



**Owaneco Lodge 313  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2014**



**Opening – 7:38 pm**

- Minutes: Not enough people to vote

**Chapter Operations – Daniel Wivagg**

- Achewon (Joe DePaola) –At our last chapter meeting we discuss the script for elections we have elections scheduled for most of the troops Talked about someone to step up this year to take Chapter Chief position other than me, I would like to pursue other avenues in the lodge.
- Arcoon (Brian Boyd) – Need to finish unit elections goal before the end of March. Working on creating a communication plan. At the last meeting we discussed the winter banquet and how it went as well as the upcoming events.
- Chief Pomperaug (Thomas Scinto) – Not present.
- Keewayden (Michael Greco) –Not present
- Powahay (Zach Rilling) -- We are making slow progress in our unit elections with 1 election completed and 6 more scheduled. An e-mail will be going out to the scoutmasters who have not scheduled there elections yet as a reminder to do so. We are anticipating a very active February with the elections and the team is ready for them. At the chapter meeting we discussed the upcoming elections and how we will be spending our money for the upcoming year. So far this year, 19 people have paid their dues but an e-mail will be going out reminding them.
- Scatacook (Stephen Rogalski) – In January Scatacook completed 3 unit elections, and we have 3 more in the next couple of weeks. Additionally the chapter ran the campfire program and flag retirement ceremony at the district Klondike. Chapter members also served on the first aid staff for the event and assisted at the rifle range
- Troop OA Rep (Robert Larese) – Not present trying to get in contact with chapter chiefs.
- Cub Scout (Justin Schimmel) – The cub scouting committee is still working on building up the committee. All chapter chiefs have been notified of representative plans and I would like to meet with them briefly after the meeting. The goal of building up the committee is currently in progress and we hope to see it by the end of my term.

**Owaneco Lodge High Adventure Scholarship- Daniel Wivagg**

- Presented one of the High Adventure scholarships to Sean who could not be at the Banquet.

**Finance – Sam Guerra**

- Trading Post (Dan Gallup) – Sales from trading post this year were a little light.
- Finance (Sam Guerra) – Nothing new to report

**Program – Jason Van Leeuwen**

- Awards (Jesse Morrow) – "The awards committee would once again like to congratulate the 2013 recipients of the James E. West Fellowship, the Founder's Awards, and the Ralph Deer Memorial Service Award. All of the individuals that received the awards

should be commended for their service and dedication to the lodge, and to the principles of Scouting. At this time, I would like to announce the 2nd recipient of the James E. West Award because this particular arrowman was not present at our Winter Banquet. This recipient has given many years of service to Owaneco Lodge; first a youth on the ceremonies team who placed nationally, then later as Lodge Chief for Tankiteke and a member of the Merging Committee, and later on as a 3 year Lodge Adviser for Owaneco. He now holds the position of Section NE-2A Section Adviser, and serves on a National Sub-Committee for inductions and ceremonies. His service to the Order of the Arrow was nationally recognized at the 2012 NOAC when he received the Distinguished Service Award. I would like to commend Mr. Bill Chin on his outstanding accomplishments and devotion to the order and to our Lodge. It is an honor to have you represent us on the Section and National level."

- Camping Promotion (Jason Savisky) – Nothing new report
- Dance Team (Will Gunn) – No report given
- Events (Alex Howland) – The events committee has been working on their goals. Preplanning the events has been completed earlier than when I began. However, I need to work on getting a group of guys committed to planning the five events per year. If I find some people to help me, the events committee will run more smoothly. I need to work on this; I have a list of names that I will send emails to sometime on the near future.
- Service (Nick Razaia) – No Update
- Training (Aidan Hughes) – No Update

### **Inductions – Daniel McCloskey**

- Brotherhood- (Mark Dackow) – 38 percent conversion to increase the brotherhood members. Challenged brotherhood members to think about what brotherhood means to them.
- Ceremonies (Kevin Garber) – Nothing new to report
- Elangomat (Ben Weidman) – No written report
- Unit Elections (Michael Saymon) – Written Report Given
- Vigil Honor (Sean Nulty) – Nothing new to report

### **Administration – Kyle Lang**

- Membership (Sam Fix) – Written Report given.
- Communications (Jonathan George) – Nothing new to report

### **Old Business**

- Winter Banquet (Jason Van Leeuwen)
  - Winter banquet went really well at Costa Azzura. Attendance was well and there was great food and fellowship. Went over the recipients for the awards handed out at the winter banquet. Guest speaker was James Heavy Chief of Police in Greenwich.
- National Planning Meeting (Neil Patrick Harris)
  - Went over the national planning meeting and who was on the committee. Explained Arrow tour which is like a caravan who goes around to different sections promoting the order of the arrow. There are three events that will be coming up for 100 years of the OA.

### **New Business**

- Unit Elections ( Dan McCloskey/Michael Saymon)
  - Talked about unit elections. Using software to put new ordeal candidates into this system. Not as many elections completed as we would like. Update the election dates. New election reports were discussed. Would like to meet with chapter advisers after the meeting.
- Project Leap (Neil Patrick Harris)
  - Explained project leap and reviewed flyers. A training program with fun and fellowship. There are a lot of different trainers teaching us leadership skills within the OA. Discussed training types. Only 8 people are signed up to go we are looking to get more people registered.
- Major Camp Service Update
  - March 8<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> we will be conducting our first of many work parties at Camp Sequassen. We will be building new docks for the camp waterfront. We need volunteers! MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!!
- NLS/NLATS 2014 ( Neil Patrick Harris)
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> we have three spots for our lodge. If you would like to attend register with in this week because the course fills up quickly.

### **Brotherhood Presentation**

- Mark Dackow gave the Executive Committee a presentation on a new Brotherhood process.

### **Open Forum**

- OA High Adventure
- First ever Cub Scout Arrow of Light ceremony will be in March

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

- Keep up the great work, continue to bring people into the program and get them involved, we are half way through Unit Elections, already have a few Gold JTE items checked off for 2014

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

- Reminded Advisers of the adult nominations for the order of the Arrow.

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

- Not Present

Closing Quote: “If we do not lay our self's in the service of mankind then who do we serve” – John Adams

Closed at 8:57PM