

## LEC Agenda

1. Opening
  - 1.1. Meeting opened at 9:25 with the Obligation
2. Roll Call
  - 2.1. Abnaki & Casco Bay Chapters were not present. The LLD, Membership & Events and Conclave 2009 committees were not present.
3. Secretary's Report
  - 3.1. A motion was created and passed to approve the LEC minutes from the last LEC.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - 4.1. Report not presented, expect copy to be sent in soon.
5. Chapter Reports
  - 5.1. Abnaki
    - 5.1.1. Chairman not present, no report was presented
  - 5.2. Casco Bay
    - 5.2.1. Casco Bay has started off the year with a bang. We had our first meeting in September, where we discussed service and fundraising ideas, the district Klondike, and upcoming lodge events like the LLD (look for the flyer in this issue!). We expect to have a large contingent attending the LLD, and are very excited about it. Next meeting we elect officers for the 2009 season, and we look forward to welcoming them to their new leadership roles as Casco Bay continues to lead the way!
  - 5.3. Downeast
    - 5.3.1. Our chapter, though we do not meet over school vacation, has been active. There were several OA service hours performed this year by our chapter, and to my knowledge a reasonable number took part in the service hours at Camp Hinds. We are looking forward to having more people attend the meetings and be active within the chapter. Even now we

are looking towards the year ahead and are planning what we can do to get and keep members active.

#### 5.4. K Valley

5.4.1. After having a great summer, K-Valley chapter can't wait to get back into meetings again. We've had a great year so far. We as a chapter went and had a great work weekend at Camp Bomazeen. We completely cleaned up the kitchen, including the walk-in refrigerator and reach-in freezer. We had an all-around great time at Bomazeen. We have the arrangements finished for the Banquet. It will be at La Fleur's restaurant in Jay. We have it rented from 12-5, and the price will be \$16 per head. That will include everything from drinks to dessert. The meal will be served buffet style, and there will be different types of meats. [Sec. Note: The LEC moved to change the location of the banquet, see 8.4 for details.]

#### 5.5. York

5.5.1. Not much has been going on in York. In June, the chapter had a 50-mile bike ride. Overall, the ride went well, though there were a few things that could have worked better. We had our first chapter meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our annual Oktoberfest, which will include games and food. Our ceremonies team is looking for volunteers, and already has a request to perform a crossover ceremony in November.

### 6. Committee Reports

#### 6.1. Service & Ordeal

6.1.1. Overall, Service went well, although I have noticed that there is a lack of meaningful projects that the Candidates can look back on and say, "Wow! I helped build that." There is only so much brush cleanup that someone can take. Particularly, this weekend had a lack of projects. Altogether, it was a lot easier for me to do this job than last year, especially with all the cooperation from the candidates and the Brotherhood. For next Ordeal season, we will have to step it up a notch since we are hosting Conclave.

#### 6.2. Brotherhood

6.2.1. I enjoy being the Brotherhood chairman and serving the Lodge. During my time at summer camp, we did many

conversions and had another successful summer. Altogether, we had 69 brothers convert to Brotherhood. I am pleased with this number. Thank you for another great year as Brotherhood chairman.

### 6.3. Vigil

6.3.1. On July 11th, four members of Madockawanda Lodge were called out at the Camp Hinds weekly campfire for the Vigil Honor. That night the Vigil was held under peaceful weather. This year's Vigil Class included Lodge Chief Caleb Frederick, former Lodge Vice Chief and current OA Troop Rep Chair Stephen Molina, K-Valley ceremonies adviser Bunny Wiggin, and Casco Bay Chapter Adviser John Trott Jr. The Vigil was followed Saturday morning by Founder's Day service, in which 15-20 brothers built new picnic tables for Camp Hinds, and one shirtless Brother mowed the baseball field. It was a great event and I look forward to next year and would also like to suggest everyone be committed in any way they can in our Lodge's effort hosting the 2009 Conclave. Remember, in an egg and bacon sandwich the chicken is involved but the pig is committed. BE THE PIG!

