

## LEC Minutes

1. Opening
  - 1.1. Meeting opened at 9:29:52 with the Obligation
2. Roll Call
  - 2.1. Abnaki Chapter, Vigil, Ceremonies, Drum, Brotherhood, Founder's Award, and Conclave Committees were not present.
3. Secretary's Report
  - 3.1. Motion to approve the minutes from the 5 April LEC pass.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - 4.1. Report presented
5. Chapter Reports
  - 5.1. Abnaki
    - 5.1.1. No youth members attending, no report was turned in.
  - 5.2. Casco Bay
    - 5.2.1. Casco Bay has ended the election season with a bang. We had a last minute rush and performed elections at almost all the troops in our district, ending up with 70 candidates elected. We recently put in bunk beds, a screen door, and shelves at the Patrick lean-to to get it ready for the 08 camping season. In addition to working on the lean-to, at our service weekend we cleared brush down in camp and got the training center ready for the Fly First Class weekend. Our ceremonies team has wrapped up crossovers, and plans to perform a call-out at the spring camporee. We welcomed 12 new members into our chapter at the first ordeal, and look forward to inducting more brothers at the second as Casco Bay continues to lead the way.
  - 5.3. Downeast
    - 5.3.1. Over the past month we have been focusing on elections, and in early April we finished contacting all the troops in the Downeast area. Unfortunately, only four troops had eligible boys. Those elections were finished swiftly. Our

attention is now focused on the Call-Out Ceremony and getting our inactive members involved in the Order again. We are planning on gathering the registered members at the Downeast Spring Camporee and reminding them that we are still alive. With any luck, we can get more people involved and grow as a chapter.

#### 5.4. K Valley

5.4.1. Report presented, but was not turned in

#### 5.5. York

5.5.1. Since the University of Scouting and the last LEC, there has only been one meeting. The one thing that's going on in York is the 50-Mile Bike Ride, which I will talk about later in the meeting. [see section 8.1] All but three troops have been for elections. On May 18-20 we will be assisting with the York Spring Camporee.

### 6. Committee Reports

#### 6.1. Service & Ordeal

6.1.1. At this weekend's Ordeal, the projects were more time-consuming than in past years. The list of projects held up throughout the day and neither the Ranger nor I had to scramble for projects to keep the clans or Brotherhoods busy. The fire burned a bunch of old wood from the erosion walls, along with assorted scrap.

With regards to the kitchen, the Brotherhood candidates helped me tremendously. They did dishes at least three times in a row, if not more. They also ran errands and small projects for me when I asked them. All of this was done without any complaints and with a cheerful spirit. This is a great example of Cheerful Service. I didn't have too many problems with finding volunteers, but a few gave me some attitude when I asked.

Everything went smoothly, and the Service & Ordeal Committee is currently made up of two people, myself and another Brother. Chapter Chiefs, I have asked for you to send me contact information for your service chairmen, but have only received one. Hopefully the next Ordeals be as successful as this one.

#### 6.2. Brotherhood

6.2.1. Chairman absent, no report turned in

### 6.3. Vigil

- 6.3.1. Vigil 2008 is underway as the Vigil Selection date is set, and I am currently in the process of planning for the July 11th Vigil.

### 6.4. Ceremonies

- 6.4.1. Over the last few months Ceremonies has had a pair of practices in March and April at Camp Hinds in preparation for the Spring Ordeals. Chapter teams have also been doing crossovers throughout the Council, and are now preparing for upcoming Call-Outs. At this Ordeal we performed Pre-Ordeal, Induction, and Brotherhood ceremonies. We are also getting ready for the June Ordeal as well as defending our Section NE-1A Pre-Ordeal title. This summer we are planning on trying to have chapter teams become more involved in Brotherhood Conversions, and are planning opportunities to do renovation work at both ceremonial sites.

### 6.5. Drumming

- 6.5.1. Chairman absent, no report turned in

### 6.6. Lodge Store

- 6.6.1. Report was presented, but not turned in

### 6.7. Founder's Award

- 6.7.1. Chairman absent, no report turned in

### 6.8. Elangomat

- 6.8.1. With the first Ordeal completed, I want to thank those who volunteered to be Elangomats, your help was greatly appreciated. I continue to look for Elangomats for the next two Ordeals. If you know any Arrowmen who are interested, please let me know. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There will be one more Elangomat training session, which will be at the LLD on October 24-26.

### 6.9. Campership

- 6.9.1. The Campership Committee finished receiving applications and picked the two Scouts that will receive the Ed Pease Campership for Camp Hinds. I plan on giving the rest to Cathy Gosselin for the Council Canperships that are available.

## 6.10. Camp Promo

6.10.1. With camp season fast approaching, we need to continue to work on making 2008 a very successful season at Pine Tree Council camps. Remember, when you attend your troop, crew, and pack meetings, keep in mind all your camp experiences, and talk up the fun and friendships made at camp. I am still looking for people to join me on the Camp Promotions Committee. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Let's keep working to make 2008 the most successful season yet.

## 6.11. Website

6.11.1. The website has been kept up to date and is ready for the summer. We have a few minor changes in the pipeline, and they should be online in a few weeks.

## 6.12. Troop Rep

6.12.1. The program is rolling along. We held a training class at the University of Scouting, and will be holding another session at the Council Service Center in August. Also, more troops have been sending in their forms for Troop Reps, making it where the program is steadily growing.

