

CoC Minutes 01-22-2005

Sean Murray called the meeting to order at 10:03 am, he started with the obligation and thanked those who came to the meeting

Minutes

Matt Slimowicz presented the minutes from the October CoC. Half Moon motioned to approve the minutes, Otahnagon seconded. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Lodge Reports

Ga-Hon-Ga reported on their recent winter dinner, which had approximately 100 people in attendance. They also reported that while they didn't make Quality Lodge, this was their closest year in recent history.

Kayanernh-Kowa recently held their winter banquet and reported that their spring weekend is scheduled for the same weekend as the Conclave.

Loon Lodge is looking forward to their upcoming winter dinner. Their fellowship weekend is planned for the first weekend of June. They were a Quality Lodge for 2004.

Haudenosaunee Lodge attained quality lodge.

Half Moon Lodge recently held their winter banquet.

Otahnagon Lodge recently held their winter dinner, the mall show is coming up and their spring fellowship is going to be May 13th thru 15th at Camp Barton.

Otahnagon once again attained quality lodge.

Onteroraus Lodge is holding their lock-in at the Oneonta YMCA February 19th and 20th. An invitation was extended to all LEC's and section staff to attend. If interested, contact Nate Tweedie, the lodge chief, or Josh Greenman, Section Vice Chief. They also attained quality lodge.

Section LLD

Josh gave a report on the Section LLD that took place on December 4th. He stated that about 40 members attended, he thanked those who trained at the event and those who came for making it a success.

SOS

Sean discussed what an SOS (Section Officer Seminar) was, how we learned to be a better team, and how each one of us was trained on how to do our job, among other training topics. There were officers from the nine other sections in the region at the event as well. Matt then showed the slideshow he made on the event. Sean commented that it was like an LLD for section officers. He also thanked the section for helping make funds available for the officers to attend the SOS.

Quality Section

Sean announced that we earned Quality Section and recognized those lodges that earned quality lodge: Loon Lodge, Otahnagon Lodge, Haudenosaunee Lodge, and Onteroraus Lodge.

National Planning Meeting

Sean talked about the National Planning Meeting that took place in West Lake, Texas, December 27th thru the 30th and discussed the plans for the OA at the Jamboree. There are four OA areas at Jambo: OA Shows, American Indian Village, TOAP and OA Service Corps.

OA Shows

The show is called Twelve Cubed (12³), which incorporates the twelve points of the scout law and the three parts of the scout oath. There will be more than 50 shows, so be sure you make time to see it; it's gonna be an awesome show.

American Indian Village

Much like the Native American Village at Henderson, this area of the Jamboree is a place where you can learn about Native American history and its presence in the OA.

TOAP

Much like NOAC TOAP this area of Jamboree is the Outdoor Adventure Place. If you enjoyed the NOAC TOAP then this TOAP tops it because it will be bigger and better.

OA Service Corps

These guys make Jamboree operate. They do a lot of the work and service.

Also the new national and regional officers were elected. Patrick Murphy from the Western Region was elected the National Chief, and he will be at our Conclave June 10th thru 12th at Camp Tri-Mount. Seth Mollitt from the Southern Region was elected National Vice Chief. Dan O'Rourke Section NE-1B Chief became the Northeast Region Chief. Sean said that if you would like to contact them to let him know or just drop them a line.

Sean then thanked the section for the opportunity to go.

Conclave

The service lodge reported that everything with conclave planning is going well and that there were no problems or issues at this time.

There was talk of having a 'Saloon' opened at various times throughout the weekend. They have received donated root beer from a local brewery that is very good. Arrowman can go get root beer, play card games and hang out. Everyone thought it was a good idea.

Mountain Biking and possibly Horseback Riding may be available thru pre-registering, but you would miss out on morning training. Both would require a minimum number (10-12), there is additional cost, and pre-registration would be required.

Mike Swigart also said that they have the capabilities to take a conclave contingent photo that would be sold for a minimal cost, with pick-up on Sunday morning.

Conclave Patch

Memorabilia will follow the minimum order rule. The patch for the 2005 Conclave was shown. Some questions were raised; one is the orientation of "219". This will be corrected. Also it was decided that the word "conclave" would be inserted between "Mount" and "2005".

Otahnagon made a motion to approve the patch with the changes, Ga-Hon-Ga seconded. Motion carried.

Memorabilia

3 Inch Round Patch prices range from \$1.15 to ~\$2.00 depending on amount ordered. The median is approximately \$1.55.

A Back Patch was requested; the prices were for 100 pieces. Last year we ordered and sold 50. It was decided that a 6 inch back patch would be a good idea. The service lodge would get quotes for 50 pieces of the 6" style.

A Neckerchief was requested, with an embroidered design as opposed to a patch sewn on. Some discussion about patch prices came, if we wanted the patch sewn on would that increase out patch number and make them cheaper.

Lapel Pins, which could be used as a participation pin, were brought up. It was decided that it would be too expensive. Although this item is a "shot in the dark," it was decided that we would use a pre-order and see if we need to order them. Also, a larger pin could be for sale and a smaller pin could be used for the participation award.

A Bolo Tie was discussed and it was dismissed per the October 23rd 2004 minutes.

A T-Shirt was decided upon. It would be like the 2003 and 2004 conclave T-shirts, with the patch on the back and the year, and section conclave logo on the front.

Mugs were also approved. The design will be white with full color transfer of the patch design. A suggestion to use a mug as a participation award was brought up and decided that it wouldn't be the best idea.