### 6.4. Ceremonies

6.4.1. Ceremonies has successfully accomplished three Ordeals. Though the first two had suspect weather we were able to try some new personnel ideas and in order to get ready for NOAC. We also put together a team for Conclave, and we won the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony contest. Ceremonies at the Vigil were performed well and added to the experience of the Vigil, said the Vigil Selection Chair. We performed ceremonies at weekly Brotherhood conversions, where, in conjunction with the Brotherhood committee, had Kichkinet lead the Brotherhood hike. We felt this made the hike more meaningful, and hope to institute this at Ordeals in 2009. Later this year at LLD we will be running some awesome training cells. As we look towards 2009, we will continue spring practices and have some amazing ceremonies at Ordeals. We had finalized the NOAC 2009 team for each ceremony and will be working very hard to achieve Honor Team status in each ceremony.

### 6.5. Drumming

6.5.1. Under new leadership, the Drumming and Dancing Committee has hit the ground running. We already plan to have a training cell at the LLD, go to the annual Shu-Shu-Gah Pow-wow in New Jersey, and are in the midst of planning the AIA weekend. We are hoping to have the weekend in January, and once those details are cleared up, more info will be given out to the general public. If you have any ideas for the weekend, just e-mail them to me

6.6. Lodge Store

6.6.1. Report presented, not turned in

6.7. Founder's Award

6.7.1. Recipients have been selected, and the forms will be mailed Monday.

6.8. Elangomat

6.8.1. We had 3 good Ordeals with some wicked good Elangomats. Many thanks to all who helped make the 2008 Elangomat Season a good'n.

6.9. Campership

6.9.1. This committee won't be doing anything again until the Spring when we start receiving applications for Camperships again.

6.10. Camp Promo

6.10.1. We had a great summer season at our council camps. There were many campers attending our summer camps. We had improvements erosion walls new picnic tables were built. This improves the quality of the camp experience, which we can advertise next year.

6.11. Website

6.11.1. The committee has received a suggestion from Mike Mirisola that we add an Events page. It will be similar in function to the current Guide To The Ordeal Process page, but expanded to notify all brothers of times and what to pack. Look for this page in the next couple of weeks.

6.12. Troop Rep

6.12.1. OA Troop Rep is doing well. We've doubled the number of Troop Reps since last year.

### 6.13. LLD

6.13.1. Well folks, LLD is back and promises to be the most exciting thing since Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Movie. The theme for this year's LLD is Survival, and will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> at Camp Susan Curtis in Stoneham, ME. The LLD will feature survival skills and demonstrations in addition to traditional leadership training courses, offering you a chance to expand your knowledge of survival and leadership and share fellowship with other brothers in the Lodge. Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Business Meeting of the Lodge, and you won't want to miss it! Look for the LLD registration flyer in this issue of Turtle Soup! And don't wait to reserve your spot; registration ends on October 9<sup>th</sup>!

### 6.14. Publications

6.14.1. The July/October issue of Turtle Soup is behind schedule, as I'm sure you've all noticed, and that is completely my fault. If we get articles sent in soon, we can recover from this delay and get the Soup out as soon as possible.

### 6.15. National Activities

6.15.1. We're back and alive! ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> was good, and much fun was had by all. We completed vast amounts of service to the National Forest.

### 6.16. Membership & Elections

6.16.1. Chairman not present, no report was turned in

### 6.17. Conclave 2009

6.17.1. Chairman not present, no report was turned in

## 7. Old Business

### 7.1. Brotherhood Conversions

7.1.1. There was no ceremony for Week 4 at Hinds, which explains why Mike doesn't have the money for that week.

### 7.2. ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> wrap-up

7.2.1. Bruce wants to thank Arthur Price and Andrew Rueger for making ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> happen – he didn't have to worry about anything. Mike & Paul went to the Washington & Jefferson National Forests, as well. All together, the Order as a whole and the Lodge received public and BSA recognition for the excellent work we did.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1. Trailblazer Day

8.1.1. October 4 is the date of Trailblazer day this year. The event will see about 1200 people, mostly new Cub Scouts and Tiger Cubs. It is designed to give them an outdoor experience as soon as they join up. Bryan Thomas wants to see members of the Lodge out there to guide around some of the Cubs. Chapters - you should be pushing Trailblazer Day at your next meeting.

