

EC Meeting Minutes  
 October 18, 2020 @ 2:00pm via Zoom

**Date:**

The Lodge Executive Committee Meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2020, was called to order at 2:00pm and opened by Danny K., with a second by Mitchel R.

**Obligation:**

The obligation was said, followed by roll call of Officers and Advisors.

**Roll:**

<b>Youth Positions</b>	<b>Present/Absent/Excused</b>	<b>Adult Advisors</b>	<b>Present/Absent/Excused</b>
Andrew Pallus	Present	Dave Zajac	Present
Caleb Bowser	Present	Jennie Wolfe	Present
Jeno Mantini	Present	Alex Connell	Present
Dylan Freehling	Present	Ethan Mooney	Excused
Mike Vossler	Present	Alex Peat	Absent
Mitchel Ray	Present	DJ Peters	Present
Danny Kane	Present	Peter Gemperle	Absent
Braden Callen	Present	Scott McBride	Present
Lily Ochs	Present	Lori Wilson	Present
Emilie Richardson	Present	Kevin Spark	Present
Erik Richardson	Present	Craig Spink	Absent
TJ Wilson	Present		
Caleb Landgraf	Present		
Megan Blasko	Present		
Simon Smith	Excused		
Keagan Bowser	Present		

**Adoption of New Agenda**

The new agenda was adopted by Jenö M. With a second by Mitchel R.

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:**

The last meeting minutes from September 19, 2020, were approved by Jenö M. Seconded by Mitchel R.

**Treasury Report:**

The Treasury report was given stating: \$3,303.15 in the checking account, \$752.53 in the Kustodial account, and \$2,017.00 in the Rae's Cabin Fund.

**Anticipated Expenses:**

Next month we will be having Brookie Brotherhood

**Committee Reports:**

Each Vice-Chief and Committee member present gave an update as follows:

**Administrative Vice-Chief:**

Nothing to Report. - Mike V.

**Publications:**

Still no chairman. -Andrew P.

We are working to rally a chairman out of Troop 400. The post cards for Brookie Brotherhood will be going in the mail this week. Which will give about a 2-3 week read time to get more sign ups. And we are also having a concept for having table flyers (trivia, games, and events). Still trying to find a chairman. -Scott M.

**Trading Post:**

Nothing to report. -Megan B.

**Webpage:**

Nothing to report. -Keagan B.

Added new pictures to the website. When are we getting a 2021 list? And new registration links for the website. -Kevin S.

**Technical Coordinator:**

Nothing to Report. Keagan B.

Nothing at this time. -Mitchel R.

**Registration:**

Excused. -Simon S.

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**Membership Vice-Chief:**

At our previous membership meeting we came to the conclusion that some of the arrow men and their families do not feel comfortable coming to in person events, due to Covid-19. As a solution we came up with a Kahoot Zoom Meeting to get more people active in the Lodge. The Kahoot questions will be Lodge trivia and there will be a series of Sundays that are put aside for preparing for brotherhood tests. The first one is on Sunday, November 1, and it will be open to all Arrowmen. The kahoot channel on slack will be for anyone to put questions that they would like to see on the kahoot. - Dylan F.

**Elections:**

We are working on getting people for the elections that are on our sheet. I just posted the link for the sign up sheet in Slack. If you haven't already done so, please look at that and register for an election. - Mitchel R.

**Brotherhood:**

Nothing new to report. -Danny K.

**Ordeal Master:**

Just to confirm that the estimated Ordeals is still 10-15? - Braden C. The registration still hasn't changed, so this number is still accurate. -Alex C.

**Vigil:**

Nothing to report. -Erik R.

**Camp Promotions:**

Still have no

**Program Vice-Chief:**

If this was in person, I planned on starting talking with Emilie and Lily about activities for Brookie Brotherhood, which I will contact after the meeting. And I will talk to Caleb about ceremonies and who the ceremonialists will be. And talking with Braden about Brotherhood numbers. - Jen M.

**Activities:**

Emily and I came up with orw activities for Brookie Brotherhood. And we need to get with Alex and Jennie to meet up at Rae's to go through the basement for activities. -Lily O.

**Dance & Drum:**

Nothing right now. -Erik R.

**Service:**

This is my first EC, so nothing to report. Moving forward I will be contacting Ranger Bob at Camp Agawam to get the service projects for Brookie Brotherhood. -TJ W.

