



**Owaneco Lodge 313  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2014**



**Opening – 7:40pm**

- No quorum present, so there was no vote on the minutes from March

**Chapter Operations – Daniel Wivagg**

- Achewon (Joe DePaola) – Last Chapter meeting discussed May Ordeal and Chapter Attendance
- Arcoon (Brian Boyd) – Most of the arrowmen at the chapter meeting are going to the May Ordeal and planning the Frisbee gam
- Chief Pomperaug (Thomas Scinto) –
- Powahay( Zach Rilling)-
- Keewayden (Michael Greco) – Was the annual orientation meeting for parents and Scouts who have been elected into the order. Held their chapter fun night at the CT sports center.
- Scatacook (Stephen Rogalski) – Currently planning events for the upcoming months.
- Troop OA Rep (Robert Larese) –
- Cub Scout (TBD) – Looking for new chairman. Dan Wivagg will coordinate Cub Scout Day Camp until a new chairman is found.

**Finance – Sam Guerra**

- Trading Post (Dan Gallup) – Nothing new to report
- Finance (Sam Guerra) – Spending heavily on the Service project docks at SEQ and on task for the financial term

**Program – Jason Van Leeuwen**

- Awards (Jesse Morrow) – Nothing new to report.
- Camping Promotion (Jason Savisky) – Working on summer camp promotion brochure
- Dance Team (Will Gunn) – Dances are finished for this year looking for team members to dance at the ordeal
- Events (Alex Howland) – Planning the two upcoming ordeals and finalizing the things this week.
- Service (Nick Razzaia) – Looking forward to the upcoming ordeals
- Training (Aidan Hughes) –Nothing new to report

**Inductions – Daniel McCloskey**

- Brotherhood- (Mark Dackow) – Looking forward to the May Ordeal and the new conversions.
- Ceremonies (Kevin Garber) – Had a meeting this last week very productive looking forward to the Ordeals.
- Elangomat (Ben Weidman) – Working on the special award later tonight
- Unit Elections (Michael Saymon) – Nothing new to report
- Vigil Honor (Sean Nulty) – Nothing new to report

### Administration – Kyle Lang

- Membership (Sam Fix) –Nothing new to report
- Communications (Jonathan George) – Nothing new to report

### Old Business

- Unit Elections (Michael Saymon/ Dan McCloskey) – Nothing new to report. Reviewed the statistics of the lodge.
- Major Service Project Update – Lodge held service project and complete all 32 frames for the Sequassen docks. This Saturday is the next project and we will be finishing the docks by adding the flotation's and decking to the docks

### New Business

- May Ordeal (Keewayden) – Michael Greco - May Ordeal is approaching in 2 weeks in good shape for the event and the theme is Wild West
- June Ordeal (Powahay) Zach Rilling - In need of head chef. Theme is Jurassic park. We need more people to register.
- Lodge Officer Elections (Neil Patrick Harris) - June Ordeal the elections for lodge officers will be held. Fill out the form and turn into Mr. Gallop before May 30<sup>th</sup>
- CYC kickoff (Neil Patrick Harris) - Need people to set up lodge booth and run the booth. It is a Wednesday in May. Respond to Neil's email if interested.
- Cub Scout Day Camp (Neil Patrick Harris) - Looking for lodge to help out at the camp on Fridays and will travel all around CT.
- June Picnic (Jason Van Leeuwen) - The lodge work detail, giving service back to the camp there is good food fun service and fellowship.
- Section NE2A Conclave (Dan McCloskey) – Looking for people to help out at the event to help with publications and if interested talk to Dan McCloskey. First week you will receive a special patch if you register with in the regulated date.
  
- **Special Presentation on extended Elangomat Committee (Dan McCloskey)**
  - Looking for ideas for the Elangomat award
  - Read up the requirements before this is approved
  - Contacting the clan after the Ordeal is a big part of the award
  - Wants to increase participation of the Elangomat Program
  - Should include training program for the Elangomat
  - Need to find people who are well trained
  - Need to spend some more time coming up with ideas and brainstorming.
  - Would like to have this rolling for the May Ordeal as a pilot.

### Breakout Session

- Membership in all areas among lodge and committees are low
- Need to make our scouting lodge more important in the lives of new scouts
- Zach Rilling talks about how there are rumors about the lodge and people bad mouthing the OA and what we really are about
- How do we get people who have been away from the lodge to get back into the lodge
- Brought up OA day
- Need to make the OA elections more honorable

- The OA needs to be enthusiastic about activating new members
- Need to be led by the youth officers and take it up a notch
- Need to revitalize what is being presented to the troops and unit.
- Lodge needs to be a more visible presence
- Need to use the Troop OA as a resource to increase participation
- Need a presentation to preform to the troops around council
- Using the committee of the troops to work with the troop OA reps

### **Open Forum**

- Nothing

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

- Many thanks for members who participated in service project and breakout. May Ordeal is coming up so we need to get some people registered. Turn in officer election forms into Mr. Gallop. New JTE requirements.

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

- Spoke about Officer Elections and Membership.

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

- See you at the May Ordeal!

Closing Quote: “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover.” –Mark Twain

Closed at 9:16PM