### 8.2. LLD

8.2.1. See 6.13.

### 8.3. 2009 Calendar

8.3.1. Bruce reviewed the 2009 calendar briefly with the LEC. We are planning for two early spring Ordeals next year. Discussion was had, and it was decided that although those are cold, wet Ordeals, we do need the time to set up for Conclave. A motion was created and passed to keep the dates of the Ordeals where they are, avoiding Mother's Day.

### 8.4. Lodge Banquet

8.4.1. The Banquet was discussed in the KV Chapter report. The LEC was given choice of having the Banquet at either La Fleur's in Jay, or at the Super Great Wall that is opening in Augusta. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to hold the Banquet at the Super Great Wall, at a cost of \$12 per head. Caleb noted that we still need a guest speaker - and a clear definition of who's responsibility it is to find the speaker. The LEC decided that finding the guest speaker will be the responsibility of the host chapter, but that the chapter will get the LEC's approval of the chosen speaker.

### 8.5. 2009 Conclave

8.5.1. There was a planning meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup>, themes and menus were discussed. Updates to come, we hope.

### 8.6. Conclave Presentation at November 15<sup>th</sup> COC

8.6.1. Nick Bouyea has something planned.

### 8.7. NOAC

8.7.1. NOAC will be at Indiana University next year. Promotion needs to start now.

- 8.8. National Events Chairman
- 8.8.1. Andrew is aging out, Caleb will assign a replacement.
- 8.9. Quality Lodge
- 8.9.1. Requirements were reviewed with the LEC. Membership is down – chapters need to promote dues. Brotherhood is looking good.
- 8.10. 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 8.10.1. 2009 is the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lodge. Ian Hanley thinks we should combine the NOAC and 65<sup>th</sup> patches – consideration can begin when patch designs are made. Anyone may submit a patch design, but the designs must be in by the next LEC.
- 8.11. Service Project
- 8.11.1. The Lodge needs a service project to meet Quality Lodge requirements. Matt McAdam said he is on it and will have a project for us soon.
- 8.12. Zwetsloot Family
- 8.12.1. Bruce noted that Henry has recently lost a member of his family. Some of our Lodge have donated to a nature conservancy in memory, Bruce wants to know if the Lodge can/wants to do anything. Jarod White suggests that we design a special patch and donate half or all of the profit. A suggestion was also made that we put a donation box out at the Banquet. John Knowlton and Mike said that the Lodge could donate \$100 to the fund. A motion was created and passed to do so.
- 8.13. Service Hour 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 8.13.1. 2009 is also the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OA Service Hour. This milestone will be included in the 2009 patch.
9. Other
- 9.1. Andrew Rueger suggested that the Lodge website might benefit from a “ticker bar” of upcoming events.
  - 9.2. The Ordeal was reviewed. It was said that Elangomats need to be aware of the schedule, and follow it. They are responsible for their clans all weekend, up to and including dismissal.

- 9.3. The AIA weekend will be in January, hopefully at the Alford B center. Look for emails in the upcoming months – planning will be commencing soon. If you have ideas, get them to Jeff Molina. [REDACTED] Tom Thornton suggested that we help them put in their docks, if we do, we get the camp for the weekend and we'll save about \$600 on the AIA weekend. This will be in June, if it happens. More info to come.
- 9.4. Honor Chapter notebooks are due at the end of the Annual Business Meeting. If chapters have questions, they should talk to Ian Hanley. [REDACTED]
- 9.5. If anyone has T-Shirt or patch designs they would like to see in the Store next year, John Knowlton needs them by the end of the Annual Business Meeting.
10. Staff Adviser's Minute
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12. Closing – Meeting closed at 10:38 with the Song.