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**Ceremonies:**

Nothing to report than working with Jenö and Erik to have a joint rehearsal before Brookie Brotherhood. -Caleb L

**Conclave/NOAC:**

Currently do not have a chairman. -Andrew P.

**Banquet Ad Hoc Committee:**

I reached out to Pioneer drive-in via emails and phone call. I still haven't received anything back just yet. Still waiting for them to get back to us. -Alex C.

**Opening Comments**

- Lodge Advisor
  - Thanks everyone for their patients for meeting on Zoom (COVID-19 Related). Communication is vital during this time. We need to make sure we are maintaining YPT. 1-on-1 Phone calls and texts are not permitted. -Dave Z.
- Lodge Chief
  - Thanks for everyone being flexible about being on Zoom. Thank you to the members who are not on the EC.

**Old Business Reviewed**

- Brookie Brotherhood (Theme, Activities)
- Extended Election Season
- Discussion of Banquet
- Future Event Theme Discussion
- Approval of Budget

**\*\* Please see last minutes to see in depth what was discussed\*\***

**New Business Reviewed**

- Brookie Brotherhood (Schedule, Sleeping Arrangements, Service, Eating Arrangements)
  - Schedule - Andrew, Alex, Dave, and Matt all worked to make the schedule. Mitchel asked for Akela correction in spelling.
  - Sleeping Arrangements - Dave Zajac "As of right now, we can still sleep indoors, but numbers need to be reduced. I would recommend anyone that would like to sleep in a tent, SLEEP IN A TENT. Holds true for meals too. Depending on numbers, we might have to eat in shifts. We need to be open moving forward. All safely will stay in place. Event should still be a go, we just need to be open. If we want our events to keep going, we need to stay flexible. Windows and doors will need to be open in cabins." Matt - "Everything is ever changing, and we need to adapt."
  - Service - TJ will get in contact for Bob and Matt about service.
  - Eating Arrangements - We might have to eat in shifts depending on numbers.
  - Jenö - "Went to Wagion's event, staying in tents is a lot of fun and we saw it work at Wagion. Bring extra clothes."

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- Elections (2021 Season, and Script)
  - 2021 Season - Andrew proposed that the season should be the same as the last three years (February 15 - April 15). Opened Google Form January 1, 2021. Jenö moved to have election season February 15 - April 15, with opening the Google Form on January 1, 2021. Second by Erik R. Andrew is not opposed to doing it before election season, but Andrew is opposed to do anything past April 15. If signed up and a lodge member cannot do election, election can still process past April 15. Mitchel asked why we do the 15 - 15. Mitchel moves to amend the motion on the table to start the Election season on February 1-April 1. Second by Danny K. Passed unanimously.
  - Script - We need to update the script to accommodate BSA Name changes, and pronoun changes to accommodate male and females.
- Ceremonies
  - Matt - "We cannot use the term regalia. We have to use the term costumes."
  - Need to consider updating scripts to include females. Mitchel looked into this. Scripts do not need to be changed.
  - Need to consider building female costumes. Caleb said he will look into having Peter help us if we decide to build costumes.
  - DJ - "Peter and I looked into this already. We will help you out."
  - Jenö - "I don't know what the budget is, but it will be cheaper to build our own new costumes."
  - Alex C. - "For the time being, we could use our uniforms, instead of the costumes."
  - Matt - "Dining hall and Preston Center is where Dance and Drum, and Ceremonies can meet. Nothing in Rae's for safety. And social distance."
  - DJ - "technically our costumes are incorrect, so we will need to look into correcting these so they are rights for the area."
  - Matt - "National just made medallions for the purpose of ceremonies."
  - Andrew looked into the price of medallions and the price is \$70.00 for the complete set. Staff advisor or Lodge Advisor has to order.
- Banquet Discussion
  - Alex said that the drive in still has not gotten back to us on the date and time.
  - The purpose of the Ad Hoc committee is to find and fit COVID regulations.
  - Danny - "If Pioneer drive in does not respond, there are other drive-ins in the area."
  - Jenö suggested looking at other locations, but this cannot be possible because of COVID restrictions.
  - Matt - "Inside feasibility is not in the picture."
  - Dave - "Buffett is out, again, due to COVID"
  - Alex suggested that we maybe hold this outside maybe in the summer.

