

Minutes
NE-6A Council of Chiefs
October 26, 2013
Angelos Law Center
University of Baltimore

1. Call to Order
 - a. Kyle Raffensperger opened the meeting at 9:05am with the obligation.
2. Introductions
 - a. Present:
 - i. Section
 1. Kyle Raffensperger, Section Chief
 2. Zach Sager, Section Vice Chief
 3. Kyle Brendel, Section Secretary
 4. Brandon Gawel, Past Section Chief
 5. Tony Roman, Section Adviser
 6. Ana Prosceno, Section Associate Adviser
 7. Roger Volrath, Section Associate Adviser
 8. Patrick Rooney, Section Finance Adviser
 9. Geoff Thomas, Section Staff Adviser
 - ii. Amangamek-Wipit
 1. Davis Kellogg, Lodge Chief
 2. Rick Ahlberg, Lodge Adviser
 3. Ty Raffensperger, Lodge Vice Chief of Operations
 4. Ben Press, Lodge Vice Chief of Membership and Finance
 5. Richie Thomas, Lodge Vice Chief of Communication and Administration
 6. Jonathan Bjorson, Montgomery Lodge Area Chief
 - iii. Nentico
 1. Colin Ganley, Lodge Chief
 2. Grant Doederlein, Lodge Chief elect
 3. Michael Phillips, Past Lodge Chief
 4. Tony Sheaffer, Conclave Co-Coordinator
 5. Lane Short, Conclave Co-Coordinator
 6. Mike Parrish, Lodge Adviser
 7. Bob Moore, Conclave Adviser
 8. Nolan Phillips, Chapter Adviser
 - iv. Nentego
 1. Kellen Tangora, Lodge Chief
 - b. Absent:
 - i. Nentego
 1. Victor Gregory, Lodge Adviser

3. Approval of March 23, 2013 COC Minutes

- a. Correction to spelling of current Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Chief's last name was requested
- b. No other corrections requested so a vote to approve the minutes with the correction made was called for by Kyle Brendel
- c. Motion from Davis Kellogg to approve minutes with the requested correction made | Second from Colin Ganley – DECISION – motion passed

4. Finance Report

- a. Patrick Rooney told the COC that finances are strong in the section and that funds are moved from Garden State Council to National Capital Area Council

5. Lodge Reports

- a. Amangamek-Wipit – Davis Kellogg
- b. Nentego – Kellen Tangora
- c. Nentico – Colin Ganley

6. News

- a. Section NE-5B Conclave
- i. Kyle Raffensperger talked about the section leadership's visit to NE-5B's conclave. Stated our section was unique in how spirited our lodges were. What our group benefited most from was seeing what we liked about our conclaves. Tony Sheaffer noted that the experience was interesting and that he hopes we can fully integrate our theme with the Conclave.
- ii. Davis Kellogg asked [how](#) many arrowmen were in attendance – Kyle Raffensperger stated that about 160 were present.
- iii. Mike Phillips asked if they did competitions differently than our section – Kyle Raffensperger replied that their structure wasn't too different, however our section is more organized in this area.
- iv. Ben Press asked if the structure of their training was different, answer was that it was not different.
- v. Bob Moore suggested [ed](#) Kyle Raffensperger mention the youth forum. Kyle Raffensperger talked about how he thought it important that we keep the forum as part of our participation award.
- b. 2013 Jamboree
 - i. Brandon Gawel, Jamboree Vice Chief of Recreation said that the event was a great time, there were a lot of recreational activities while not on duty.
 - ii. Kyle Raffensperger noted that he saw a lot of NE-6A arrowmen while around the jamboree site.
 - iii. Ty Raffensperger stated [the](#) OA Service Corps was substantial in supporting of the Jamboree. From shows to other program areas they were visible in cheerful service.
 - iv. Kyle Raffensperger let the COC know that national programs were discussed at the National Leadership Gathering that he attended while at the Jamboree.
- c. Black Eagle Lodge
 - i. We had heard rumor that Black Eagle left our section and in September we confirmed that they had indeed been moved to Area 5 of the Northeast Region.
 - ii. Rick Ahlberg noted that lodges follow their council so when Transatlantic Council was moved, Black Eagle followed.
- d. Section Newsletter

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- i. Kyle Brendel talked about the section newsletter that will be put together and sent out via email after each COC meeting. Kyle noted that it would be a page long or so.
- ii. Colin Ganley asked if this could be included in lodge newsletters as an insert to which Kyle Brendel responded would definitely be possible.
- iii. Kyle Raffensperger summarized the purpose as sharing news from lodges around the section as well as promoting sectional, regional, and national level programs.
- iv. Ben Press asked that Kyle Brendel look into when lodges send out their newsletters so that each lodge could take advantage of the section newsletter insert. Kyle Brendel responded that he would.
- e. Section Officer Video Messages
 - i. Kyle Raffensperger said these would be 1-4 minute videos where section officers can get some face time with members of the section as we promoted a variety of topics.
 - ii. Kyle Raffensperger said that Kyle Piper, another section chief in the Northeast Region had a lot of positive feedback, and Mike Phillips agreed that it was a good idea that others have had success with in the past.
 - iii. Colin Ganley asked if the video would be in conjunction with the section newsletter – Kyle Brendel responded that the videos would occur monthly or bi-monthly while the newsletter would be quarterly.

