

KUSKITANNEE LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Feb 26, 2017 @ Winter Fellowship, Camp Agawam

Call to Order by Lodge Chief Samuel Beaver

(8:48) Obligation: Lodge Chief

(8:48) Roll Call of Officers:

In attendance: Samuel Beaver, Matt Ehret, Ethan Mooney, Stephen Costello, John Book, DJ Peters, John Ostrowski, Justice Rozic, Noah Reynolds, Garret Hill, Sam Cravener, Aaron Zajac, Weston Schiever, Dan Brown, Jim English, Terry Groth, Randy Costello, Alex Connell, Lyn Gemperle, Joe Ostrowski, Dave Zajac, Kevin Spark, Chuck Douglas

(8:50) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Lodge Chief – Moved by DJ P, seconded by Justice R, passes unanimously

(8:51) Visitors, Guests or Opening Comments: Lodge Adviser

Sam mentions that he plans to keep the meeting concise and asks everyone to stay on topic.

(8:52) TREASURY

Checking: \$3799.42

Kustodial: \$931.26

Rae's Cabin Fund: \$1879.00

*Anticipated Expenses: Pinewood Derby Supplies (\$227.08) Alex
Postcards (\$264.11) Ethan
Food/ other expenses

(8:53) Committee Reports:

Administrative Vice Chief- Nothing to report at this time

Publications- Although the post cards are very nice and seem to be effective, my advisor and I feel they may be too expensive. We will be looking into alternative methods of printing and mailing to cut down on costs and keep the money in the Lodge so that it can be used for activities and our events. We understand the process is currently being used as a convince but we are willing to put in a little extra work to save money.

Trading post- Absent

Vigil- The vigil elections were successful and all of the spots were filled.

Technical Coordinator- The Kuskitannee Website will soon be changing and the new version is likely to include online payment and an active calendar with updated events. If you have any input or suggestions, feel free to send them to kuskitannee@gmail.com. Additionally, Social Media Promotion Cards have been made, please pick some up and distribute them to your units and during elections!

Membership Vice Chief- Absent

Elections- Absent

Brotherhood- This weekend we had one successful Brotherhood conversion and we held the ceremony for the two additional members who took their tests at Brookie Brotherhood. I will begin working on the letters and prepare them to be sent out 30 days prior to Spring Ordeal.

Ordeal Master- Over the next couple of weeks I will be contacting elangomats to prepare them for Spring Ordeal. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please have them contact me ASAP.

Elangomat- Absent

Camp Promotions- Go to camp, go to camp, GO TO CAMP. That is all.

Program Vice Chief- Absent

Activities- Absent. Advisor – We came in under budget, we were allotted \$300 and spent \$227.08. The wooden cars that we made came out to be under \$2.00 each, compared to official cars which are about \$4.50. Alex also mentioned that he was unable to contact Brian since the banquet, he hopes that other arrowmen are more reliable open with their advisors. He reminded the EC that all committee members need to be reliable and responsible.

Dance and Drum- There will be a practice on March 5th and 19th from 1-3 at Rae's Cabin.

Service- Service was extremely successful this weekend, we were able to complete all of the work that we had planned for this weekend in addition to a few additional tasks.

Ceremonies- Absent

Conclave- A conclave show planning meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 8th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in helping us plan for Conclave is more than welcome to attend. Please contact myself or Ethan for more information regarding the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

(9:07) Rae's Cabin Fundraiser Check-in

Discussion regarding Rae's Cabin models occurred. Matt and Dan both have considered the creation of said models, Dan suggested a wooden, Catsmeow Village replica and Matt suggested a full replica made from another material. At this time, we are still looking into both suggestions.

Kevin G asked who would purchase these models and the answer was the intended audience was members of our lodge, members of the community who knew Rae and members of our section who know the story behind the building and what it stands for.

(9:16) Lodge Calendar '17-'18:

Please understand these dates our tentative and likely to change. Council refused to provide a calendar for us to use to schedule around so we have chosen the following dates (which correspond to this year) to provide to them to consider. Hopefully there are no issues with the dates below but they are not set in stone at this time.

2017 Events

Lodge Leadership Development – September 15-17 at Camp Bucoco (Reserved Date)

Brookie Brotherhood – November 10-12 at Camp Agawam (Reserved Date)

2018 Events

Lodge Banquet – January 13, location to be determined

Winter Fellowship – February 23-25 at Camp Agawam

Spring Ordeal – May 11-13 at Camp Bucoco

Spirit of Service – July 20-21 at Camp Agawam

Big 3 Weekend – August 17-19 at Camp Bucoco

LLD – September 14-16 at Camp Bucoco

Brookie Brotherhood – November 2-4 at Camp Agawam

(9:18) Year Pass Review

Per our discussion, we feel that the year pass was successful. Although it may not have reached as many individuals as we were hoping for it is nice to know that it encouraged several individuals to attend this event. It was also mentioned that not having to register through council is a perk. If anyone is still interested in purchasing a count me in pass, they can be purchased any night during registration.

