



**Owaneco Lodge 313  
Executive Committee Meeting  
June 17, 2013**



**Opening -7:37pm**

- The May ECM Minutes Approved

**Lodge Chief – Neil Patrick Harris**

- Welcomed everyone to his first ECM as a Lodge Chief. Neil recognized a few of his already appointed committee chairmen to the Lodge.

**Chapter Operations - Daniel Wivagg**

- **Achewon** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
- **Arcoon (Brian Boyd)** - Last chapter was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had about 15 scouts and a few new scouts from the May and June ordeals. New chapter officers were elected Brian Boyd became the chapter chief and arranged a full group of dedicated staff. The old and current events with the lodge were discussed. Arcoon had two of its members Bobby Brown and Nick Razzaia receive the honor of vigil.
- **Chief Pomperaug (Griffin D’Amato)** - Present, Verbal Report Given, No Written Report Submitted
- **Keewayden (Alex Howland)** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Written Report Submitted
- **Powahay (Zach Rilling)** - At the June ordeal, 12 candidates were inducted and 2 arrowmen received brotherhood. At our chapter meeting we reelected Zach Rilling as the Chapter Chief, Reed McMurchy as Vice Chief of Inductions, and Ryan Czlada as Vice Chief of Program. We selected the theme of the September Ordeal, Indiana Jones. The medical officer for this ordeal will be Mr. Richard Rilling. Our Ordeal Master will be Zach Rilling. The chef for this ordeal has not been found yet and we are in the process of creating the menu.
- **Scatacook (Stephen Rogalski)** - In June we had 6 members attend the ordeal, 1 brother hood conversion, and 22 candidates. We also elected our chapter officers for the year. We had 9 members help set up and cook for the Scatacook district dinner on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Troop OA Rep (James Korin)** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Written Report Submitted
- **Cub Scout** – Not Present, No Report Submitted

**Finance - Samuel Guerra**

- **Trading Post (Nick Wolf)** - Trading post had a great June Ordeal! We sold a lot of inventory including 1 of our newest items, the Owaneco Work Gloves at \$5 a pair. We are currently finalizing our fall fellowship pre-order catalog which will feature many new patches and memorabilia. The catalog will allow the ability to pre order certain items. The Jamboree delegates will be on sale at Jambo for dues paid members at a price of \$5.
- **Finance** – Not Present, No Report Submitted

**Program - Jason Van Leeuwen**

- **Awards** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
- **Camping Promotion (Sam Fix)** - I have the final copy of the brochure which can be printed and approved tonight.
- **Dance Team (Jason Savisky)** - Finished the year with a team picnic full of fun and fellowship that was held on June 14<sup>th</sup> as well as the June Ordeal. We also invited new members to the picnic for a small dance. We are now done with our meetings for the summer, but we will be back in a few months to get ready for the September Ordeal and upcoming dances with new and old members.
- **Events (Alex Howland)** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Written Report Submitted
- **Service** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
- **Shows (Nick Wolf)** - In this past month of June 2013, this committee finished filming and showed *OOA- License to Skill* (a James Bond parody) as well as a show at conclave.
- **Training (Sean Nulty)** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted

#### Inductions - Daniel McCloskey

- **Brotherhood** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
- **Unit Elections (Mike DiBudo)** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Written Report Submitted
- **Elangomat** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
- **Ceremonies (Kevin Garber)** - We had a successful June ordeal this month with Kevin Sean Dan W and Neil performing Pre ordeal and ordeal and Dan W switching with Dan M for brotherhood Mateu. We plan to have a brotherhood ceremony on the 22 for the lodge picnic. We will continue to hold practices over the summer for the September ordeal.
- **Vigil Honor** – Not Present, No Report Submitted

#### Administration-Kyle Lang

- **Membership** –Not Present, No Report Submitted
- **Communications** – Not Present, No Report Submitted

#### Old Business

- **June Ordeal (Jason Van Leeuwen)** - Double OA, Vigil Honor members, good event, the surveys were down
- **Section NE-2A Conclave (Neil Patrick Harris)** - 20 members located camp trimount, Friday night fellowship, Saturday Afternoon games, new Brotherhood ceremony demonstration, section chiefs will decide on new demonstration, Saturday night show Nick wolf mc, Patch auction raised lots of money for lodge, Sunday business meeting. Neil Harris and Sam Guerra serve at the section level.

#### End of the Year Reports

- **Lodge Officers**
  - **Lodge Chief (Jesse Morrow)** - Thanked lodge for the hard work we put in. Reflected on making lodge stronger. Met gold standard. Sent large contingent to NOAC. Reviewed event through the year. Very well run winter banquet. Raised

lots of money through patch auction. Problems of the past year. Attendance was poor at ECM. Communications were not strong enough and we are working on improving this. Wished good luck to our new officers and New Year.

