



Order of the Arrow — Section NE-3B
Council of Chiefs Meeting
Price Chopper Community Center, Schenectady, NY
January 18, 2003 — Meeting Minutes

I. Opening

Meeting called to order and opened with the Obligation of our Order, led by Chief Tyson Ford, at 10:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Lodges Present

Haudenosaunee #19
Half Moon #28
Ga-Hon-Ga #34
Otahnagon #172
Kayanernh-Kowa #219
Loon #364
Onteroraus #402

Section Officers & Advisers Present

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

III. Secretary's Report

Motion by Otahnagon to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2002 Council of Chiefs Meeting as presented. Seconded by Kayanernh-Kowa. Motion passed.

IV. Lodge Reports

Haudenosaunee #19 – Chief Mike Ferguson

Have a draft of their Lodge Plan completed.
Unit Elections are ongoing
Started planning for spring Ceremonial and Service weekends

Half Moon #28 – Chief Andrew Czplicki

Winter banquet in December was very successful. Had more youth and more attendance overall than previous years.

Ga-Hon-Ga #34 – Chief Phil Hall

Did not receive Quality Lodge as Brotherhood Conversion numbers were lacking
Winter banquet earlier this month was successful with 110 members. Roy Peters, the flutemaker from the Conclave, came to speak and demonstrate his crafts.

Otahnagon #172 – Chief Sean Murray

Will be receiving Quality Lodge
Lodge plan has been written. Waiting for approvals
Winter dinner earlier this month was successful. Had a speaker talk about his travels through Turkey
Planning on helping the council for the scouting Mall Show in February

Kayanernh-Kowa #219 – Chief Andy Gianfagna

Will not be receiving Quality Lodge
Held an LLDC and planning meeting in December
Planning a winter banquet in February
Creating an LEC website to have virtual meetings

Loon #364 – Vice-Chief Ian Freeburg

Will be receiving Quality Lodge
Planning a winter banquet for March 1, 2003
Begun preparations to help the council with the Battle of Plattsburgh camporee in September

Onteroraus #402 – CVC Scott Tabor

Will not be receiving Quality Lodge- did not have positive membership growth
Planning a lodge lock-in
Have begun preparations for the 2004 Conclave (June 11-13) at Camp Henderson

V. Old Business

LLDC

Section Training Coordinator Drew Chesney reported on the section-sponsored LLDC held this past December. There were 31 attendees, which, while lower than had hoped, was still an improvement from previous years. The Finance and Chapter Program sessions were felt to be especially valuable out of the training presented. We will continue to work on developing the trainers in the section.

Some members thought the location was not convenient for the whole section. It was suggested that we hold two LLDCs per year (early spring and late fall) in two different locations not only to make it easier for lodges to participate, but also to provide training for new officers at the beginning of their terms for lodges with elections in the spring.

The training coordinator will investigate these possibilities for the future.

SOS

Section Chief Tyson Ford reported on the Section Officers' Seminar, held at Camp Alpine in November. The three section officers, conclave coordinators, section advisers and conclave adviser attended this weekend training session. Northeast Region Chief Brian Favat led the weekend.

Participants had the opportunity to meet and share ideas with their counterparts from other sections from across the northeast. Our officers enjoyed talking with some of the distinguished guests of the weekend, most notably National Chief Clay Capp and

Associate National Director Carey Miller. The weekend was also good for team bonding within our section as we continued planning for the conclave. The section staff also showed an example of a new section polo-shirt that is available for those interested.

National Planning Meeting

Section Chief Tyson Ford, Section Adviser Bob Black, and Section Web Adviser Mike George attended the National Planning meeting this past December in Dallas, Texas. The new national officers for 2003 are Nick Digirolamo (Chief) and Rich Moore (Vice-Chief). The 2003 Northeast Region Chief is Ian Pinnavia.

A new LLDC Task Force was created to redesign and update all training material. The Conclave Training Initiative, a program designed to provide training materials for one specific session to be taught at every conclave in a particular year, was introduced. Indian Summer planning continued. Indian Summer participants will be engaged in many small group activities, fun nightly events, individual parts training, and team training. The Scoutreach/Mentoring program was emphasized. This program identifies and assists urban and rural troops with camping and advancement.

Training

Section Vice-Chief George Stiefel conducted a training session on the Troop Representative program. Lodges were given surveys asking for their implementation strategies for the program and their suggestions. These will be used to assist the Troop Representative Task Force, on which several section officers and advisers are serving.

VI. New Business

Conclave 2003

The service lodge presented a possible revision to the conclave budget. After a discussion about possible revisions, no revisions were made. The budget approved at the October CoC is still in effect.

Chiefs decided that the conclave flap, as was considered in October, would not be produced.

A revised conclave patch design was presented, including all the lodge numbers.

Motion by Loon to approve the presented design as amended: change the color of the lodge numbers and "Camp Russell" to contrast better with the dark background, to be determined by the patch company. Seconded by Kayanernh-Kowa. Motion passed.

Quotes for memorabilia items were not available to decide on the prices for these items. Motion by Half Moon to authorize the section officers to price memorabilia items at 30% markup from cost, rounding up to the nearest whole dollar. Seconded by Otahnagon. Motion passed.

