

Nendawen Lodge 618 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Minutes September 15, 2006

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Lodge Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and all those in attendance rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Order of the Arrow Obligation.

1) **Approval of August 12 Minutes**

A motion was made by Brian McQueen to approve last LEC Meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded by Jake Schifflett. The motion was approved 8-0.

2) **Lodge Officer Reports**

Highland Chapter Chief- Jim Kochman- no updates

Stonewall Jackson Chapter Chief- Kevan O'Rear – no updates

Ceremonies Chief – Sam Cogar – Continues to attempt to contact his advisor with no luck.

Lodge Vice-Chief – Brian McQueen – There should be a more prominent link to our lodge website from the council website soon.

3) **Standing Committee Updates**

Quality Lodge Overview – The requirements to obtain quality lodge were reviewed. A few ideas were expressed about ways we can help obtain quality lodge. Donation of canned goods at lodge events by the attendees would be a community service project. The food would be donated to a local food pantry.

Several food pantries were discussed:

Shepherd's Corner – Bridgeport
Clarksburg Mission
Old Man River's Mission
Good Shepherd
Washington County Food Pantry
Athens

Jake Shifflett was appointed with the responsibility of choosing a food pantry to donate to. He is to have a proposal written up before October 1.

Chapter Chiefs are to promote Summer Camp, National High Adventure Bases, etc. at their scheduled troop elections next year. Also, they are to ask for "Where to go camping" locations from each troop they visit so that we can help build the Where to Go Camping Guide.

The Lodge Executive Committee is going to prepare a report of accomplishments to present to the Council Executive Board at the beginning of next year.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Lodge History

Sam Cogar has talked to Luther Jenkins and Gus Morris, has taken pictures, and is steadily working on the lodge history to be posted on the web site.

2) T-Shirts

All the old blue lodge shirts are sold.

3) LLD

The Lodge Chief of Chi-Hoota-Wei has cancelled the joint LLD project we were working on. Nendawen Lodge would still like to have its own LLD. Instead of the January 7th LEC meeting, we would hold a lodge officer retreat and LLD at Camp Kootaga. Friday night is social time for the new officers to get to know each other well. Saturday, we would start training and plan for the coming year. This will be a very big event and a big change for the LEC. Jim Kochman motioned that we hold this event at a date in January later by James. Sam Cogar seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. James Kane appointed himself to chair the event.

4) Lodgemaster

We have to appoint an OA lodgemaster administrator. He/she is to be approved by the Council Executive, Dale Musgrave. We must have an administrator before we can implement this program.

5) Laptop

The laptop Bill Gray suggested getting donated would come eventually, but not in a timely manner. Scott Clay is going to ask Joe Testerman if he could possibly get one donated to the lodge.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Cub Adventure Weekend

One requirement of Quality Lodge is to help the Cub Scouts. OA members are needed to help set up/run the Cub Adventure weekend that is coming up soon at Mahonegon. Corbin Householder and Jacob Shifflett are helping. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jay Wilson.

2) Lodge Lodge

The LEC was finally updated some about the progress of the Lodge Lodge. The lodge is coming closer to becoming a reality, and our thanks go out to Scott Clay

for sticking his neck out and calling in a bunch of favors on this one. An idea was proposed to start an endowment fund for the Nendawen Lodge Lodge Maintenance. The lodge would tap into the interest gained off of funds raised from selling endowment patches to maintain the lodge lodge. Further discussion of the idea was tabled until after the lodge lodge has been built.

3) Fellowship Patch

Jim Kochman made a motion to have a two-piece fellowship patch designed and manufactured. One piece would be given out at Spring Fellowship, and the other at Fall Fellowship. Sam Cogar Seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Anyone is welcome to make a design. The design will be decided upon at the January Officer Retreat/LLD.

4) Ordeal Fees

We are currently charging \$35 for each Ordeal candidate to attend the Ordeal. A concern was raised that we are losing money by only charging this much. We spend \$24 to buy a sash, flap, and a book for the candidate. Normally, lodge members are charged \$10 for lodge dues for the year. This only leaves \$1 per person for food for the weekend. We currently spend around \$6 per person for food.

After discussion of whether or not to raise the fee, it was found that we do not actually lose money. Out of the \$10 we charge for dues, only \$2 goes to the National Office. This means the other \$8 goes to the lodge. Since the candidates do not get a full year out of the money they pay for dues, we can use some of the left over \$8 to pay for food for them. Whatever is left over per person can be used to cover their dues for the year. We chose not to change the Ordeal fee.

9) Campership

The lodge should take on a certain number of camperships in the council. A campership is where the lodge would pay for a person in the council to go to summer camp who cannot afford to go. James Kane is going to take charge of this project and write a proposal for the LEC at their LLD in January.

Open Forum

Scott Clay heavily thanked the lodge for all the work that was done at Camp Kootaga at the Fall Ordeal. He said it was more work than he ever expected would get done.

Meeting was adjourned and all present gathered in a circle and sang the song of our Order.

The next meeting will be held at the January LLD. Time and Date are yet to be decided.