

Executive Committee Meeting

January 23, 2011

Opening: 7:40

No minutes from last ECM

Sign in past around

Lodge Chief – Nick Wolf

1. We have a good lodge; let's make it a great lodge! I would like to implement a New Year New Lodge campaign. Talked about the goals for committees and chapter who were represented, talk about it more in February.

2. QLS, Quality Lodge Summit, is happening on January 29th in Stone Ridge, NY. If you would like to go you need to register. The event will cost \$15 and you will get lunch and a patch.

3. NLS, National Leadership Seminar, will be March 23-25 at camp alpine. The event cost is \$80. If you are a lodge officer/chairman the lodge will cover your fee.

4. Awards - Mr. Anderson received the founder's award for his hard work working with the elangomat committee. Mr. Russo received a limited edition statue produced by national for his work in planning Inidan Summer.

Chapter Operations – Jesse Morrow

Achewon – I will not be there because I am doing a unit election. My chapters report is that all troops in my chapter have a date for unit elections, at the end of the month we will have eight unit elections done. This past month was a good chapter meeting, we had pizza and soda. There was a good showing of attendance. For our March roundtable, our commissioner asked me to have a table about the OA...Achewon chapter will be the first done with elections, that's the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Arcoon – At Arcoon's meeting at the beginning of the month we further discussed elections. Since then, we've completed 4. I know one troop doesn't need one. Currently there are two scheduled this week and a few in the works for the beginning of February. Also, Arcoon is trying to plan a chapter trip to Mount Fun or another indoor rock climbing place. I apologize for my absence; however I need to study for these tests.

Chief Pomperaug – We had 11 in attendance at our last chapter meeting. We reviewed the unit elections script and also ran through it. We did a mock unit election for all of the new members. Our vice chief of inductions is currently compiling info for unit elections.

Keewayden – After a less than stellar turnout at the last chapter meeting, we will be taking measures to raise attendance. We are still in the process of planning a fun activity, which most likely will be cyber sport at the SportsPlex. All but 2 elections are scheduled.

Powahay – We met last on 1/11/12 and we discussed unit elections. We are currently working on unit election. We have confirmed dates with several units and are awaiting date requests from the rest.

Scatacook – No report received

OA Rep – No report received

Cub Scout – The request that's from John Queenan from Pack 570 in Newtown to come to their pack's Blue and Gold Dinner March 3rd is under planning. We would be helping their pack and obviously be representing the OA. I need to speak with Brett Schorr to organize this with his chapter.

Finance – Morgan McMahon

Trading Post – At the winter banquet we sold out of belt buckles, and hats. We are ordering more buckles. We are selling NOAC fundraiser and we sold out of winter banquet patch. The silent auction brought in \$1500 and same with the trading post.

Finance – Submit budget request within 6 months at the latest to get reimbursed.

Program – Neil Harris

Camping Promotions – I am working with Mr. Landi to get the pamphlet published. We will have it done soon. And again if you know anyone who might be interested in joining the Camping Promotions Committee have them contact me.

Dance Team – We have been doing very well and have been working on our dancing and outfits. Our first dance on January 21 in Milford went great, and we will continue to keep working on them until our next performance. I am very sorry but I will not be able to attend the meeting, I have another scouting function to go to.

Events – We had about 125 people at the winter banquet and it was a great time! Thanks to Arcoon Chapter for their hard work in helping run the event.

Service – No report received

Shows – No report received

Training – No report received

Inductions – Sean Nulty

Brotherhood – Program was initiated at the December ECM. Second letter to new ordeal members sent with chapter meeting information enclosed. Third letter from Allowat Sikima will be sent in March. 4th and 5th letters (from Kitchkinet and Lodge Chief) will be sent in April for the May and June ordeal members and in June after the ordeal to the September Ordeal members. Need chapter chiefs to reinforce the New Program and use the 10 topics for chapter meetings. The brotherhood committee would like to meet and work with the Elangomat Committee to begin development an Extended Elengomat Program. All Elangomats from 2011 and all Chapter Chiefs should be contacting New Members and encouraging them to convert to Brotherhood.

