



## Owaneco Lodge 313 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 16, 2013

### Opening – 7:36pm

- Discussed Celebrating our Successes
- Journey To Excellence reports: Arcoon is Gold, Scatacook is Gold

### Chapter Operations – Daniel Wivagg

- Achewon (Joe DePaola) – The chapter has election leaders for each town, we have a few election already schedule at the chapter meeting on Dec.11 we had pizza and went over the script we had an attendance of 8 and we are going to meet at Costa Azzura at 5:00 to set up tables we do not have any decorations.
- Arcoon (Brian Boyd) – Had chapter meeting, talked about scholarships and winter banquet, went over election, talked to scoutmasters about elections, 8 attendance
- Chief Pomperaug (Thomas Scinto) – Meeting and fun day cancelled due to snow
- Keewayden (Michael Greco) – Started scheduling elections
- Scatacook (Stephen Rogalski) – 51 people at LAN party, ate lots of food, 7 brotherhood conversions, had officers meeting, had 2 elections and are planning the rest
- Troop OA Rep (Robert Larese) – Working to build program, contacted all chapter chiefs, wants each chapter to have head OA rep
- Cub Scout (Justin Schimmel) – The Cub Scouting Committee is working on getting new members; we are planning to have a representative from each chapter that reports to the chairman to inform them of the chapters Cub Scouting Needs. This is a kind of mini, informal liaison within the committee; feel free to promote it in your own committees.

### Finance – Sam Guerra

- Trading Post (Dan Gallup) – Gave out free gifts, such as patches
- Finance (Sam Guerra) – Approved budget for 2014

### Program – Jason Van Leeuwen

- Awards (Jesse Morrow) – The Awards Committee has made its 2013 selections for the James E. West, Founder's, and Ralph Deer Memorial Awards. We are currently in the processing of obtaining the awards for the Winter Banquet. The last thing for us to do is finish the bios and presentations for the awards' recipients.
- Camping Promotion (Jason Savisky) – The Connecticut Yankee Council Camps pamphlets promoting all of our council camps are done. All that needs to be done is copy them and distribute them to respected areas.
- Dance Team (Will Gunn) – Working on dances, will be having dress rehearsal soon, and first dance of the year is coming up
- Events (Alex Howland) – The Events committee has been preparing for the 15th anniversary winter banquet, and plans have been created on the decorations of the Event. We are almost completely finished with preparing for the event; we just need to finalize a few things.

- Service (Nick Razaia) – No report given.
- Training (Aidan Hughes) –No report given.

### **Inductions – Daniel McCloskey**

- Brotherhood- (Mark Dackow) – Made last 7 conversions of the year.
- Ceremonies (Kevin Garber) – Nothing new to report.
- Elangomat (Ben Weidman) – Prepping for May Ordeal.
- Unit Elections (Michael Saymon) – Unit elections happening right now, sent report with chapter’s unit election info. Elections are starting.
- Vigil Honor (Sean Nulty) – Vigil honor weekend scheduled at June ordeal.

### **Administration – Kyle Lang**

- Membership (Sam Fix) – Owaneco has reached JTE bronze for membership with 886 members (884 needed).
- Communications (Jonathan George) – Nothing new, social media is good.

### **Old Business**

- 2014 Budget- Sam Guerra  
Budget approved questions after the meeting to Sam.

### **New Business**

- Winter Banquet- Achewon: (Jason Van Leeuwen)  
Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, Costa Azura, starts at 6:30, everyone should go and silent auction items can be handed in. 13 days away, only 30 people registered
- Unit Elections- (Dan McCloskey/Michael Saymon)  
Chapters need to enter stuff in the GSM, elections are starting
- Project LEAP- Section NE-2A: (Neil Patrick Harris)  
Section training event is on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> in this room, one day event goal to have 10-20 people to come. Registrations start soon. Great time and special gift and knowledge to people who go!

### **Committees broke into groups with vice chiefs to discuss what they need from their vice chiefs**

### **Open Forum**

- More free gifts from the trading post, and sold some leftover items
- Steve Rogalski shared thank you letter from troop masters about the LAN party and thanked everyone who helped out
- Jesse Morrow shared information about YLT
- Jason Van Leeuwen- This Saturday in the council blood drive, volunteers needed, patch opportunity

### **Lodge Chief’s Corner – Neil Patrick Harris**

- Reflect on the awesomeness of 2013, it’s been a great year. Lots of participation. Lodge achieved GOLD for 2013.

**Lodge Adviser's Minute – Mr. Lloyd Gallup**

- Same as Neil, congratulations on all the hard work to everyone, it made the year and next year easier. Great projects coming up for 2014.

**Staff Adviser's Minute – Ms. Elsie Hemmings**

- Same as Neil and Mr. Gallup, she will come back next year.

**Closing Quote:** “Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and lead a trail” –Ralph Emerson

Closed at: 8:45 PM