



Order of the Arrow — Section NE-3B
Council of Chiefs Meeting
Camp Russell, Woodgate, NY
May 10, 2003 — Meeting Minutes

I. Opening

Meeting called to order and opened with the Obligation of our Order, led by Chief Tyson Ford, at 9:02 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Lodges Present

Haudenosaunee #19
Half Moon #28
Ga-Hon-Ga #34
Otahnagon #172
Tahgajute #247
Loon #364
Oteroraus #402

Section Officers & Advisers Present

Section Chief Tyson Ford
Section Vice-Chief George Stiefel
Section Secretary Peter Bird
Section Adviser Bob Black
Section Staff Adviser Tom Labayewski
Associate Section Adviser Bob Stickle
Associate Section Adviser Wayne Farnsworth

III. Secretary's Report

Motion by Loon to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2003 Council of Chiefs Meeting as presented. Seconded by Tahgajute. Motion passed.

IV. Lodge Reports

Haudenosaunee #19 – Tom Bennett

Lodge plan has been approved by the LEC and has been sent to the Council Executive Board for final approval

Holding a Lodge Fellowship from October 3-5, 2003 at Camp Boyhaven. The section will conduct a visitation at that time.

Half Moon #28 – Chief Andrew Czaplicki

Lodge Plan has been completed and will be sent to the appropriate people shortly

Planning for spring service weekends underway

Also planning for a more involved OA Day at summer camp with emphasis on service

Ga-Hon-Ga #34 – Chief Phil Hall

Lodge officer elections were held in March—Justin Dzialo will become Chief in June

At the spring camporee, the troop representatives met and learned more about their position and responsibilities

Sent a contingent to both recent National Leadership Seminars

Planning for an Ordeal and Brotherhood weekend in June

Working on updating the lodge website

Otahnagon #172 – Chief Sean Murray

Will be having a lodge visitation on May 17th

Expanding summer camp programs to include Brotherhood Conversion and an OA service corps

Tahgajute #247 – Chief Mike Damazyn

Planning a Fellowship and Ordeal Weekend for June
Implementing the Troop Representative program
Working on the Lodge Plan

Loon #364 – John Farnsworth

Vigil Callout is this weekend
Was a National Service Award recipient for 2002
Planning for spring Ordeal weekend May 30-June 1
Where To Go Camping booklets distributed to all lodges present
Working on plans for lodge participation in the council Battle of Plattsburgh Camporee in September

Onteroraus #402 – Chief Josh Greenman

Continuing to call out Ordeal candidates every Friday night at summer camp
Planning a Fellowship and Brotherhood weekend June 13-15
Sent a total of nine people to the March and May National Leadership Seminars
Forming a committee to begin planning for the 2004 Conclave

V. Old Business

Philbreak

The Philbreak program, providing a Philmont Spring Break to scouts ages 18 to 25 was very successful. Each week of the three-week program was filled with scouts from across the country eager to give service to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. The program's main goal was to help rebuild the fire-damaged areas in the northern part of the ranch. Participants also enjoyed a day of skiing at a local resort. From our section, Secretary Peter Bird, and Loon Lodge members Anthony Richards and John Farnsworth participated. Because of the high participation, there is a good chance the program will be continued in the future.

Train the Trainer

Peter Bird and Tyson Ford presented a Train the Trainer program on Friday, May 9, 2003 to conclave trainers and other Council of Chiefs members. The program was designed to prepare the trainers for what they might experience during training sessions at the conclave. The program was well received and participants said it was really helpful in helping them to put together their lesson plans. Based on this feedback, we are looking to conduct the training again next year with a larger group of instructors.

W-1B Conclave Report

Tyson Ford and Bob Black attended the W-1B conclave in Anchorage, Alaska from April 23-27, 2003. In addition to local sight-seeing trips, they both came back with some ideas to improve our own conclave.

University Training Format. W-1B uses a university training format for their conclave training, giving participants the opportunity to earn degrees at conclave colleges for training sessions they attend. For example, "Arrowman 101" and "History of the OA" sessions could be included in the *New Arrowman College*. Participants would have to take three courses in one college to advance a degree— Associates, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, and Professorship. Upon completing their degree, participants receive a diploma certificate and a patch with a specific border color. This program helps conclave training by providing incentives for participants to return in following years, by developing experts in specific areas

of the OA program by focused learning, and by providing an incentive to the CVC of training to develop a good conclave program.

