



Section NE-3B

Council of Chiefs Meeting Minutes
Rotary Scout Reservation, Poestenkill, NY
April 28th, 2007 – 9:00 am

1. Opening
 - a. The meeting opened at 9:00am by PJ Berger, who led those in attendance in the obligation.
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. A motion to accept January CoC Minutes by Ga-Hon-Ga. It was seconded by Otahnagon.
3. Lodge Reports
 - a. Tahgajute has a new website under construction. They are also starting a second ceremonies team and working on implementing the Extended Elangomat program. Their Lodge is playing a large part in their council's NYLT course. They have several events coming up, including a fellowship next weekend and an ordeal/brotherhood event on June 2nd.
 - b. Ga-Hon-Ga has several events approaching, including a callout ceremony on May 5th at their council's spring activity weekend and a fellowship/ordeal weekend May 18-20. They have been actively promoting section and National events and already have 10 people signed up for conclave and 3 signed up for the NCLS. They have been making progress on their Unit Elections, and, so far, everything is going well. They are making some changes this year, including moving officer elections to their fall event, and transitioning to an e-newsletter.
 - c. Otahnagon is finishing up their unit elections. They recently held an event at which they raised \$800. They have several upcoming events including a council camporee at May 5th, and a fellowship weekend May 18-20. They've been working hard on the conclave video for this year and they've been making the organizational changes necessary to properly support a Conclave as Service Lodge next year.
 - d. Onteroraus recently held their winter fellowship. They have approximately 60 people in attendance. They are holding an OA workday on May 12 and a brotherhood weekend on June 9. They have 65-70 new members, and are using the extended elangomat system to stay in contact with them. They have been promoting Conclave and hope to have a good turnout.
 - e. Kayanerhn-Kowa has been holding Unit Elections, which are going well. This year they hope to expand the OA presence at their summer camp. They hope to improve Conclave attendance from previous years, and will therefore be promoting it at their upcoming Christmas-themed spring weekend. They will be sending 5 people to NCLS.
 - f. Half-Moon recently finished their unit elections. They have a total of 55 candidates this year. They have made the transition from having a paper newsletter to having it entirely web-based. They also have a new lodge flap.
 - g. Kittan has also finished their unit elections. They are in the process of constructing a new website and instituting a quality chapter program.
4. Tour of Rotary Scout Reservation
 - a. Andrew Crowder led those in attendance on a tour of the Camp. Notable points included that there are 11 campsites with room for approximately 30 each, that the dining hall seats approximately 300 people, and that there are approximately 11 locations for training.
5. Conclave 2007
 - a. The Service Lodge is contacting a food service to take care of food for Conclave. They have already recruited several people to staff the camp, including a medical officer, and are in the process of recruiting others, including people to help with teardown/cleanup after conclave, people to direct traffic, and people certified for rifle, archery, and COPE. This year,

they hope to ensure that all medical conditions and food allergies are known by the close of registration

- b. Participation Award
 - i. At past conclaves, there has been a participation award. The Service Lodge plans to continue to the tradition.
 - ii. Attendees of the CoC meeting brainstormed requirements, ideas included having participants dress up like a starwars character, using stickers to keep track of what training, recreation, aia, and special events activities participants participated in. Other possibilities that were mentioned included offering some sort of participation-related incentive for donations to the patch auction or spending over a certain amount at the patch auction. It was also proposed that participation awards be limited to those who were registered by the deadline.
 - iii. Ideas for the award itself were also brainstormed. Notable suggestions included a pin, certificate, theme-related item, and a different bordered patch. It was ultimately decided that, because people like patches, that it would be the best choice.
 - iv. The possibility of different levels of participation was mentioned
 - v. A motion to let the section staff and host lodge determine a final requirements list was made by Otahnagon and seconded by Half Moon. The motion passed.
6. Registration
 - a. Mike George gave a presentation of the registration system. Instructions and passwords were distributed to Lodge Advisers. It was stressed that a lodge's password should be kept secure due to the fact that a person with that password can make commitments on your lodges behalf. The importance of entering people before the June deadline was also discussed.
7. Schedule
 - a. Schedule was updated. See Appendix A for an updated version
8. CVC Reports
 - a. The publications committee, which consists of 5 members, got off to a slow start due to lack of contact information, but now that they have that, they should be back on track shortly. The committee has 5 members. They will be requesting articles from Lodge and Section Staff and CVCs shortly. They will be proofreading articles as they come in, hope to have all pre-conclave articles done in May. The newspaper is going to be named the Jedi Journal.
 - b. The special events committee will be meeting after their finals. Since the Retreat, they needs list hasn't changed much. They are planning to try the game on their camp staff, if possible. They will be holding the typical contests this year.
 - c. Recreation has several events planned, including a 5K run, volleyball tournament, "Make your own pod racer" contest, and an Ultimate Frisbee competition. So far, they are still on schedule. They still need to develop requirements for the Lodge Recreation award.
 - d. The Friday Show committee has most of their show filmed, but editing has not begun. They are "right on track" with their back dater.
 - e. The American Indian Affairs committee is working out the details for the ceremony competition and their costume creation session in the morning. They are considering having an additional event, but nothing is planned or confirmed.
 - f. The Saturday Show has been meeting on a weekly basis and have made good progress. They have a rough script finished, which will be distributed to Section Staff. They plan to involve the audience in their show.
9. Training
 - a. There have been 24 Trainers identified for 26 courses. This year we are trying to ensure adherence to course selection from registration.
10. Backdater
 - a. The backdater was reviewed by Zach. Those in attendance were reminded of the importance of the deadlines.
11. Attendance

