



**Owaneco Lodge 313
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2014**



Opening – 7:38pm

- Minutes for February
 - Minutes Motion by Ben Weidman, seconded by Mike Greco 14-0-0

Chapter Operations – Daniel Wivagg

- Achewon (Joe DePaola) – At the past chapter meeting we finished elections had pizza for all who helped and set a date for the chapter picnic in June and we will be holding our chapter elections at our picnic
- Arcoon (Brian Boyd) – Present, 99% done with elections. Discussed the May ordeal. Planned a Frisbee tournament for May 23.
- Chief Pomperaug (Thomas Scinto) – No report
- Keewayden (Michael Greco) – Present, reported on May ordeal, theme is Cowboys and Indians. There is still a need for a chef for May Ordeal.
- Powahay (Zach Rilling) – Our unit elections are finally 100% done for the 2013-2014 season. We elected about 20 people and we are all looking forward to having them go through their ordeal. We talked about also having an orientation session for these new candidates in early May. We have also picked our theme for the June Ordeal. It will be themed around Jurassic Park but an exact theme name has not been finalized yet. We have our Ordeal Master, Medical Officer already. We just have to pick the chef.
- Scatacook (Stephen Rogalski) – Not present, report given about chapter events. 2 elections left to do, but scheduled. Discussed their April meeting plans.
- Troop OA Rep (Robert Larese) – not present, but reported that they are working on a number of ways to promote the committee.
- Cub Scout (Justin Schimmel) – The cub scouting committee is continuing its campaign for the chapter representative program and has started planning for cub day camp this coming summer. More information to follow next ECM

Finance – Sam Guerra

- Trading Post (Dan Gallup) – Nothing to report
- Finance (Sam Guerra) – Nothing new to report

Program – Jason Van Leeuwen

- Awards (Jesse Morrow) – Nothing new to report
- Camping Promotion (Jason Savisky) – Nothing new to report
- Dance Team (Will Gunn) – There was a performance at Deer Lake.
- Events (Alex Howland) – Ordeal master and medical officer are set for May and June.
 - May Ordeal: The theme for the May Ordeal will be Cowboys
 - Ordeal Master- Mike Greco
 - Medical Officer- Mr. Rilling
 - Planning for decorations and meals have begun
 - June Ordeal: Theme- Jurassic Park

- Service (Nick Razzaia) – Nothing new to report
- Training (Aidan Hughes) – Nothing new to report

Inductions – Daniel McCloskey

- Brotherhood- (Mark Dackow) – Looking forward for the May Ordeal. Was looking for people to stay late after the meeting to help stuff letters.
- Ceremonies (Kevin Garber) – Cub Scout crossovers have been successful. Planning on being at the May ordeal.
- Elangomat (Ben Weidman) – Next month will be going over the extended Elangomat program.
- Unit Elections (Michael Saymon) – 215 Scouts have been elected for Ordeal so far. Close to 99% of the troops have held elections.
- Vigil Honor (Sean Nulty) – Nothing new to report

Administration – Kyle Lang

- Membership (Sam Fix) – Not present to report
- Communications (Johnathan George) – Nothing to report

Old Business

- NLS reports from Zach Rilling, Alex Howard and Mike Greco on what their experience was at NLS. Learned helpful skills to be used in the future in and out of scouting.
- Regarding NLATS: Mr. Rilling commented that he came back with ideas that he wanted to discuss with the other advisors. Ways to reignite the fire in some of the Scouts that don't show up to OA events. Never a boring moment the entire weekend.
- Arrow of Light ceremonies – Neil talked about the first 2, EVER, AOL ceremonies that were held. Others are welcome to help with the ones scheduled in the future. Kevin, Sam, Neil, Zach and Alex did ceremonies. So a few people are becoming familiar with the ceremonies now. Right now you can just read from the paper, but they hope to transition to learning the ceremonies in the future.

New Business

- Unit Elections (Michael Saymon) – nothing more to report, elections should be done by now.
- Major Camp Service Project update – April 12th work day. March date was cancelled due to snow. Registration online, free – just need headcount. Article in the Observer. Chapters promoted this activity at chapter meetings. Encourage other brothers to attend this project.
- May Ordeal – (Mike G/Neil) Mother's Day weekend, Deer Lake – Registration will be online in early April. Letters going out to candidates in next two weeks,
- June Ordeal – (Zack R/Neil) Jurassic Park is the theme. Sequassen needs chef. Lodge Officer Elections will be held at this ordeal.
- Troop Rep program – (Robert L) got idea from LEAP and made a Q&A handout about the position.
- Ceremonies – (Mrs. O'Brien) – Dancers do not have enough practice dates or evenings available to prepare for all the ceremonies. She also wants to set up a better tracking

system for who has regalia and when it needs to be returned. Also keep track of the calendar so not too many ceremonies are scheduled at the same time.

- Arrow of Light ceremonies discussion: Work within each chapter to schedule the Order of Light ceremonies for next year. Discussed making a flyer to explain the new program for each chapter.

Open Forum

- Northeast Region Adult leadership changes will occur soon
- Mr. O'Brien: 3 week Scout trip to Scotland still has 2 openings left.

Lodge Chief's Corner – Neil Patrick Harris

- Accomplished a lot already this year, in 2014. Registration opens soon for Ordeal – sign up and tells your new brother candidate's to sign up.

Lodge Adviser's Minute – Mr. Lloyd Gallup

- 215-220 new candidates, currently 9 adult nominations. Lower than last year's numbers and last year was the lowest ever. Need to get existing members to renew their dues.

Staff Adviser's Minute – Ms. Elsie Hemmings

- Keep up the great work!

Closing Quote: "Successful leaders see the opportunities in every difficulty rather than the difficulty in every opportunity." Reed Markham

Closed at 8:32PM