Sectionmaster. W-1B and other sections also use the Sectionmaster computer registration and tracking program for Conclave registrations, training, and auction management. This database program relies on unique participant ID numbers that are constant for each participant every year. These ID numbers are placed on participant ID tags, used to identify bidders in the patch auction, and are used to track training attendance. Numerous reports can be generated on Conclave programs, training sessions, and other aspects of the Conclave.

Conclave Vice-Chiefs. CVCs are appointed by the Council of Chiefs in W-1B, not by each individual lodge. Each CVC presides over a committee with one member from each lodge in the section. The CVC is then accountable to the section instead of the lodge, hopefully an encouragement for better performance.

Shows, Events, and Recognition. W-1B had an interesting “late-night” style opening show with our Chief, Tyson Ford, interviewing the national and section officers of W-1B. The Saturday night show featured a magician. Like at NOAC, conclave participants signed up in advance for Saturday training sessions and events, helping trainers and coordinators better prepare in advance for their activities. People who either donated patch auction items that sold for more than \$300 overall or people who bought patch auction items for over \$300 were honored with a special patch.

VI. On-Site Tour

The meeting adjourned for the On-Site Tour at 9:25 a.m. Lodge chiefs were asked to remind their lodge members that we will be sleeping on cots with mattresses in standard BSA wall tents. These tent areas will be labeled by color for every lodge.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

VII. New Business

Service Lodge Report

The Conclave Advance Book has been published and distributed to all section lodges.

The service lodge is starting to work on a conclave handbook to have a draft distributed to the section leadership by mid-June. The table of contents from the conclave handbook is as follows:

- Letters from Section Chief, Section Adviser, Conclave coordinator, Host Lodge Scout Executive, Host Lodge Adviser, and Host Lodge Camp Director
- Event Schedule
- Menu
- Recreation events and rules for each event
- Training schedule
- O.A. Code of Conduct
- O.A. Song
- O.A. Obligation
- Participation Pin Award rules
- Most Outstanding Lodge Award Qualifications
- Most Cheerful Arrowman Requirements
- Most Outstanding Arrowman Requirements
- Outdoor Code
- Section Schedule
- Conclave Rotation Schedule
- Credits
- Council of Chiefs Members
- Map of Camp Russell

The service lodge is still getting quotes for the actual participation pin. They are looking at a small moosehead or a small pin with the same design as the patch. The Council of Chiefs recommended that the service lodge pursue the moosehead as it adds local character and would be considerably less expensive.

Backdater Review

- May 15—Registration and Memorabilia pre-orders due to home lodge
- May 30—Registration and Memorabilia pre-orders due to service lodge
- June 15—Final Registration due to home lodge
- June 27—Final Registration due to service lodge (After this date, not guaranteed a patch)
- July 15—Drop-Dead registration date. (After this date, not guaranteed food or housing. Contact service lodge)

Conclave Schedule Changes

The following modifications to the conclave weekend schedule were made:

- Friday Add training meeting at 10:00 p.m. for all trainers
- Saturday Silent auction to run from 2-5 p.m.
- Lodge competitions to end at 5:30 p.m.
- Delete rededication ceremony
- Pie eating contest to run from 9:00-9:30 p.m.
- Patch Auction to start at 9:30 p.m.
- Council of Chiefs meeting to start at 11:00 p.m.

Silver Tomahawk Award

Vice-Chief George Stiefel reminded the Council of Chiefs of an old award presented at the Conclave to the lodge that had done the most work for its council over the past year. Lodge chiefs each gave a speech detailing their lodge's work in the council on Saturday evening and the Council of Chiefs voted to award the Silver Tomahawk that night. After positive feedback, George will write guidelines we can use this year to bring back this award.

VIPs and Attendance Goals

We are anticipating on having three national officers at our Conclave—National Chief Nick Gigirolamo, National Vice-Chief Rich Moore, and Northeast Region Chief Ian Pinnavia. If one of these officers can't come, we will invite another region chief. We are also expecting many past national and regional officers to come.

Because there will hopefully be several national officers in attendance, there was discussion about holding a Very Important Arrowman luncheon like at NOAC 2002. The youngest lodge member and the Lodge Chief from each lodge would get to have a special lunch with the national officers on Saturday. John Farnsworth, Special Events CVC, is looking in to it.

After some discussion, Chief Tyson Ford and Adviser Bob Black agreed to a bargain. If 250 paid delegates and VIPs attend the conclave, Tyson will shave his head while Bob will dress up like a "fair maiden."

