

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

January 13, 2007

- Brian McQueen (Lodge Chief) opened the meeting with the OA Obligation.
- Jim Kochman (Ceremonies VC) made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes and was seconded by Jacob Steele (Lodge Vice Chief). The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- Sam Cogar (Secretary/Treasurer) took attendance and collected the officers' lists of goals for the upcoming year.
- The following members were present: Dakotah North, Drew Hays, Jon Chambers, Sam Cogar, Brian McQueen, James Kane, Travis O'Dell, Jacob Steele, Jim Kochman, Matt Stalnaker, Mike Harter, Jacob Shifflett, Jim Linger, Butch Hawkins, Steve Cogar, Ben Propst, John Reichardt, Jim Steele, Mike Cross, Jay Wilson, Rick Cox, Jim Cox, Gary Shifflett, and Bill Gray.
- Brian McQueen read the goals lists so everyone would have an idea of what every individual was planning to do.
- The lodge goals for 2007 were discussed and the topics were as follows:
 1. To Attain Quality Lodge Status
 2. To Have 35 Arrowmen at this year's Conclave
 3. To Begin the Extended Elangomat System
 4. To Improve Spring and Fall Fellowships
 5. To Improve Attendance at ALL OA Events (Not Just LEC)
- Brian McQueen explained the Quality Lodge Petition for 2007. We, as a lodge, have completed requirements 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 9. We, as a lodge, will have completed optional requirements 12-15 and 18 by the end of the year.

Old Business

- Sam Cogar reported his progress on the history of the Kootaga Lodge and the Buckongehannon Lodge before the merge that formed Nendawen Lodge (1991).
- We discussed the Lodgemaster© program but, because we do not currently have a Lodgemaster Administrator for our lodge, we can not use the program.
- Scott Clay said that he has spoken to Joe Testerman about having a laptop donated to the lodge for use by the Lodge Chief (Brian McQueen). We are waiting for the laptop now.

New Business

- Brian McQueen told the LEC that our lodge does not currently have a Blennerhassett Chapter Chief. He then appointed Mike Harter to the position. Jim Kochman made a motion to approve Brian's appointment and install Mike Harter as the Blennerhassett Chapter Chief. The motion was seconded by Travis O'Dell (Camping Promotions VC). The motion passed with a majority vote of 9-1.

- The choice of design for a Spring and Fall Fellowship was discussed and the LEC was shown two sample designs by Brian McQueen. We selected the puzzle patch design submitted by Brian McQueen with a majority vote of 9-1, and the LEC determined that there should be a date put on the patch. We didn't decide the initial amount to buy, but decided to round the price of each patch up to the nearest dollar when selling them at Fellowships.

- We are in need of a camp OA Coordinator at Summer Camp. The Lodge pays \$500 and the Council pays \$200 for first year.

- Ceremonies Weekend: We have been talking about setting up a weekend where the ceremonies teams can come out and have time to discuss and practice the ordeal and brotherhood ceremonies. The ceremonies team shouldn't have to work on the ceremonies grounds. Jim Kochman is going to recruit a group of people that can do the physical labor and help with the cleanup of the ceremony grounds. Hopefully this will encourage the teams to memorize their lines.

- James Kane reported that the One Day of Service Project for the lodge this year will be two blood drives with one being at each end of the council. One will be in Parkersburg and another will be in Elkins. The preliminary date for the Parkersburg Blood Drive is February 24, 2007.

- James Kane made a motion to waive the fees of the Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor during Lodge activities. Jacob Steele seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- The topic of Camperships was discussed and it was proposed that we use \$180 of the Lodge fund to give campers in need money to go to Summer Camp. The camper would have to attain 50% of the fee. The Camperships might not be needed due the funds provided by other Camperships from previous years. The issue was tabled.

- Committee Formation: Brian McQueen elected to form two committees. The one day of service committee will consist of the following:

 - Chairperson for the Service Committee: James Kane

 - Members: Jim Kochman, Mike Harter, and others to be selected by James Kane.

 - Advisors: Bill Gray and Rick Cox.

The Lodge By-laws Committee will consist of the following:

 - Chairperson: Jacob Steele

 - Members: Jacob Shifflett, Brian McQueen, and Mike Harter.

 - Advisor: Jim Linger

- Jim Kochman made a motion to approve the 2007 calendar excluding the Witahehui Weekend of May 4-5 and was seconded by Mike Harter, Blennerhassett Chapter Chief. The motion passed with a majority vote of 9-1.

- Jon Chambers (Dance VC) made a motion to have the Witahehui Weekend of May 4-5 reinstated into the calendar as a fallback to the Witahehui Weekend of March 9-10 in the event of bad weather or the work not being completed and was seconded by James Kane (Immediate Past Lodge Chief). The motion passed with a majority vote of 9-1.

- Sam Cogar, Ben Propst (Lodge Staff Advisor), and Dale Musgrave (Supreme Chief of the Fire) presented the budget to the LEC and James Kane made a motion to approve it. Jim Kochman seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote of 9-1.

- The 2008 calendar was discussed and a preliminary calendar was presented to Ben Propst to give to the Council Office.

- Jim Kochman made a motion to donate canned foods to a food pantry and was seconded by Mike Harter. The canned goods would be received from members attending events. The motion passed with a majority vote of 9-1. The food pantry to which we donate canned foods has not yet been selected.

Closing Remarks

- Brian McQueen, "Freedom isn't free."

- Jim Kochman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mike Harter. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Order of the Arrow Song.