

LEC Agenda

1. Opening
 - 1.1. Meeting opened with the Obligation at 1:00 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Secretary's Report
 - 3.1. Motion to approve September LEC Minutes passes.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - 4.1. We have \$8227 at Council. This year, the budget for publications and postage was \$1510. Last year, the expenses ran to \$2324.32. This may pose a problem to the 2008 Budget.
5. Chapter Reports
 - 5.1. Abnaki
 - 5.1.1. The year's end for the People of the Dawn proved to be very eventful. In an effort to increase attendance at chapter meetings the chapter decided to go to Tin Tin's Chinese Buffet in November for a dinner and a meeting. It was a great time of sharing fortune cookies and planning the upcoming events. The December meeting was also a joyful experience with pizza, ArrowCorps⁵ video, unit election training, and an election for chapter officers. Requests have started to come in for unit election and crossovers. We have at least one unit election and one crossover planned for this year so far. Paul Saucier was re-elected Chapter Chief, Nick Kingsbury was elected Vice Chapter Chief, and Stephen Goss was elected Chapter Secretary.
 - 5.2. Casco Bay
 - 5.2.1. Casco Bay has leapt into the new year with gusto and general joie de virve. Our officers are John Trott as Vice Chief, Brian L'Heureux as Treasurer, Tyler Patten as Secretary, and Nate Smith as Chief. We've already started elections, and our ceremonies team has crossovers lined up out the door. At our last few meetings, we discussed service projects for the '08 season, and are thinking (among other

things) about putting bunk beds in the Patrick lean-to. We're also planning on doing some fundraising to finance these projects. Fast approaching is the District Klondike, which that chapter is running again this year. We're going with a Pirates theme, so we'll see how that turns out. We're feeling pretty optimistic about 2008 as Casco Bay continues to lead the way.

5.3. Downeast

5.3.1. As of December we held our chapter elections and the results are much the same, with the exception of one. Our new Vice Chief of Ceremonies is an up-and-coming lad by the name of Harrison. We are planning our conquest of the District this election season, and with a little luck, we will get more new, and hopefully active, members.

5.4. K Valley

5.4.1. Greetings from K-Valley! We are looking forward to a great new year with a full slate of new officers. They are: Connor Pillsbury as Vice Chief, Greg Solomon as Secretary, Logan Patterson as Treasurer, and myself, Jarod White, as Chief. We are preparing for elections by doing officer and election training. As for our goals for the new year, we are hoping to increase our overall numbers in the chapter. We also plan to do more community service work and camping. We also have newly designed sweatshirts! All of us from K Valley are excited to see what is coming up this year with our Lodge and Chapter. We hope many people, both new and existing members, will join us to bring new ideas and spirit!

5.5. York

5.5.1. Well, the New Year for the chapter has begun. York Chapter has a whole slew of new officers with the exception of one, our secretary. Besides myself as chapter chief, the officers are as follows: Vice chief: Steve Molina, Treasurer: Brandon Lyons, and Secretary: Jeff Molina. Like last year, this is going to be another good year for York. At our December meeting we elected our new officers and then had our annual ice cream party. At the meeting we also were able to get a few elections scheduled for January, since our season starts the first of the New Year. Our ceremonies team is getting ready to gear up for the crossover season as well. We are also planning on taking a fifty-mile bike ride with all those who

would like to go. El Jefe Grande (the big chief) and I will most likely be leading. That's the scoop on York chapter for this month. Stay tuned for the next episode!

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Service & Ordeal

6.1.1. The committee is hoping to see new and more meaningful projects for both Ordeals and the OA Service Hour coming from the camp rangers this year, as previous lists has been very repetitive. Ideas from the LEC are welcome. We are also looking for some new ideas for service to be done at events, and for community service. Also for the Ordeals, we would like to see a list of skills usable at the Ordeal coming from Chapter Chiefs and the incoming Candidates.