The suggestion of a package deal was also brought up. Josh said it required some extra work by the service lodge but it was a good idea. It was decided that a package deal would work. One package offered of a shirt, neckerchief and mug. It would be approximately 10% cheaper than purchasing all 3 items separately, to the nearest dollar.

The service lodge brought up the point that there are council camp pins that would fit over the Tri Mount Logo. The question of whether this would make the participation pin for the service lodge less desirable was discussed. The service lodge has plans to recognize the service lodge members in other ways, so this is not an issue.

A motion to approve the Camp Tri Mount pin as the participation award was made by Ga-Hon-Ga Lodge. Half Moon Lodge seconded, motion carried. An example pin would be brought to the next COC meeting.

The conclave memorabilia proposed costs were discussed and the prices adjusted. The bigger t-shirts (XXL and XXXL) cost more than the regular shirts (S-XL). It was suggested that a darker color would be a good choice.

At the time we have a memorabilia budget that supports the conclave budget.

Motion to approve the memorabilia that we need quotes on was made by Half Moon Lodge, with a second by Ga-Hon-Ga. Motion carried.

VIPs / Guests

Bring ideas for guests to the section retreat. Patrick Murphy, the 2005 National Chief, would be attending the conclave.

Registration

It was decided that the section would be in charge of registration this year. Lodges would send in two separate checks (one for memorabilia and the other for registration).

The following are registration deadlines.

April 1, 2005 - Registration forms due to home lodges

April 15, 2005 - Check and registration forms due to Service Lodge

June 6, 2005 - Drop Dead registration date

Please note that no memorabilia orders will be accepted after April 15th.

CVC Reports

Recreation, Onteroraus Lodge, Solomon Howard – an adviser is also named, some possible team events include volleyball, canoe race, greased watermelon, ultimate Frisbee, outdoor relay course. A possible individual event would be the Indian arrow throw- First, second, and third place ribbons. More events to be discussed. Rules for these games have been made, along with prizes. Saturday Night Show, Ga-Hon-Ga Lodge, Michael Matt – an adviser has been

named. The committee also has had a meeting. The idea behind the show is a newer Lodge Chief asks his older Lodge Adviser for help, the lodge adviser shares a story with the lodge chief how the OA helped him take the path less traveled. Needless to say it sounds like quite the show

Saturday Special Events, Kayanernh-Kowa Lodge, Zach Shepherd – It will be like past conclaves with a live and silent auction. He also stated that there might be real paddles to use instead of the paper plate. They hope to take in more money than is budgeted for the patch auction.

Friday Night Show, Haudenosaunee Lodge, Victor Schultz – a committee has been selected and an adviser has been named. They have held a meeting.

Publications, Otahnagon Lodge, Andy Foley – an adviser has been named. There are plans to put out four issues: Friday evening, Saturday morning, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning. Friday's issue will be produced in advance and all other issues will be pre-formatted so all that needs to be done is input articles and print.

Training, Josh Greenman – Some topics are being picked and he's working on selecting trainers.

Conclave Backdater

The updated backdater will be in the retreat packets. Below is the updated backdater after a few changes were made due to registration.

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CVCs

Feb 12-13, 2005 - Section Retreat (Utica, NY-Revolutionary Trails Council Office)

March 12, 2005 - Second CVC Report Due

April 9, 2005 – Third CVC Report Due

May 6-7, 2005 – Onsite/TTT (Kingston, NY-Camp Tri Mount) Material Requests Due

May 23, 2005 - Final Needs List Due

Conclave Promotion

This is the action plan we are going to follow to get people to conclave.

How to promote

1. Website
2. E-mail sent out monthly to a list server, then forward to individual lodges
3. Phone Calls: lodge chiefs and LEC's will make the calls. The section will help the LEC's and lodge chiefs with how to do phone calling. Sean said it may be hard but it works
4. Snail Mail flyers to be thrown into lodge newsletters, letters to ordeal candidates, etc.
5. Flyers same as above, but at lodge functions, chapter meetings, etc.
6. Newsletters will have advertising space for conclave ad.

Prizes for largest lodge contingent based on percentage of membership.

1. Prominent spot in conclave video, opening scene, special edition given to lodge chief
2. Priority seating at shows, dinner, with the VIPs
3. Ice Cream at campsite on Friday served by section staff.
4. Special border on patch (numbers will be based on those who register prior to memorabilia deadline, so this is another incentive to register on time, if you come register after the memorabilia deadline then you get a regular patch if your part of the largest lodge)

COC Award

Sean reminded the COC award can still be earned up to the Conclave, and it's the Lodge Chief's responsibility to submit the application. An application was attached to the agenda.

Section Retreat

Sean discussed the Section Retreat to be held from 1:00 pm on February 12th to 11:00 am on February 13th at the Utica scout office. There should be five people from each lodge. The CVC, his adviser, and three committee members. Facilitators from around the region will be on hand to help committees plan for the conclave. Details to follow.

Onsite COC

May 6th and 7th at Camp Tri Mount, the Train The Trainer (TTT) will be on Friday followed by the onsite COC / walk thru on Saturday. Details to follow.

NLS

Sean reminded people to get their paperwork into the region ASAP, and to send people to them. The upcoming NLS dates are April 1-3, 2005 at Camp Alpine, NJ and April 22-24, 2005 at Camp Tuckahoe, PA.

Section Adviser's Minute

Bob stated that for 2004 NE-3B was again a quality section. Patches are available for sale; Bob needs to know quantity commitments from each lodge this week. Although half of the lodges did earn quality lodge, now is the time to plan for next year.

Sean stated that a template for lodge plans was available.

Motion to close Half Moon lodge, Haudenosaunee lodge seconded. Motion passed

12:07 PM Meeting closed