## 6.13. LLD

6.13.1. Things are looking good for the LLD. The location is set at Susan Curtis, and the design and patch will be ready for promotion by the fall Ordeal, with a promotional video hopefully being ready by the second ordeal. I'd love to top 100 in attendance this year, but to do that I need a strong promotion at the chapter level. I encourage the chapter chiefs to promote the LLD at their chapter meetings. Look for the promo blurb in the next issue of Turtle Soup, and promote promote promote! I hope to have a great LLD this year, but we need great attendance records to make it worth while.

Possible Training Cells so far:

- Intro to the OA
- Wilderness Survival Skills
- Elangomat
- OA Troop Rep
- Leadership/Management I
- Leadership/Management II
- Ceremonies Workshop

- Annual Business Meeting Topics
- OA High Adventure
- Intro to Officers/LEC Positions
- Eagle Project Writeup
- Assorted Pathbook I?
- Assorted Pathbook II?
- Assorted Pathbook III?

As always I encourage anyone with ideas to let me know!

- 6.14. Publications
- 6.14.1. The March/April Turtle Soup was published, finally. We're currently collecting submissions for the next issue of Turtle Soup, and I'm disappointed to say that as of right now, only two articles that I asked for have come in. The next deadline is May 9<sup>th</sup>, for articles to Adrian. Please have your articles in by that date.
- 6.15. National Activities
- 6.15.1. Chairman absent, no report turned in
- 6.16. Membership & Elections
- 6.16.1. Report presented, but not turned in
- 6.17. Conclave 2009
- 6.17.1. Chairman absent, no report turned in
7. Old Business
- 7.1. Election Season
- 7.1.1. Abnaki elected 28, Casco Bay 70, Downeast 8, K Valley 38, and York 54. Inactive members should be strongly encouraged to pay their dues.
- 7.2. University of Scouting
- 7.2.1. Council wishes to pass along a big "thank you" to the Lodge for a job well done.
8. New Business
- 8.1. Fundraising Bike Trek
- 8.1.1. The 50-Mile Bike Ride will be June 14, 2008, and will be a fundraiser for the Sisters of Divine Mercy, who are digging a well in Africa. The well will cost upwards of \$15,000. The bike ride will go through Kennebunkport, Arundel, and Wells, and is open to any Arrowmen who wish to participate.

Chapter Chiefs should start a signup list as soon as possible and have numbers in to Matt McAdam **no later than June 1**. Riders will need sponsors. A signup list will be online in the very near future. Anyone planning to ride is asked to wear a white T-shirt so that we can keep the group together. In addition, a helmet is a must for the obvious safety reasons. Bikes will be inspected at the next York Chapter meeting. This inspection is not required for members of other Chapters.

## 8.2. Service Hour Patches

8.2.1. One design was received and is going into production. Feel free to draft a patch for next year's Service Hour.

## 8.3. Service Hour Projects

8.3.1. The list of projects for the summer has not yet been released to the Service & Ordeal Committee.

## 8.4. Conclave

8.4.1. The deadline is fast approaching. Please register, as there are five slots open, and those slots can still take advantage of the discounted \$35 registration.

## 8.5. Ordeal

8.5.1. Went very well. 31 candidates were welcomed into the Lodge, along with the 9 members who sealed their membership with the Brotherhood. Service went well, as there were plenty of projects available. All three Elangomats did a great job, but will need orange vests for the next Ordeal. Bob Gosselin expressed concerns over the early Ordeal, involving utilities and the cold weather. Ceremonies went well. The list of supplies for the candidates should include cold weather gear and be expressly more flexible. Overall, good work team!

## 9. Other

### 9.1. LLD Spending

9.1.1. Nate wants the lodge to spend some money to keep costs down. Wayne is cooking. Cost will be \$6 per person, with an expected attendance of 100. A motion was made and passed to spend \$6 per person to keep the cost of LLD down.

### 9.2. LEC at University of Scouting

9.2.1. Discussion was had over the possibility of moving the March LEC to the University of Scouting next year, and using more adult instructors in ensure that youth members can be at the LEC.

### 9.3. Camp Chief

9.3.1. Bruce has been in discussion with Steve Saucier (Camp Director at Camp Hinds) and Cathy Gosselin, and the position of Camp Chief was approved and will be paid \$300. The Chief will promote the OA in front of parents on Sunday, and will help make sure the Brotherhood conversions run smoothly. The position does not include running the OA Service Hour each week, but it does include making sure that someone is available to run it. Bruce will be talking with the Camp Chief to make a list of responsibilities at some point in the near future. A motion was made and passed to pay the Camp Chief \$300. Caleb Frederick will be the 2008 Camp Chief.

### 9.4. Ceremonies Teams for Weekly Brotherhood Conversion

9.4.1. Mark Bevan expresses his concern that it is difficult to provide Ceremonies teams for the Brotherhood Conversions every Thursday. The LEC recommended that the Lodge Ceremonies team should contact Chapter teams and make sure that one team can be at Camp every week.

### 9.5. Conclave 2009

9.5.1. 13 months left. Joe Niman expresses concern that we have little to provide to the Section at this year's Conclave. Time to start promoting and getting stuff done.

### 9.6. Chapter Ceremonies

9.6.1. Phil Taschereau thinks that Chapter teams should start asking units to provide a donation to help cover expenses of the chapter teams going to and from ceremonies. The general consensus was that it is not appropriate to ask the units directly, but it is okay to allow them to make donations. There is also the opportunity for Chapters to fundraise, or to expand their teams, so that members that live closer to the unit can do the ceremony.

10. Staff Adviser's Minute

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12. Meeting closed at 10:27:35 with the Song.