6.2. Brotherhood

6.2.1. Chairman was not present, report was sent in advance.

6.2.2. I am excited in starting my position as Brotherhood Chair. I am looking forward to a good year where we as a Lodge are able to achieve Quality Lodge by surpassing the 30% conversion rate. I am also looking forward to the summer ceremonies and how to see how we can make it more meaningful for the Brotherhood candidates, as well as preparing for those interested in being Nimats to aid the Ceremonies team in making the Brotherhood experience worthwhile.

6.3. Vigil

6.3.1. I have begun the process of Vigil selection for 2008. After discussing various aspects of last year's event I am planning changes and to this year's Vigil. The date and time of the selection meeting has not been set.

6.4. Ceremonies

6.4.1. Ceremonies is preparing for another successful year in 2008. We've begun talking about ways to develop the team in 2008. So far our chapter teams have gotten a good start on the 2008 spring crossovers, and multiple chapters have crossovers and practices already planned. At the Maine Indian Fellowship Event we will be hosting a training cell on Effective Chapter teams, the Personifying the Principal presentation, and a film workshop on reviewing performances. This year we are also going to work on

renovating both ceremonial sites at Hinds and Bomazeen by creating new seating and other needed renovations, as well as tuning in on NOAC 2009.

6.5. Drumming

6.5.1. Chairman was not present due to accident, report verbally presented

6.6. Lodge Store

6.6.1. In 2007, the store was down by \$750.74. For 2008, we hope to gain that back by adding Nalgene water bottles and other new merchandise to the store's lineup.

6.7. Founder's Award

6.7.1. The Founder's Award has been given. The recipients were Arthur Price, and Ian Hanley. Congratulations!

6.8. Elangomat

6.8.1. With the start of the 2008 season, we will be looking forward to successful Ordeal weekends. To help accomplish this, I will be looking for any people interested in being an Elangomat. If you know of people who are interested, please let me know. We will be having two training sessions for Elangomats, one at the University of Scouting, and the other at the LLD.

6.9. Campership

6.9.1. Hoping to have a good year this year for Campership Committee, and expect to start receiving applications for the Ed Pease Campership in the middle of election season. We would like for each chapter to have a Campership Representative so that they can give their applications to go over.

6.10. Camp Promo

6.10.1. Let's make 2008 a very successful season at Pine Tree Council camps. As the year begins, we need to talk about camp experiences. Talk up the fun and friendships made at camp. If anyone is interested in being on the Camp Promo Committee, please let me know. Let's make 2008 the most successful season yet.

6.11. Website

6.11.1. The website was upgraded and updated on January 1st, to commemorate the new year, and also because I realized a few months back that the “purple” we were using was not, in fact, purple. For the most part, this was an interface upgrade, but the committee is also looking at some Flash training programs in the future. Look for Ceremonies and Elangomat training sometime later this year.

6.12. Troop Rep

6.12.1. This year the OA Troop Rep program is doing well. We currently have 9 OA Troop Reps that I have received paperwork from. I am hoping that the program will strengthen during this year, and I’m already formulating ideas to get the program going. In the interest of time, we won’t go over them here and now. I look forward to being this year’s Troop Rep Chairman.

6.13. LLD

6.13.1. Plans for the LLD are well underway. We’re going to go with a Survival theme this year, and we’ll also see a return of the Turtle Cup after what seemed to be a positive reception last year. To help us out with the survival theme, Vigil Honor member and Director of the Maine Primitive Skills School Michael Douglas has agreed to come and share his knowledge of wilderness survival. I’d like to have him run a few training cells in the morning, and an ongoing workshop for the rest of the day. Also on the list of possible training cells are LEC and Lodge positions, leadership in small groups, introduction to the Order, or other training cells as deemed necessary by the new Five-Year Plan [Pathbook]. Now that we have confirmed dates I can start looking for a location, and I’d like to encourage anyone with feedback or comments to let me know what they’d like to see, or anything else on how the 2008 LLD can serve you better.

6.14. Publication

6.14.1. As far as publications goes, the first issue of Turtle Soup is coming together nicely. We expect it to be ready to print on time. I would like to take this chance to remind everyone that when you are asked to write an article for the Soup, you should do so as quickly as is reasonably possible for you. This lets Adrian and I get the Soup going faster, and makes everything easier.