7. Section Logo

- i. Discussion on design
 - a. Proposal is to go back to the dream catcher design from the first few years of the section.
 - b. Kyle Raffensperger noted that the size of the original section patch is too large for pocket wear so it would be shrunk.
 - c. Mike Parrish noted that our original patch was a 4 inch round and the correct section patch was a 3 inch round so we would want a 3.5 inch round.
 - d. Grant Doederlein suggested we add a white border around the fleur-de-lis in the patch, the COC agreed.
- ii. Voting on three proposals
 - a. Proposal 1: “The design depicted on the cover of this meeting packet, with a white border added around the fleur-de-lis shall be the new NE-6A logo.”
 - Motion made by Davis Kellogg to approve the above statement, second from Colin Ganley - motion passed.
 - b. Proposal 2: “The section will produce a 3.5-inch diameter patch (with button loop) of this logo to be sold to lodges at cost. The lodges may then resell this patch at a reasonable profit.
 - Motion made by Davis Kellogg to approve the above statement, second from Kellen Tangora – motion passed.
 - c. Proposal 3: “The section will produce a 3.5-inch diameter patch (with button loop) of the logo. In this version, the border will be silver Mylar instead of red, and the “dream catcher” pattern will be silver Mylar instead of yellow. This patch will be sold by the section for \$10 each as a fundraiser to support additional camperships (above the annual amount normally budgeted) for the 2015 NOAC.
 - Motion made by Davis Kellogg, second from Colin – motion passed.

8. Section Budgets

- a. Patrick Rooney described changes for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 budget; they are as follows:
 - i. Changes for both 2013-2014 and 2014-2015:
 - modest increase in chief’s expenses based on the actuals that we have seen over the last couple of years

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- eliminated advisers' expenses to bring us into better compliance with the FOG
 - included conclave seed money in the budget.
 - added line item for team building activity. This was in response to the success of this year's visit to NE-5B's conclave.
- ii. Changes for 2014-2015 only:
- A little bit extra in 2014-2015 for a section gathering at NOAC
 - b. Motion from Colin Ganley to pass proposed budgets, second from Kellen Tangora – motion passed.

9. Section JTE Progress Review

- i. Kyle Raffensperger discussed what our current status was for each of category of Section JTE
- a. Fiscal Management – attaining gold
 - b. Conclave participation – attaining gold
 - c. COC meetings – too soon to tell
 - d. Section Conclave Planning – attaining gold
 - e. Region and national event support – definitely not attained
 - f. Lodge Assistance Visits – requirement removed
 - g. Section communications – too soon to tell
 - h. Lodge JTE Support – too soon to tell
 - i. Charter renewal support – too soon to tell
 - j. National Program of emphasis support – attaining gold
 - k. Leadership Development – Bronze definitely attained, possible attained silver and gold
 - l. Conclave Report – Bronze and silver attained – gold definitely not attained
- ii. Zach Sager noted that as we stand we have enough points to be recognized with silver, we just need to complete one more line item.
- iii. Rick Ahlberg noted that the chapter JTE form was removed from the website – Tony Roman noted he saw the same thing happen for the section form and that he would follow up on this topic after the meeting.

10. Section Rules Authorization

- a. Kyle Raffensperger read the proposed 2013-2014 section rules to the COC
- b. Colin Ganley motioned to approve the rules as read and a second was received from Davis Kellogg – motion passed

11. Sabbath Observant Ordeal

- a. Colin Ganley talked to the COC about Nentico's Sabbath Observant Ordeal which they are opening to lodges in the section.
- b. For any lodge that has a candidate that wishes to attend Nentico's Sabbath Observant Ordeal, the lodge must obtain approval from the Northeast Region Key 3 before notifying Nentico that said candidate will be attending.
- c. Colin Ganley asked that if your lodge sends a candidate, then your lodge should send one member to give the new member orientation on Friday morning

12. High Adventure

- a. Kyle Raffensperger passed out forms for every high adventure base
- b. There was discussion about the Summit experience namely about age limit of 14-18 years old and that its location is near our own.

