



Section NE-3B

Council of Chiefs Meeting Minutes
Foothills United Methodist Church
January 20, 2007 - 7:13 AM

I. Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by PJ Berger followed by the Obligation

II. CVC Presentations

A. Onteroraus – Recreation

- i. Planning a variety of games, with an overall theme of a training program. If arrowmen participated a requisite number of events, they would earn some sort of participation award.
- ii. It was pointed out that the number of adult games was lower than the number of required games. The recreation committee planned to take the fact into consideration when finalizing the rules.

B. Ga-Hon-Ga – American Indian Affairs

- i. The committee stated that due to the inherent limits of American Indian Affairs, they “can't fit the star wars theme in very much, so [they] just changed the competition name.”
- ii. The committee expressed plans to hold a pre-ordeal competition with judges from each lodge.

C. Tahgajute – Saturday Show

- i. The show will be filmed in advance due to the necessity of special effects. The show will tie the theme into scouting.

D. Otahnagon – Friday Show

- i. Except for a live introduction, they also plan to have the show filmed entirely in advance.

E. Kittan – Host Lodge

- i. The host lodge presented their back dater and progress to date.

F. Kayanernh-Kowa – Publications

- i. The articles planned for each of the four issues were presented. Comments were invited, there were none.
- ii. It was indicated that CVCs and Lodge Chiefs will be expected to contribute articles, and will be notified which ones shortly.

G. Half Moon – Special Events

- i. A crakerbarrel-like “cantina” is planned for Friday Night as well as a variety of carnival-like games, and a Jedi-Challenge consisting of OA trivia and Scout skills.
- ii. Saturday will be similar to past years with a silent auction and inter-lodge competitions including a (dry) t-shirt contest, website, and newsletter competitions in the afternoon, and the annual Pie Eating Contest and patch auction at night.

III. Secretary's Report

- A. There were no comments on the October minutes, so a motion was made by Ga-Hon-Ga to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tahgajute. The motion passed.

IV. Lodge Reports

A. Otahnagon

- i. Otahnagon recently held its annual winter dinner which 124 people attended. At the winter dinner, they recognized 6 vigil nominations and 2 Founder's Award recipients.
- ii. otahnagon received quality lodge this year, completing all but two requirements.
- iii. Five members of otahnagon Lodge attended the Section LLD.
- iv. otahnagon did not receive the service grant they were hoping for to assist with the construction of a training pavillion.

B. Kittan

- i. Kittan is having a lodge meeting next weekend (the weekend of the 27th), and they are looking forward to a great conclave.

C. Kayanernh-Kowa

- i. Kayanernh-Kowa recently held their annual winter banquet. There were approximately 120 attendees. The guest speaker was Chip Cenci, who hiked to Appalachian Trail. Wes Hall attended to speak about OA High Adventure.
 - ii. Unit elections have been started in several chapters.
 - iii. This year, Sabbatis Scout Reservation will be having a weekly OA recognition and call out ceremony.
- D. Tahgajute
 - i. Tahgajute did not receive quality lodge due to Brotherhood Conversion.
 - ii. Tahgajute's annual winter banquet was moved to February 10th.
 - iii. At the lodge general meeting in November, a new Vice chief, Secretary, and Treasurer were elected, and new committees were formed. All of the new officers attended the Section LLD
 - iv. Tahgajute will be running their council Klondike.
- E. Ga-Hon-Ga
 - i. Ga-Hon-Ga recently held their winter banquet. There were approximately 90 attendees, including Section chief, PJ Berger, and Section Adviser, Bob Black. There were 8 vigil honor candidates, 2 founders award recipients, and 2 James E. West recipients recognized.
 - ii. Ga-Hon-Ga did achieve quality lodge this year.
 - iii. It is their 5-year lodge anniversary.
- F. Half Moon
 - i. Recently held their 3rd annual Lock down at the YMCA as well as their Winter Banquet, which was attended by 85 people, including Section Chief, PJ Berger. The Half Moon Lodge Adviser received the Founder's Award.
 - ii. They did not receive quality lodge due to a drop in membership and a low brotherhood conversion rate.
- V. Section LLD
 - A. Approximately 39 people attended this year's Section LLD. It included 4 Train the Trainer sessions.
 - B. The Section will not be having a LLD next year, but they will hold a TTT.
 - C. Section staff are willing to help staff Lodge LLDs.
- VI. SOS
 - A. SOS is a weekend where Section officers get trained to do their jobs and to better serve the Lodges in their Sections.
 - B. Our section did well at this years SOS. We received 1st place in the Brag Board competition, and 2nd place in the presentation competition..
- VII. Quality Section 2006
 - A. The section did receive the quality section award for 2006 despite losing almost a third of its membership this past year.
- VIII. Conclave 2007
 - A. This year, instead of one advance book, the section will be producing a participant's guide and a leader's guide.
 - B. Service Lodge Report
 - i. The Service lodge is in the process of determining which memorabilia will be offered this conclave.
 - a) A motion was made by Half Moon to allow the Section Staff and the Service Lodge to determine memorabilia based on available information. The motion was seconded by Othagon. The motion passed.
 - b) The sample patch design was projected and passed around for people to look at. A motion was made to accept the patch design, with the possibility of modification by Section Staff by Otahnagon. The motion was seconded by Half Moon. The motion passed.
 - C. Registration will be similar to last year. The start date for the online system is not known, but, like last year, it will automatically close on the final registration date (June 18th). This year new report types will be available for memorabilia sorting, registration, etc.
 - D. Training
 - i. Training registration will be more strictly enforced this year. (Contingent leaders will receive a printed report of what contingent members had signed up for when they arrive.)
 - ii. The tentative course list was reviewed, and some suggestions were made to include Cub Scouting and/or Scoutreach as well as a course on the Troop Representative program.
 - iii. Anyone interested in training was directed to contact Section Vice Chief Tim Monnin.
- IX. Lodge Assistance Program
 - A. Otahnagon, Kayanernh-Kowa, and Half Moon were visited in 2006.

- B. Onteroraus and Kittan are tentatively scheduled for 2007, although no date has been set for either.
- X. Onsite CoC
 - A. It will, of course, be held at Rotary Scout Reservation. It will start at 9:00am on the April 28th, with an optional overnight the 27th.
 - B. The purpose of the onsite is to act as a review of the facilities and equipment and to finalize plans for Conclave.
- XI. Website
 - A. The new webmaster is Matt Lacy.
 - B. He has taken the current site and stripped it down to content and redesigned the layout (visually). He will have it up and running for the onsite, hopefully sooner.
- XII. National Events
 - A. NLS/NLATS
 - i. We had low section-wide attendance last year.
 - ii. Cost is \$65 per person
 - iii. It's a great crash-course leadership program that helps not only with lodge leadership but personal leadership skills as well.
 - B. NCLS
 - i. This July 28th- Aug 1st for training on the new strategic plan and Arrowcorps5.
 - ii. Lodges should try to send 5 people, including their key-3 if possible.
 - C. High Adventure
 - i. Two people currently signed up for a total of three sessions. Two more applications should be in shortly.
 - ii. The section's goal is 10 people.
- XIII. Adviser's Minute
 - A. Service Lodge has a lot to do. They don't need to be chasing frivolous items that can be purchased at home, although you should always talk to them before purchasing something yourself.
 - B. Don't slow down, but instead, keep up the momentum and make this conclave the best it can be. Part of that is keeping the lines of communication open, and be sure to keep people informed of your status.
 - C. Don't hesitate to use each other as resources.
 - D. Think about how you want to be viewed in your section and in your lodge while working on Conclave. Put in the effort to come off looking well.