

KUSKITANNEE LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

3:00PM January 14, 2017 @ Banquet

(3:10) Call to Order by Lodge Chief Samuel Beaver

(3:10) **Obligation:** Lodge Chief

(3:14) Roll Call of Officers:

In attendance: Samueal Beaver, Ian Gazdacko, Matt Ehret, Ethan Mooney, Stephen Costello, Brian Worst, John Book, DJ Peters, John Ostrowski, Justice Rozic, Noah Reynolds, Garret Hill, Aaron Zajac, Weston Schiever, Dan Brown, Jim English, Terry Groth, Duston Ferris, Alex Connell, Joe Ostrowski, Dave Zajac, Chuck Douglas, Andrew Brock

(3:15) **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Lodge Chief – Moved by Stephen C, seconded by Noah R, passes unanimously

(3:16) **Visitors, Guests or Opening Comments:** Lodge Adviser

After continued laughter, Dan notifies the EC that Jamboree OA Pocket Flaps (pocket dangle) will be \$3.50 each

(3:16) TREASURY

Checking: \$3799.42

Kustodial: \$1,639.26

Rae's Cabin Fund: \$700.00

*Anticipated Expenses: Charter (\$708.00)
Banquet Expenses (\$94.58) Alex, (23.56) Brian
Pinewood Derby Supplies (\$300 allotment)

(3:18) Committee Reports:

Administrative Vice Chief- Nothing to report at this time

Publications- Thanks you to Ethan for printing the Kuskitas, they will be handed out at the banquet. The first round of postcards were successful and I hope we vote to send them out a second time.

Trading post- Absent

Vigil- Nothing to report

Technical Coordinator- The online GoogleDoc sign up was successful, a new one has been made to work the remainder of events this year.

Membership Vice Chief- Absent

Elections- Absent

Brotherhood- Letters are being drafter and they will be sent out 30 days prior to Winter Fellowship.

Ordeal Master- Nothing to report

Elangomat- Absent

Camp Promotions- Absent

Program Vice Chief- Nothing to report

Activities- Nothing to report

Dance and Drum- There will be a practice on January 22 from 1-3 at Rae's Cabin and February practices are on the 5th and 19th from 1-3 at Rae's Cabin

Service- Nothing to report

Ceremonies- Absent

Conclave- We are in the planning stages, more information will be stated later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

(3:22) **Rae's Cabin Fundraiser**

Bruce & Mericilis Electricity donate \$150 towards the project thanks to the Ostrowski's efforts, they thanked Ethan and Sam for drafting the donation letter for them to use.

Proceeds from the banquet auction/raffle items will go towards the project. Discussion occurs which items to raffle/auction, the decision is left to the Activities Committee. Different color tickets represent different levels of prizes; one color was named the "door prize ticket giveaway" everyone who came got one free ticket. Another color was for the auction, tickets were sold as follows: 1 ticket, \$2 – 3 tickets, \$5 – 10 tickets, \$10.

(3:37) **Lodge Calendar '17-'18: Brookie Brotherhood Set for Nov 10-12 @ Agawam** - discussed

(3:38) **Year Pass Updates**

The year pass has been created and will be sold at the Banquet and at Winter Fellowship. Any member can purchase them which will automatically sign them up for any (or all) lodge events for the year. The cost is \$5 per event they pre-register for. This \$5 amount will be removed from the registration fee upon arrival to that event.

-Patch/Brands- the cost was about \$240.00, the brand was \$190.75 and the patches cost about \$50.

We will sell the Kuskitantee Year Patch for \$5. If any member pre-registers for 4 or 5 events (with purchase of the Count Me In Pass, they will be eligible to receive one patch for free, additional patches will cost \$5)

(3:46) ****Motion is made by Justice R, seconded by Noah R, motion passes unanimously**

(3:48) **Winter Fellowship**

Terri G - requests that we have slides about Conclave at Winter Fellowship to promote the event. Provide a time for a Q & A for new Brothers to encourage them to join us at Conclave.