University Training Discussion

The Council of Chiefs decided to implement the University Training format used by W-1B after the recommendations of Tyson Ford and John Kochay, Training CVC. After much discussion, five colleges were agreed upon:

- Ceremonies and Inductions
- Extreme Scouting (High Adventure)
- New Arrowman
- General Studies
- Lodge and Chapter Management

Each Training session will have a sticker, color-coded by college, to use for identification on participant forms for degrees. Secretary Peter Bird is working on creating a diploma. We will also need a patch design and a name for the university. After discussion, we decided to have an online contest and vote for the name. Submissions can be emailed to Chief Tyson Ford or there will be an online form put up on the section website. Lodge Chiefs will receive more information about the online vote in June when submissions are received.

CVC Reports

- 219—American Indian Affairs
 - CVC Tim Scee, Adviser Bob Bubniak
 - Just appointed-is starting to plan events
 - Will be responsible for conducting the ceremonies competition
- 402—Publications
 - CVC Scott Tabor
 - Planning 3-5 newsletters for the weekend
 - Working on storyboards now to get the first issue out at registration
- 172—Recreation
 - CVC Sean Murray
 - Spoke with Camp Russell waterfront director today about feasibility of using the waterfront for Conclave; still working on ways to pursue this
- 19—Shows
 - CVC Kevin Shimkus
 - Just appointed-has planning meetings set up
 - Will start planning relatively short, fun shows.
- 364—Special Events
 - CVC John Farnsworth
 - Writing guidelines for competitions- OA Jeopardy, Newsletter, Where To Go Camping booklet, and brag board competitions
- 28—Training
 - CVC John Kochay
 - Working to implement University Training format

Lodge Assistance Program

- Section Vice-Chief George Stiefel has scheduled the visitations for this year.
 - May 17-Otahnagon 172 at Camp Tuscarora
 - July 26-Loon 364 at Camp Bedford (Sean Murray coordinating)
 - October 3-5-Haudenosaunee 19 at Camp Boyhaven

Website

The section website is in the process of going through another major update. Following this Council of Chiefs meeting, more information will be available about the Conclave, the new University Training format, and other section programs.

E-Newsletter

The next E-Newsletter will be going out in early June, containing updates for the Conclave including the new University Training Program, information about national activities including Indian Summer and Philbreak, and other section information. Lodges were asked to continue to distribute the section newsletter to their own lodge listservers.

NLS/NLATS

Due to popular demand, an NLATS course will be held during the September 19-21 NLS weekend at Camp Alpine, NJ. The March NLS at Camp Woodland in our section had a very good turnout and the section officers were happy that most lodges could send people there.

OA High Adventure

There are still plenty of spots available for OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage for interested arrowmen. There is also a scholarship available for one person from the section to attend OA Wilderness Voyage. Contact Chief Tyson Ford for details.

Quality Lodge/Quality Section

Unfortunately, we did not earn Quality Section this year. One of our main points was not having enough lodges earn Quality Lodge—only two out of eight lodges earned Quality Lodge recognition. Also, we did not formally hold two competitive events at our Conclave last year.

To help improve this for the coming year, the section is willing to help in any way that it can to help lodges earn Quality Lodge. Lodges should plan how they plan to earn Quality Lodge now, early in the year, so they will be done by recharter time.

Lodge Plan

Lodge Plans should be submitted to the region and section as soon as possible. To date, Half Moon, Otahnagon, Kayanernh-Kowa, and Loon lodges have submitted their plans.

Indian Summer

While registration has officially closed, lodges may still be able to send additional people by calling the national office. There will not be any section-coordinated transportation as not enough people from the section are going.

Conclave 2004

Next year's Conclave will be held at Camp Henderson in Maryland, NY, from June 11-13, 2004. The entire camp will be open for facilities and activities. Onteroraus Lodge, the host lodge, is currently forming a Conclave committee to start planning. An adviser has been selected.

Onteroraus extended an invitation to any section member to attend one or more of their call-out ceremonies to get a feel for what their camp and ceremonies teams are like. They are held every Friday night at camp (July 4, 11, 18, 25, and August 1).

Adviser's Minute

Section Adviser Bob Black encouraged people to run for section office as it is a great experience to serve the Order in a new way. He also congratulated our section lodges for continuing to get our materials in to the Region office ahead of other sections.

Closing

Motion by Half Moon to close the meeting. Seconded by Haudenosaunee. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Order of the Arrow song at 11:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Bird
Section NE-3B Secretary