(9:19) Winter Fellowship: Ceremonies, Vigil Selection

It was nice that we could have a ceremony, unlike the situation we encountered at Brookie Brotherhood but they still need a lot of work and practices should occur between each presentation. A recap of the ceremony for anyone not present: frigid temperatures, a trash can, cell phones and unlit candles. It was a fun time!

As for Vigil Selection, we successfully filled all the available spots for Vigil, stay tuned to see who was selected for the Highest Honor the Order has to offer...

Dan asks the Executive Committee, "What did you do to prepare for this weekend?" He notes that Alex put in a lot of work so that the activities ran smoothly, indicating that Brian was not present and did not help prepare for the Kuski 500. He notes that it is not Alex's responsibility to pull off activities and that it is not the advisors responsibility to plan for a weekend. Take note that Alex made the first ever Kuski 500 a success.

(9:21) Conclave: Shows, 3 Training Cells (Kuskitannee to Lead)

The thought of fireworks at one of the shows was brought up at the last EC meeting and then the Section planning meeting, the suggestion was turned down due to money restraints between our Lodge and Section.

As for training cells our current suggestions are Beading and History of the Delaware Indians.

A Conclave meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

(9:27) Elections (End March 31)

We have five more elections to schedule, seven have already been scheduled and one is complete. All EC members are required to participate in at least two elections. Please sign up now if you haven't already.

Dan thanks Ethan for covering while the Elections chair is MIA. Dan is currently contacting all troops, especially the ones who we have let every date pass for. Dan asks if we still care to contact everyone, if yes, why are we allowing their election dates to pass without showing an interest.

(9:27) New Website Discussion

The Kuskitantee Website will soon be changing and the new version is likely to include online payment and an active calendar with updated events. If you have any input or suggestions, feel free to send them to kuskitantee@gmail.com.

(9:31) SALLS March 25th @ IUP: Section Training Event

The cost is \$25 and we highly encourage all EC members, this event is not required. The fee to register is \$25 and it will not be covered by the Lodge.

(9:40) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

DJ P – Would like anyone interested in Dance/Drum team to contact him. He is also looking for individuals interested in making new regalia for the Dance/Ceremony Team. He will be contacting Bill K, Max C and Jim E and finding a time and place that will work for all interested individuals to attend. I am also interested in hosting a PowWow at camp to raise money, I will have more details at the next EC meeting.

Ethan M – NLS is approaching, anyone who is interested in attending this training event, please contact Craig or myself immediately. Registration closes in the next day or two.

Jim E – Thanks to Pack 360, Alex C and Ranger for their help in making this weekend a success. Also thanks to everyone for helping to complete the service we had scheduled for this weekend. Please keep in mind there is ton of service and we meet every Saturday morning to work on it. Also, EC agendas and minutes need to come out earlier, Friday night is not enough time for us to prepare for the EC meeting. Back to the service, is anyone interested in scheduling an EC service day to help spark attendance and help arrowmen get their hours for awards? It has been done in the past and SOS requires 50 total hours, more youth should be earning this award!

Alex C – Thanks for coming out this weekend. Technically, I am not supposed to do all the work for these weekends. The OA Guidelines state is not my responsibility to plan for the weekend, keep in mind everything happens because a man is behind it, I could have done nothing and you guys would have had an awful time.

Our next two LEC meetings are March 12th and April 9th. April 9th is Palm Sunday so we have decided to reschedule it to April 2nd.

Sam B, Ethan M – We will be meeting to discuss whether to remove individuals from the position on the EC due to their failure to attend meetings and events. The verdict will be announced at the next LEC.

(9:54) CLOSING COMMENTS:

Lodge Adviser: DJ has done an excellent job so far. He has been determined and persistent. He often posts on the Facebook page and keeps everyone well informed. Keep in mind that it is okay to discuss issues prior to EC meetings to speed up the process during meetings. Also keep in mind that we have been putting things off excessively... if you are not worried about something, neither are the adults but eventually it will come back and bite our tail. Also looking at this weekend we are about 7.50 in the hole for each individual, look at this number and improve upon it.

Lodge Chief: I had an excellent time this weekend. You get out whatever you put into a weekend. I do not mean to rant but elections, and ceremonies have not been going to well recently. Please help us to improve them, everyone needs to pitch in and get the work done. I do not mean to chastise everyone but elections are a group effort and no one has been carrying their load so far, we can do this guys!

(10:01) *Motion to close the meeting Stephen C, seconded by John O, motion passes unanimously.

(10:02) SONG of the ORDER