- **Chapter Operations (Neil Patrick Harris)** - Talked about journey to excellence. Personnel goal to have each chapter to earn the standard. Recognized Scatacook for going above and beyond. Created review sheet to see the progress of the lodge. Disappointed with the committees. Troop Rep committee need to be improved. Build better relationships with scouting units.
- **Program (Jason Van Leeuwen)** – Three ordeals, Fellowship, Winter Banquet, LLD, and Picnic. Statistics on programs. Good year lots of new faces at events. Continuing position in the next year. Hopes to do better than he did in the previous year.
- **Inductions (Daniel Wivagg)** - High and Low point of the year. Did not meet deadlines. Created new Unit elections handbook. Ceremonies team has a few new members. Did well this year and added a few new ceremonies. Elangomats always do a good job. Need to recruit earlier. Brotherhood has improved with requirements online. Need more Brotherhood members. Vigil honor had a good amount of members for the year. Has room for growth and wished new lodge leaders good luck
- **Finance (Sam Guerra)** - Not present
- **Administration (Justin Schimmel)** - So, communications this year has been good. I wrote a communications plan which can be used by the next executive committee. It is an outline of how communication in the lodge should be managed. I am leaving it with Kyle and Neil. Here are some stats for this year: the lodge Facebook page has 274 likes, the YouTube page has 47 subscribers and the twitter page has 92 followers. That's impressive compared to some other lodges. Go Owaneco!!!! In case you are wondering, I am staying active in the lodge and plan to be the next cub scouting committee chairman.
  
- **Chapter End of the Year Reports**
  - **Achewon** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
  - **Arcoon (Pat Aabazia)** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted
  - **Chief Pomperaug (Griffin D'Amato)** – Chief Pomperaug has had a very successful year. We finished our unit elections with great success and our chapter ran the May Ordeal. We plan to finish our year with a chapter fun night later this month. We had an increase in attendance at our monthly chapter meetings, which was one of my goals. There was also an increase in attendance at lodge events.
  - **Keewayden (Daniel McCloskey)** - This year has been a very productive year for are small, but mighty chapter. We have inducted over 2/3 of our elected candidates and have had many new brotherhood conversion. We recently had four Keewayden members elected to four of the six lodge officers including lodge chief. There should be a special thanks to Jason Van Leeuwen and Mrs. Jagielski for their help teaching the chapter merit badges which was the center point to our chapters program. Keewayden was also happy to run a successful June Ordeal. Finally Keewayden would like to thank our advisor Mr. McCloskey for all his

hard work throughout the year. Keewayden leadership is determined to keep Keewayden awesome and continuing its growth and productivity.

- **Powahay (Zach Rilling)** – This year the chapter went through a few changes including chapter advisors. As of right now we are not planning any events for the next year because we will be focusing on improving the chapter. This includes increasing the attendance, getting more people involved, increasing our communication and increasing brotherhood conversion rate. This past year we successfully completed our unit elections. However there were some problems with communicating with the scoutmasters when the specific deadlines were. This year we inducted 22 candidates and a grand total of 6 arrowmen have received brotherhood.
- **Scatacook (Stephen Rogalski)** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted
  
- **Committee End of the Year Reports**
  - **Cub Scout** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
  - **Troop Representative Committee (James Korin)** - This year, the troop rep committee promoted itself at various events. It gathered a list of interested names of scouts and got in touch with about 20 members. We have grown in the numbers and in support/interest we also a fancy new trifold to present at the ordeals.
  - **Finance** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
  - **Trading Post (Nick Wolf)** - The following year has been great. We made new items such as Owaneco Travel Mugs, Water Bottles, and Bolos as well as reordered some other apparel such as shirts and hats. We recently released and sold our newest item Owaneco Work Gloves. We sold them for \$5/pair and sold 1/3 of our inventory on the first day.
  - **Awards** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
  - **Camping Promotion (Sam Fix)** - The Camping Promotions committee finished a brochure that contains information on the council camps.
  - **Dance Team (Jason Savisky)** - This year has been a good year for the Dance Team. We have had about 8 Cubscout performances and 2 Ordeal performances. Although we had a decline in the amount of members due to various reasons, we were still able to bring our performances to the lodge and various Cub Scout packs. Our knowledge and skills have grown greatly as a team, just like they always have. We look forward to dancing next year with old members as well as new members that have joined and will join. The success would not be possible without Mr. Fagen and Mr. Russo, and all of the adults that support us as well as the members of the team.
  - **Events** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted
  - **Service** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
  - **Shows (Nick Wolf)** - This past year Owaneco shows has created three productions: *The Avengers*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Arrow*, and *OOA-License to Skill*. In addition, we created “Weekend in Reviews” and the “Year in Review”. At this past year’s banquet we began a tradition of giving away awards based on our shows such as "Best Actor" and "Best Death". We look forward to

creating many new shows for next year, and doing something very special for the 15th Anniversary fellowship video.