- c. Kellen Tangora noted that National expects the Summit be where arrowmen try out OA high adventure, then proceed to Philmont or Northern Tier, and finally Sea Base
 - d. Took the opportunity to promote Northeast Region scholarship patches, Northeast Region belt buckles, and to announce that the Northeast Region Chairman is selling these items via the seller name Supermelon on ebay.
13. Lodge Key 3 Summit
- a. Davis Kellogg and Kellen Tangora said they had a great experience and would definitely recommend future lodge key 3's to go to subsequent Lodge Key 3 Summits.
14. Philmont OA Adviser Conference
- a. Tony Roman talked about the Philmont OA Adviser Conference which is held in the summer and noted that it is different curriculum than that in NLATS – it was well received by members of Nentego that attended this past summer.
15. 2013 Section Scholarship
- a. Kellen Tangora brought to the attention of the COC that a youth applied for a section scholarship earlier this year and never received word as to whether or not he received the scholarship. Youth wound up attending the OA High Adventure and is now seeking reimbursement for the cost of attending which was \$200.
 - b. Colin Ganley moved the Section provide \$200 to the youth and that we look at our scholarship policies/process for the future, second from Davis Kellogg – motion passed
16. 2013 Conclave
- a. Tony Roman thanked Amangamek-Wipit Lodge for hosting a great conclave,
 - b. Noted that we lost a little bit of money on the conclave but that it is not something to be overly concerned about
 - c. Tony Roman said the reason for this loss was bringing in less money than we had expected so he asked if we were selling the right items.
 - d. National officers are very popular at our conclaves so he wondered if we might want to increase the amount put into that line item to keep up with the cost of getting national officers to our events.
 - e. Briefly went over conclave evaluations which were given to lodge chiefs. Biggest complaint was food, concerns about keeping on schedule, and suggestion that we post schedule ahead of time were brought up
17. 2015 Conclave
- a. Nentego LEC has decided that the 2015 Conclave will be May 15-17 at Camp Rodney.
 - b. This is a bring your own tent event due to their Council not setting up tents until a later date.
 - c. Kellen Tangora said Nentego was very excited to be hosting conclave and Kyle Raffensperger asked him to start finding his conclave coordinators.
 - d. Kellen asked for a motion to approve 2015 conclave being held at Camp Rodney from May 15-17. Motion from Davis Kellogg and a second from Colin Ganley – motion passed.
18. Conclave 2014
- a. Conclave coordinators proposed sectionmaster be the registration system we use – motion from Davis Kellogg to approve this and a second from Kellen Tangora – motion passed.

- b. Nentico provided suggested numbers for each lodge – Amagnamek-Wipit (98) | Nentego (50) | Nentico (158) – these are just suggested numbers and we will be hearing and approving quotas for 2014 Conclave at the December COC.
- c. Proposed theme for 2014 Conclave – rock and roll
-Kyle Raffensperger mentioned that there should be a quote included in the theme – one that can be used as a takeaway for the event.
- d. Conclave Mug
-Tony Sheaffer passed around thick plastic mugs that could be branded around the table. Suggestion is that lodge brands be used on them and Nolan Phillips noted that it would be a nice touch to also use a year brand. Discussion led to every participant receiving a glow-in-the-dark mug and a piece of paracord to denote lodge. Tony Roman suggested that we wait to see if Nentico can fit the mugs into their budget.
- e. Read out list of competitions

Broke for lunch ~ 12:15pm

- f. Theme Revisited
– Nentico came back with “Rock and Roll – Through the Ages.” Patches will be updated to match new theme.
- g. Draft schedule
-Kyle Raffensperger asked about carnival to which Tony Sheaffer replied it was included in the time for closing show
-Tony Roman asked that a person be at the registration table rather late so people don’t get lost
-General youth consensus was that 10pm start time for patch auction was not too late
- h. Training Suggestions
-Kellen suggested a lodge best practice forum be held, Kyle Raffensperger and Zach Sager brought up that the section would be hosting a training event in the spring of 2015 that would achieve the same result.
-Kyle Brendel suggested that the 100th Anniversary Conclave Training Initiative (CTI) session be added
- i. Trading post
-Let host lodge know what trading post stock you will be providing and how much each item sells for. At the end of the conclave your remaining stock will be returned and money for what was sold given back to you.
- j. Food
-Cooking facilities at separate camp, Kyle Brendel asked they start thinking about dealing with dietary concerns, Zach Sager suggested that Sunday morning breakfast be similar to Saturday morning’s, Geoff Thomas suggested we have lodges cook on Saturday night because it is a huge draw in his old section.

19. Closing

- Kyle Raffensperger, Tony Roman, Geoff Thomas gave their minutes
- Song