Unit Elections - We need to ramp up the scheduling in all Chapters, namely, Chief Pomperaug and Powahay (no elections scheduled).

By Chapter:

CP: Stated above. GET MOVING. OR ELSE...

Achewon: 26 not scheduled/declined/marked non-eligible. Get on it.

Arcoon: Duplicate Troops 721 and 196. Date wrong for 196 (2012, not 2010). 14 left, keep moving.

Keewayden: 5/15 scheduled, keep scheduling and be prepared for upcoming. Doubles for Troops.

Powahay: Doubles and Triples for Troops. Check it out. Also above. KEEP MOVING.

Scatacook: One passed (8) no data for candidates. Troop 770, missing info for one candidate. Check on it. Keep moving with scheduling.

ALL: KEEP SCHEDULING. Make sure you check for requests. I've gotten many, not a lot are online. Check for duplicates and triplets of troops online.

In total, 130 troops. 4 have been marked no election. 13 have been scheduled. 5 have been completed. 32 elected, 13 not, 3 declined. I want to know what you mean by declining. Include middle initials, as a reminder. These numbers are unacceptable as we are almost a month and a few weeks away from the deadline. Get scheduling! Keep on your VCI's. If you have trouble, send them to me and I will personally correct their attitude. By next ECM, we need them ALL scheduled, if not completed, but that's a long shot. All scheduled/marked? Not hard at all (insert sad face, then angry face). Thank you.

Elangomat – We are currently working on getting a patch design approved so that we can have patches for the Elangomats at upcoming ordeal. Pretty soon, we will have to start planning Elangomats for the Ordeals. Please let your chapters know that we need Elangomats and send anyone who's interested towards me. I will not be able to make it to the May Ordeal, but I will arrange for someone else to take my place as Elangomat Chairman. This will most likely be someone from my chapter.

Ceremonies – We currently have 3 members attending NOAC and we are currently looking for a fourth so we can bring back knowledge.

Vigil – Vigil selection committee has made its choices. See you at the June ordeal!

Admin – Ben Weidman

Membership – Not a lot of people paid dues yet since it is a new year

Communications/Website – Going to be setting a deadline for the Observer, mid February. The ECM will get an email. Contact Bob Brown if you would like to write an article for the observer or scouter.

Old Business

Winter Banquet – Thanks to Arcoon chapter for a great job. Scatacook chapter has next banquet.

New Business

May Ordeal – Will be held May 4-6 at Deer Lake. Achewon chapter is hosting. Shows committee recommends Harry Potter as theme.

June Ordeal – Will be held June 1-3 at Sequassen. Chief Pomperaug is hosting. It will be the weekend before conclave. It will also be out Lodge Election weekend.

ConnJam 2012 – No report received

NOAC 2012 – There are around 30 people registered. Today is the deadline to register. Talk to Andrew or write a check.

Open forum

Earned Patch - Discussion for about 25 minutes. Talk more about it next month since we do not have quorum.

Hoyt camp master meeting – They would like another OA event at Hoyt. If we can fit it into our calendar let them know. Want to improve fire ring at north end at camp, it has been neglected for years and then possible fix up the south ring.

After your ordeal come back to the next one for free. Other lodges do it and have seen membership retention. Increase price from \$40 to \$45. Discussion for 10 min. Talk more about it next month.

Trading post is always open and if you have ideas for new merchandise let Dan Gallup or I know.

There is a new award that was announced in Dallas. It is called the Legacy Fellowship. You get the award by donating \$1,000. The award is just like the James E. West But instead of the money going to the council's endowment; the money will go to the national endowment. You must be a James E. West recipient to earn this new award.

Chief's Corner – The winter banquet was a fun time for all and we ended 2011 on a high note. Let's make a bug push this year for the New Year New Lodge campaign; we need everyone's help on this. QLS is this weekend; try to carpool with your local adults.

Advisor's Corner – I am disappointed with the turn out for tonight's meeting. Thanks to those who made it. Elections is big concern, make sure you update your records. Once you have an election input the data. The sooner you get them in, the sooner you can contact them to come to events.

Staff Advisor's Corner – Happy New Year. It was a good 2011, it is going to be a good 2012. Thanks for all you do.

Closing 8:55