The service lodge showed a Camp Russell promotion video so the chiefs could get an idea of the facilities the camp has to offer. Depending on staffing, most of the camp program areas will be open. Training sessions will mostly be held in pavilions, depending on supply requirements. Trainers that require electrical power for their sessions must specifically request it of the service lodge and training CVC.

Reminder: Advance book information is due to Ga-Hon-Ga by February 1, 2003.

Chiefs discussed the process of guest attendees' approval. Section Chief Tyson Ford has sent out invitations to the national officers, region chief, and associate national director. The section officers are also considering inviting other section officers from around the region, national committee members in the area, other lodge chiefs, etc. This second group of people would probably be paying the same conclave fee as all other attendees.

Motion by Otahnagon to let the Section Officers decide on guests to invite and how they will be provided for. Seconded by Kayanernh-Kowa. Motion passed.

CVC Reports

American Indian Events – 219 – CVC Noel Brown; Adviser pending

Working on a backdater and plans for conclave

Will take responsibility for ceremonies judging

Publications – 402 – CVC Scott Tabor; Adviser pending

List of needed supplies presented. Looking at producing three issues over the weekend

Recreation – 172 – CVC Sean Murray; Adviser Mike George

Planning an outdoor course relay of camping skills

Also will plan something to utilize the monkey bridge at camp

Other activities will be subject to staffing

Shows – 19 – CVC Tom Pettigrew; Adviser pending

Holding a planning meeting later this month

Special Events – 364 – CVCs Ian Freeburg, John Farnsworth; Adviser Anthony Richards

Working on developing a new camp-wide game, different from the past few years

Training – 28 – CVC John Kochay; Adviser pending

Presented training topics and tracks.

Divided up responsibilities between VIPs and attending lodges

Syllabi distributed to lodges; master syllabi distributed to selected officers

Submitted a backdater with modifications: trainers named by Feb. 15; Conclave

Training Report due Sept. 15.

Recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m. Reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

Backdater

The following modifications were made to the previously published backdater:

February 15 – Trainers named

CVC reports due by the first of each month to their own lodge chief.

May 9 – Train the Trainer (at on-site CoC)

May 10 – CVC comprehensive materials list requested

June 15 – CVC comprehensive materials list due

On-site CoC

Train the Trainer is scheduled for Friday, May 9. This will be a 2-3 hour course, starting at 8:00 p.m., for all conclave trainers, CVCs, and officers. The overnight stay will be mandatory. Participants should plan on providing their own dinners. If other

arrangements must be made, contact the service lodge directly. In April, the section officers will determine how many people from each lodge will be attending the onsite. The CoC will take place on Saturday, May 10, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Lodge Assistance Program

Tahgajute 247 visit completed on schedule. Otahnagon 172 visitation had to be rescheduled due to weather. The section is on track to restart our visitations this year.

Web Site

The web site was just updated before the CoC with information about the new national programs, national planning meeting, and our conclave. The web team is constantly working to update content and provide the most current information. We are also looking to set up a more efficient email distribution system for CoC members. Planned updates include more reference material, redesigned navigation bars, and new content from this CoC.

E-Newsletter

The December newsletter has been distributed. It has the most variety of authors of any issue to this date. The Secretary is working to get lodge reports from every lodge for upcoming issues.

NLS/NLATS

The upcoming NLS/NLATS at Camp Alpine March 28-30 and NLS at Woodland May 2-4 were promoted. Lodges were asked to attempt to send contingents to both events, especially the NLS at Woodland as it is in our section.

OA High Adventure

Chief Tyson Ford was able to provide more information concerning Philbreak, OA Wilderness Voyage, and OA Trail Crew. He encouraged promotion of all three of these programs. He presented the new videos of OAWV and OATC to the CoC.

Indian Summer – August 2-7, 2003

Chief Tyson Ford made a presentation from the National Planning Meeting. The program will work with ceremonialists to improve their performances. Activities will center on Native American culture, activities, OA ceremonies, and will feature a Pow-Wow.

A \$100 deposit per person is due to the national office by March 1. The registration cost will be \$275 for dorm-style rooms (8 per room) and \$375 for hotel-style rooms.

Lodges will initially be allowed a maximum of 10 people (max. of 3 adults), with the possibility of additional slots allocated later.

Several members from our section will be down at Indian Summer on staff positions.

The section is willing to coordinate transportation between lodges that will send contingents. Chiefs were receptive to the idea. The section officers will get the number of attendees from each lodge by mid-February to start looking at different transportation options.

Conclave 2004

The 2004 Conclave will be held at Camp Henderson on June 11-13, 2004. Onteroraus Lodge is setting up committees and developing a budget for the event.

Adviser's Minute

Lodges are commended for providing great support to the section. Section Adviser Bob Black reminds lodges to use all the valuable information in the Program Pak from national. The lodge plan is the most important aspect of the OA strategic plan for the lodge, so lodges should make sure they are following through on that. Keep promoting the conclave in your lodges.

Lodges are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities presented to them at the Conclave: ceremonies, newsletter, and athletic competitions for example. CVCs are reminded to spend their budgets—that's why they're there—and to talk to the service lodge (Ga-Hon-Ga) for payments as necessary.

Many people from our section are on the National Task Force for the Unit Representative program. Take advantage of the opportunity to provide your input on this program.

Closing

Motion by Peter Bird to close the meeting. Seconded by Half Moon Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Order of the Arrow song at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Bird
Section NE-3B Secretary