6.15. National Activities

- 6.15.1. ArrowCorps⁵ is fast approaching. We have our 25 slots filled and are looking to get more. At today's meeting, we discussed travel, lodging, and sightseeing plans. Tetons or Bust?

6.16. Membership & Elections

- 6.16.1. Chairman was not present and no report was turned in

6.17. Conclave '09

- 6.17.1. Chairman was not present, report was sent in advance
- 6.17.2. Our lodge is hosting the 2009 Conclave, and I need your help planning it. We already have a location, which will be at Camp Hinds. So we don't need to worry about that, but we still need to figure out a theme and what events and activities we will do. If anyone has any ideas or questions, please email me at [REDACTED]

7. New Business

7.1. 2008 Planbook

- 7.1.1. Reviewed 2008 Planbook, requested that all LEC members fill in the blanks in the contact sections.

7.2. Revised Honor Chapter Requirements

- 7.2.1. Reviewed, copies handed out to chapter chiefs

7.3. Election Season

- 7.3.1. Casco Bay has conducted one election already, other chapters have some planned for the near future.

7.4. ArrowCorps⁵

- 7.4.1. Money is being raised. Payments must be in by 15 Jan. Target is \$1100.

7.5. NOAC

- 7.5.1. Looks like we're going to fly there.

7.6. UoS

- 7.6.1. Most programs have been expanded, with the exception of the OA's, which has been cut down. Two classes will be removed, which currently includes only the Troop Rep class. OA members can no longer attend non-OA classes. The Lodge no longer registers its members; they must do so through Council, still at no charge.

7.7. Ordeal Season

- 7.7.1. May 2–4
- 7.7.2. May 30–June 1
- 7.7.3. September 5–7

7.8. Lodge Service Project

- 7.8.1. Currently looking at a State Park cleanup and river cleanup on a chapter level.

7.9. New Trader Flap Design

- 7.9.1. There is the possibility of modifying the 2006 NOAC Contingent Flap for 2008. Other designs can be submitted to the next LEC – email them to Caleb and he will ship them out beforehand so that the LEC can review them. Approval of the new patch will be done at the next LEC.

7.10. Conclave 08

- 7.10.1. The Conclave is in Vermont. Chapters should push the Conclave at their meetings, and try to set up carpooling with other members. The Lodge will promote Conclave at the Ordeals.

7.11. QLS

- 7.11.1. Chapters should promote QLS when possible.

7.12. LLD

- 7.12.1. Theme will be Survival. Mike Douglas will be conducting a 24-hr workshop at the LLD. Ira Michaud may be teaching as well. The location of the LLD is currently unknown. There is the possibility of allowing members to pay “at cost” for the LLD, or even having the Lodge absorb some of the cost. Nate Smith requests that anyone with ideas should let him know before, not after, the LLD.

7.13. OATR

- 7.13.1. The committee is working on building a database of current Troop Reps. To help them, please send in forms for any reps you know of, even if they are already registered with the Lodge. Push OATR to Scoutmasters at the Roundtables.

7.14. Chapter Ceremonies

- 7.14.1. Ian reminds Chapters that they need to keep in touch with him so that the committee can provide assistance when they need it, focusing on Abnaki and Downeast chapters.

7.15. Camp Promotions Presentation

7.15.1. Matt Mower thanked the OA for their work at the camps, and demonstrated Council's new camp promotions package.

8. Other

8.1. Matt McAdam offered gold nametags to any committee chair that wants one, [REDACTED]

8.2. He also suggests that we sell water bottles at the Ordeals.

8.3. Arthur Price offered subsidized list of turtle trek places to help update the trek list. He should have information in March.

8.4. Caleb presented a plaque to Stephen Molina for his service as Vice Chief in 2007.

8.5. A motion was approved to have everyone introduce themselves.

9. Staff Adviser's Minute

10. Lodge Adviser's Minute

11. Closing

11.1. Meeting closed with the Song at 2:30 PM