Jim E - discusses the plan for the Kuski 500 at Winter Fellowship. Explains that cars will be handed out at check-in and scouts will be given Friday evening and Saturday afternoon to build and create cars and then we will race them on Saturday night. He also notes that Service, Ceremonies and Vigil Selections will occur.

Alex C - thanks Noah R for providing trophies for the event at no cost to the Lodge. He also mentions that the wood will be a little more than he anticipated but it should still fall under the \$300 budget he was given..

Publications Plan - we will send out postcards again for Winter Fellowship as we did for the banquet. We will also begin to work on a tri-fold color brochure and mail one last mailing to the 500 members on the current mailing list, then we will cut down to the dues paid members only. We will no longer mail Kuskitas but they will be available at 4 events throughout the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

(4:06) **Elections- Begin January 30 and end March 31**

Sam B - Last year Elections overall were extremely weak. We need to work at getting better presenting them to units because this is how we gain new membership. When we receive requests from each troop, we must perform elections and get information and logistics from them.

Election Request Forms have been sent out via email and the US Postal Service. It is a difficult job but with many hands, we can make the work load easier for everyone!

We will be present at the Klondike Derby to answer questions and schedule elections.

(4:10) **3 Training Cells (Kuskitantee to Lead) for Conclave**

We determined that we will ask the Section what they would like us to present on and hope for the best. Ethan and Sam will discuss what training cells would make sense for us to teach at the Section planning meeting tomorrow.

A few ideas were suggested: drumming, beading, activity planning

(4:13) **Conclave Shows**

Sam states that fireworks will cost between \$2,000 - \$5,000 depending on the length of the firework show. He will discuss it at the Section Planning meeting tomorrow but the odds of having a firework show are slim.

We are still hoping to do Hollywood Square one night, the concept was explained. If anyone is interested in helping plan for the shows, please contact our Conclave Chairman, Justice Rozic.

(4:15) **Ceremonies Plan**

Sam – explains that we need to have a Ceremony practice before Winter Fellowship. He also states how he is upset that trainings and practices have not been scheduled for the duration of the year. He also mentions that it was unacceptable that we did not have an election at Brookie Brotherhood, especially after testing.

Jim E – Explains that the ceremony committee head does not want to interfere with other events. Winter Fellowship isn't too important because we do not have that many people present BUT states that practices will begin in the Spring. The shows at Winter Fellowship will be good enough and will happen.

(4:19) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Stephen C – Apologizes for the few minor misspelling in the Kuskita. He also asks that we leave 12 tables up in the dining hall because there is a reception the morning following the banquet. Also, please return everything where you found it, it is not fair to the church and its members to leave items out of place.

Dan B – For this event, we are the hosts. HOST! Give instructions, welcome familiar and unfamiliar faced and be a friend to everyone you meet. Be helpful and courteous.

DJ P – Mentions that the people from the Wampum Parade gave us a check for \$25 to thank the dance and drum team for attending their parade.

Alex C – Would like to thank Andrew Brock, Sam Beaver, Jimmy English, Dustin Ferris, Dan Brown (and himself) for being available all afternoon to set up for the banquet.

Sam – Mentions that this banquet is one of the most important events we hold all year because it has a large audience and includes Arrowmen AND their families. Also, it is a good time to leave a good example and bring Arrowmen who are no longer as involved, back into serving the Order. He also thanks everyone who was able to donate a prize, and thanks them for supporting the Rae's Cabin Project.

Ethan M – Discussed how he feels that all Lodge communication is one sided. He encourages the EC to continue to check their emails and phones for important lodge communications. He asks if anyone has a better way to help communication become more of a two-way thing. He mentions that it is very disheartening to see few people open his emails and respond to texts, especially when the matter is important and urgent.

Sam – Responsibility and Accountability are key in the make or break of a group. If you need help with something, ask for it, we are all Arrowmen who are dedicated to serve one another! Make this experience one that you enjoy!

Alex C – can we please sing the lodge song at the banquet... the answer is always YES!

CLOSING COMMENTS:

(4:26) *Motion to close the meeting Stephen C, seconded by John O, motion passed unanimously.

(4:28) SONG of the ORDER