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- Lodge Service
  - Alex C. - "There was an idea to improve Lodge service around council and camps. We have trouble getting people to sign up for service. I have created a Google Doc to send out for better service opportunities and signing people up directly. They would be contacted directly rather than a guessing game. Furthermore, this is an opportunity to sign up your entire troop."
  - Ranger Matt - "Council is always looking for assistance. Merit badge days have been our recent activity. As the service arm of the council, we should be involved in council events."
- State of the Lodge Address
  - Dave Z. idea
  - Similar to the State of the Union Address by the POTUS
  - Make a short video, 15 minutes max - new leadership, events, service
  - Dave - "We have members who show up to an event and they don't know who the Key 3 of the Lodge is. Give us an opportunity to watch a video and see what the lodge did the previous year. A lot of people would be impressed if they actually knew. This would allow us to outline the upcoming year (service, leadership, events). This would give us a better chance to be better invested in the council and personally connect with Lodge members."
  - Mitchel thinks this is a great idea and national does something similar.
  - Jenno thinks this is a really good idea, especially if we can't do a banquet. Possibly include leadership section and national level.
  - Alex C. - "Definitely for this especially even sending a lodge newsletter in the beginning of the year."
  - Danny K. - "If we were to do it how would it be publicized"
  - Dave Z. thinks to use it as Lodge master. Mitchel says a 15 minutes video is a large file to share. Alex C. - "We should do a countdown timer until the Address is to be presented."
  - Mitchel - "Agree with Alex's idea"
  - Kevin S. - "Sure believes this is doable. Hosting the file would be too large. Possibly put it on youtube on a closed channel (unlisted link)."
  - Scott M. - "we need to be careful with youtube algorithm picking up on a scouting relate video and having an inappropriate ad"
  - Kevin - "Maybe use a VIMEO."
- Calls
  - Andrew had the idea of making calls to inactive Arrowmen and to possibly bring them to more events. This might bring our numbers up. We just need to make sure that YPT is followed and what not.
  - Mitchel says this works on a council level and just make sure YPT is followed.
  - If interested, ask Andrew for more information. A script can be made to better the call.
- Membership Events
  - Mitchel R. - "We had an idea to do a Kahoot game. This would be Lodge wide to help study for Brotherhood and learn about the Lodge."

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- Dylan F. - "We did discuss that. This will be on November 1, at 7:00pm."
- Possible breakout rooms to play in teams.
- Lodge Awards / By-Laws
  - Andrew - "We have a lot of lodge awards, 7 to be exact, and only 2 are official by the By-Laws. We would need to approve of this to be added to the By-Laws. This would set the award in stone. Everything in blue is what I would like to add. The EC must approve first, then the scout executive, then vote at an BEC meeting."
  - Jeno M. - "Can you move SOS before the Training Trout Award?"
  - DJ P. "Drum and Dance was the last award to be added."
  - Matt - "168 question...I find that two awards are redundant."
  - Alex C. - "We need to discuss the actual awards that are given out."
  - Andrew - "We need to hold a record of everyone who earns these awards."
  - Mitchel made a motion to amend the by-laws as written on the screen and seconded by Danny K. Mitchel called for a roll call vote.
    - Aye - Andrew P., Keagan B., Erik R., Emilie R., Dylan F., Mitchel R., Danny K., Caleb B., Jeno M., Caleb L., TJ W., Braden C., Mike V., Lily O., Megan B.,
    - Nah - No one
    - The Ayes have it and the motion passes.

### **For the Good of the Order**

- Dave Z. - "Going forward, our EC meetings and any other meetings will be via Zoom or some sort of online platform due to COVID. Out of council events need to be approved by council first. The approval will be if they are following COVID guidelines. If I seem that I am not at events, I am having some health concerns but will stay as active as possible."
- Jeno M. - "The Section team will be using one link for registration to Conclave 2021. The registration is going straight to Section. Keep an eye out on Section social media. The Region as of today will be holding an NLS, but possibility for cancelation."
- Kevin S. - Asked about Slack channels

### **Upcoming Events**

- Brookie Brotherhood, November 20-22, 2020, at Camp Agawam
- Next EC Meeting at Brookie Brotherhood

### **Closing Comments**

- Staff Advisor
  - Some of the other councils are having COVID issues, we need to stay vigilant and be safe. As soon as something happens, the council will shut us down. If you have questions about service hours, contact me. KEEP ON SCOUTING!!! Thank you to everyone.
- Lodge Advisor
  - No Comments
- Lodge Chief

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- Thank you to everyone for joining and sorry about the long meetings. Please join slack and turn on notifications.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm with a motion by Jenó M. and a second by Caleb L. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

**Song of the Order**

\*\*Alex played the Song of the Order\*\*