- **Training (Sean Nulty)** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted
- **Brotherhood (Liam Raftery)** - The 2012-2013 Scout Year was very successful for the Brotherhood Committee. The Committee's activities help the Lodge to achieve the required minimum 30% eligible Brotherhood Conversions to assist the Lodge in achieving Gold JTE status. The new Brotherhood Guide, available to potential Brotherhood candidates to prepare for their Brotherhood conversation, was written, edited and published this year. It is posted on the Owaneco website so that potential Brotherhood candidates can download a personal copy prior to the Brotherhood instructional class. Letters from the four Principals and the Lodge Chief were mailed periodically over the year to encourage new Ordeal Members to seal their membership in the Order through Brotherhood conversion. Interview feedback during the Brotherhood interviews at the May and June Ordeals indicated all candidates received the letters from the four Principals and the Lodge Chief and several Brotherhood candidates accessed the new Brotherhood Guide prior to coming to the Ordeal to do their Brotherhood conversion. The 2013 May Ordeal resulted in 21 Brotherhood conversions and the 2013 June Ordeal resulted in 18 Brotherhood conversions, both increases over the same Ordeals in 2012. Feedback during the Brotherhood instructional class at the Ordeals indicated it is very important to discuss key symbols and events that happen during the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal Ceremonies in some depth beyond just reading the Brotherhood instructional PowerPoint slides. This will improve the Brotherhood candidates understanding of the meaning and symbolism of these ceremonies. With the new Brotherhood Ceremonies coming out in 2014, the Brotherhood Instructional PowerPoint presentation and the details of the Brotherhood hike may need to be revised.
- **Ceremonies (Kevin Garber)** – Present, Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted
- **Elangomat** – Not Present, No Report Submitted
- **Unit Elections (Mike DiBuduo)** - First off, I would like to thank all of those who worked with me this year, especially the chapter chiefs. We selected 260 new candidates this year which is below our usual numbers. Hopefully, next year we will return to our regular pattern and elect closer to 300 scouts. I will not be staying as the committee chair since I will be in college next year, but I will work as the assistant chairman in order to help ease the next chairmen into the process. Thanks again everyone who was part of this year's unit elections.
- **Vigil Honor** – Not Present, No Report Submitted

### New Business

- **June Picnic (Jason Van Leeuwen)** – The Lodge Picnic will be on June 22nd and starts at 9am and goes until noon at Hoyt. When service is done at noon, then the picnic portion will begin. In the afternoon there will be a brotherhood ceremony.
- **OA Day at Camp Sequassen (Neil Patrick Harris)** - OA Day Happens every Tuesday at Camp Sequassen. Stephen Rogalski will be the chairmen with the help from Cody Jones.

- **September Ordeal (Jason Van Leeuwen)** - September Ordeal will be hosted by Powahay Chapter on September 20 – 22 at Camp Pomperaug. Theme is Indiana Jones. Medical Officer and Head Chef are confirmed and the Chapter is working on a Menu.

**Breakout Session- 8:30pm – 8:45pm – Chapter Chiefs**

- **15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall Fellowship (Andrew McCloskey)** - Patches four part set (neckerchief, back patch, lodge flap, and event flap). Patches in the promo cups to help advertise this event at the September Ordeal. If you register before October 1, it will be \$25, Between Oct 1 and Oct 24 it will be \$30, at the door will be \$35.

**Open Forum**

- Make a new friend within the lodge and try to increase fellowship and bring them to Order of the Arrow events
- Former Lodge Chief, Andy Vill, was ordained as a Deacon.
- Scatacook Chapter was featured in the National Bulletin for their community service project with Pathways Academy.
- Flyer went out about corporate picnic Council is helping with. Looking for scouts to do an opening ceremony, help with stations, and anything else they need us to do.
- Former Lodge Chief, Mat Buono, in running the Hamden/ North Haven Relay for Life on June 29-30. Some adult advisers have set up a team. If you would like to participate contact Mr. Michael Card or Mr. Robert Anstett.
- Registration for the Lodge Picnic on June 22<sup>nd</sup> is up. Please register ASAP and let everyone you know to register also.

**Lodge Chief's Corner – Neil Patrick Harris**

Thanked Jesse Morrow for his service to the lodge this past year as Lodge Chief. Will be appointing committee chairmen in the upcoming weeks/months. Strengthen our program before our current leader's age out. Theme for this year is, "Strengthen the Ties of Brotherhood."

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

**Reminded the chapters to work with their members for dues renewal and to have a good summer.**

**Lodge Staff Advisor's Minute – Ms. Elsie Hemmings**

Happy with the work that is being done to improve the Lodge. Have fun and be safe this summer

Meeting closed at 9:12pm