it is supposed to be set up. Joe Campbell volunteers to lead. There also needs to be some adults to drive the stake body to get more chairs from Miller. Needs 3 adults with a project lead. Project lead Mr. Thorpe The pool bathrooms need to be cleaned. Boone and Miss Kelly lead. Each site needs 2 youths to go down and sweep the area after people leave. Aaron Heffner for TTK Tang Keagan, and Markle for Seneca, Alyssa for Shenendoah. Mr. George will clean the welcome center.

Slate approval: There is a proposed slate for all but the secretary. Jacob explained the slate. The slate is a proposed idea for officers for the next year. Needs to be proposed at a quarterly and approved at another quarterly. Boone for Chief, VC of admin Scotia, VC of. Activities Will, VC of inductions Christian, and Treasurer Will Coull. Motion to approve by Alyssa McCaffery. Seconded by Erin Heffner. Motion carries. If you want to run for a position, you can run against the slate by getting signatures for a petition. The election will be at the September quarterly meeting after the September weekend.

Ceremonies patch: moves to approve a ceremonies patch. Approving the bottom part of the patch. Motion to approve by Christina Rome, seconded by Joe Campbell. Motion carries.

Staff Adviser: Mr. Sagnip says he acts as the middleman between the lodge and the council. The council wants to thank everyone for coming out for service. Even though they aren't glamorous, they are necessary for setting up the camp for summer camp and conclave. The projects benefit the camp for people to use the great facilities.

Associate Advisers: Mr. Eyer says we had a great weekend, but still need more projects and will have more work next weekend. If anyone is available they can reach out to Mr. Silva or go to service at the lodge website. James Gerringer will be assuming the position of service adviser for the lodge. Mr. Kullman says the interesting thing about looking around camp is that there are many things happening all around the camp. All the ideas and tasks are from people in the order of the arrow coming up with "what ifs". The volleyball court is coming because Boone wanted to have a volleyball court. As the Order of the Arrow, we can change anything we want if people give it enough support. Wilder is not here and did not give a report. Eyer also says in 2021 we had the 100th anniversary and a time capsule for our lodge. Every 25 years there is a time capsule put in with memorabilia.

Lodge Adviser: Mr. Silva wants everyone to be successful in their vision. The work we do in each weekend will be seen by hundreds of scouts throughout the summer. They will not know us, but they will know the work that we've done throughout the weekend. A lot of committees try to recruit, but they need members to make sure everything goes successfully. By being active in the lodge you can create progress and help things to happen. He encourages joining committees that fit what you enjoy. There are 300 participants coming and we need staff to make it successful. Encourages all ordeal members to come. Also mentions that the food should be better. Boone is committed to making OA events at summer camp the best in decades. You can come back out to the September weekend to get more work done and have more fun.

Good of the Order: In this section, anyone can bring up announcements to discuss. Jacob asks to approve half of the salary for Boone as the summer camp chieftain. James Smith approves. Christian seconds. Motion carries. We got a donation from Mr. Speece for NOAC. It is a gathering of all lodges in the nation at a college campus. It will be at the University of Colorado. Maggie Thorpe is giving out a lodge participation award to Mr. Zimmerman. Also encourages NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training). It plays a large role in the lodge to develop the leaders in our lodge. It happens in August at Hawk Mountain, and sign-ups are out. It is 6 days of games and training with members in our lodge. Mr. Bice says if anyone wants pictures from the weekend he has a google drive and can send pictures if you give him your email.

Adjournment: Jaydon Hensinger motions to adjourn. Motion carries at 10:14 am.