- a. Target attendance numbers for each Lodge based on the section goal of at least 300 (see appendix B) were reviewed by PJ.
12. VIP's
- a. Will be confirming them this weekend
 - i. Evan Chaffee – National Chief
 - ii. Ken Hager – NER Chief
13. Conclave Awards
- a. The Most Outstanding Lodge, Most Outstanding Arrowman, and Most Cheerful Arrowman awards will be given again this year.
 - b. We will be trying the Largest Lodge Contingent Award again.
 - i. Prizes:
 - 1. Priority seating at shows and meals
 - 2. Shown in opening scene of conclave video
 - 3. Ice Cream on Friday night served at camp site
 - 4. Special border on patch
 - 5. Meal with Section Staff & VIPs
14. Website
- a. Matt Lacy has Redesigned the website. It is essentially the same content, but updated and with a new look.
15. OA High Adventure
- a. We were hoping to have 10 people this year, but only 2 are signed up so far. There is still space in both wilderness voyage and trail crew.
16. National Leadership Seminar
- a. Last NLS and NLATS of the year will be held September 28-30.
17. Lodge Assistance Program
- a. In order to keep up on schedule, we need to visit both Onterora and Kittan. At present, we are planing on early June, but dates have not yet been scheduled.
18. National Conservation and Leadership Summit (NCLS)
- a. This summer, NCLS will be held at Indiana University. The leadership portion focuses on the new OA Strategic Plan while the conservation porstion focuses ArrowCorps 5 foreman training. The Section hopes to have every Lodge attend.
19. Conclave 2008
- a. The service lodge for Conclave 2008 will be Otahnagon. The conclave will be held at camp Tuscarora, located in Windsor, New York (just outside of Binghamton).
 - b. There were three possible dates proposed for the conclave, but each date has it's own set of problems. The "normal" date, August 15-17 may be tied up with cub camp because summer camp programs have been pushed back this year because of New York State regents tests. There is an earlier date, June 6-8, available, but due to Pennsylvania graduation, and the interference with Lodge spring events, it doesn't look feasible. There is also a later date, August 22-24, available, but it is the weekend that many college students are moving into their dorms. Because the August 15-17 date may be available, it was decided that the discussion should be tabled until the Conclave.
20. Adviser's Minute
- a. Because Bob Black was not available, Mike George gave the adviser's minute. He discussed how the saying "Excellence's twin brother is persistence; one is a matter of quality, and the other is a matter of time." applied to us in our current position. He explained that while everyone has great ideas and is working hard, Conclave is coming up quickly, and that people need to be careful to avoid forgetting the commitments they've made with summer, and the distractions it brings, coming up.
21. Closing
- a. At 12:52, a motion to close the meeting was made by Otahnagon and seconded by Kayanerhn-Kowa. The motion was passed, and the meeting was closed with the song of our order.

(Revised) Conclave Schedule

Friday:

5:00-8:00	General registration / swim tests
6:00-7:00	Optional Dinner
6:30-8:30	Carnival / activities
7:00	Trading post opens
8:30	Gathering of the lodges
8:45	Opening show
9:45	Cracker-barrel / movie
10:15	Trainers meeting
10:45	CoC coordination meeting
11:30	Taps

Saturday:

7:30	Reveille
7:45	Flag ceremony
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Training session 1
10:00	Training session 2
11:00	Training session 3
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Meet the Man (Amphitheater)
2:00-5:30	Afternoon Recreation Activities
2:00-5:30	Silent Auction (Dining Hall)
2:00-5:30	Ceremonial Competition
5:45	Flag ceremony
6:00	Dinner
7:15	Religious service
7:45	Show (Amphitheater)
8:45	Chief's pie eating contest (Dining Hall)
9:00	Cracker-barrel (Dining Hall)
9:30	Patch auction (Seneca Lodge)
11:30	Taps

Sunday:

7:30	Reveille
7:45	Flag ceremony
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Section business meeting / closing
10:30	Sign-out begins
11:00-12:00	Lunch served

Conclave 2007 Attendance Goals by Lodge (to reach Section goal of 300 attendees)

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>2006 Membership Numbers</u>	<u>% of total Section Membership</u>	<u>Target</u>
Ga-Hon-Ga	240	12%	36
Half Moon	150	8%	23
Kayanernh-Kowa	402	20%	60
Kittan	743	37%	112
Onteroraus	119	6%	18
Otahnagon	285	14%	43
Tahgajute	58	3%	9

Note: Numbers do not include Section Staff or Guests