

October 18th, 2014 NE-6A COC Minutes

Attendance

Liam O'Conner – Nentego Lodge Chief
 Ben Press – Amangamek Wipit Lodge Chief
 Zach Sager – Section Chief
 Michael Bloom – Section Secretary
 Kyle Brendel – Section Vice Chief
 Tony Shaffer – Section Social Media Committee Chairmen
 Tony Roman – Section Adviser
 Rodger Volrath – Associate Section Adviser
 Patrick Rooney – Section Finance Adviser
 Alex Pond - #LEAD Chairmen
 Victor Gregory – Nentego Lodge Adviser
 Tim Martin – Nentico Lodge
 Alex Muspratt – Nentego Conclave Co-Coordinator
 Matt Bib – Conclave Adviser
 Rick Ahlberg – Amangamek_Wipit Lodge Adviser
 Pam Fleagle – Nentico Lodge Adviser
 Kyle Raffensperger – Past Section Chief
 Ana Prosceno – Associate Section Adviser
 John Bloom – Michael Bloom's father
 Mr. Ferris – Ian Ferris's father

Meeting Opening

Zach Sager opened the meeting at 9:05.

The room conducted introductions.

The March CoC Minutes

The March CoC minutes was moved for approval by Ben Press. Liam O'Connor seconded the motion. Rick Ahlberg identified several spelling errors. Zach Sager called for a motion to approve the minutes with spelling corrections. Ben Press moved, Liam O'Connor seconded. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

Lodge Chief Reports

Nentego- Nentego Lodge is preparing for the one hundredth anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. This has included extensive planning for Conclave and a campaign to recruit Conclave staff. Our program is strong with our annual LLD approaching in November and our lodge banquet in February. Currently, Nentego Lodge has grown in Journey to Excellence, having met the requirements for bronze, and is on the cusp of earning silver, which may be achieved by the end of the year. My vision for Nentego Lodge, as lodge chief, is to harness the energy from the hundredth anniversary to improve the lodge, to increase chapter involvement with council events, and to integrate a greater amount of

technology into our events, specifically to utilize drone technology for photography and service project surveillance.

Nentico - Since our last C.O.C. we had the largest Conclave held in the Section so far. We have also had our 7 ordeals with an additional Sabbath ordeal where two Wipit members attended for a successful 8 ordeals this season. We also held our Fall Fellowship which was another success and we elected who our 2015 Lodge Officers will be which are Tim Martin for Chief, Tony Sheaffer, Jimmy Bieler and Lane Short for Lodge Vice Chiefs and John Barnhouser for Lodge Secretary. No Treasurer form or nomination was submitted so they will be selected and voted upon at the beginning of the new Chiefs Term. For upcoming events, we are looking forward to our Lodge Leadership Development weekend in December from the 5th – 7th and our Lodge Banquet on January 11th at La Fontaine Bleu in Glenburnie, MD. As of now we have 250 registered for NOAC 2015 and have requested for an additional 25 spaces.

Amangamek Wipit- Amangamek-Wipit Lodge currently has 3,203 total active members. So far this year we have had 304 elected members, 686 Inducted, 257 Brotherhood Converted, and 43 new vigil members. We have 1524 Ordeal members, 1251 Brotherhood members and 424 Vigil members. These numbers do not reflect the most recent fall ordeals and those will be updated by November 2nd. The Virgin Islands had 60 new members inducted this year and they have not yet been added to our membership totals.

We have assigned all the committee chairmen for NOAC 2015 and have successfully registered all 130 of our assigned slots and have started a wait list. We have a date for Arrow Tour with possibilities of location at one of our two counsel camps. Our first NOAC Contingent Meeting will be Jan. 10 at Bethesda Scout Center. The lodge approved a 100th Anniversary patch to help subsidize the cost of NOAC (approx. \$950).

Journey to Excellence is underway and all chapters have begun filling their end of year paperwork and establishing goals for 2015. We began a Lodge-wide trading post inventory and have passed the Lodge 2015 budget. Our Brotherhood conversions are looking strong with predicted increase. We have had a membership reduction in the past years, and this year's predicted number of 3,800 members will be an increase over last year.

At our Fall Fellowship at Goshen Scout Reservation (Goshen, Virginia), we had around 150 members attend and participate in activities such as shooting sports, water sports, and service projects to benefit our Council Scout Camp. The fellowship was planned by the Mountain West area, and the event turned a profit. All those who attended had a great time.

An additional note: The Supreme Chief of the Fire of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge has chosen Mr. Art Widmann to succeed Mr. Rick Ahlberg as Lodge Adviser, effective January 3rd at the close of our Lodge Banquet.

Our Service Areas are doing the following:

- **VA Central**
 - All five chapters held fall ordeals
 - One combined ordeal between chapters
 - 86 new candidates
 - 22 brotherhood conversions
 - Colonial won the cook off between Colonial and Old Dominion
 - Old Dominion Road Clean up (4x annually)
- **Montgomery**
 - Popcorn distribution
 - Vigil Conversions
 - November Sabbath friendly brotherhood conversion.
 - Banquet planning
- **DC/MD South**
 - “Three River’ s Area” is now the official name of the area
 - Participation at Goshen fellowship
 - Area Ordeal
- **VA South**
 - Occoquan Chapter had 3 at Lodge Fall Fellowship
 - Chapter Ordeals
 - Mattaponi had 13 at Lodge Fall Fellowship
 - Elections Training
- **Mountain West**
 - Fall Fellowship
 - Fall Newsletters have been sent out
 - Support for District Camporees
 - Joint Ordeal planning
 - Area Ordeal October 24-26
 - ALDC Nov. 9th

We have started a new lodge-master program in which youth can gain access with the approval of their advisor. All youth officers can receive lodge-master as long as their advisor approves.

Section News

1. *Website, Apparel, and Awards.*
 - a. Zach Sager offered updates on the new section website. He also provided information on the section's apparel plans and the occurrence of the Northeast Region Gathering of Leaders.
 - b. Additionally, he was asked to provide information on the Arrowman Service Award and the Centurion Award.
2. *Journey To Excellence, Gathering of Leaders, Section Rules.*
 - a. Zach reviewed the Sections JTE progress, contingent upon perfect attendance

at the December CoC and all lodges turning in their recharter on time, Section NE-6A will receive gold level.

- b. Zach also talked about the section leaders trip to the Region's Gathering of Leaders. Our officers were given proper training, and our section won the Section Showcase.
- c. Discussion of the Section's rules occurred, and then the 2014-2015 Section NE-6A rules were reauthorized contingent upon the capitalization of the proper noun, "Council of Chiefs".

#LEAD

1. *Date and Location.*

- a. #LEAD will be held on January 31, 2015 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit.
- b. The address is 540 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, MD 21085.

3. *Sessions (Tracks)*

- a. During #LEAD there will be a number of different tracks that an arrowmen will be able to attend, these tracks include the Chief Track, the Officer Track, the Arrowman Track, The Adviser Track, and the Train the Trainer Track.

4. *Registration System*

- a. The original plan for the registration system was to use SectionMaster.

However, it was discovered that only one event can be run at a time using SectionMaster. The section officers asked to be delegated the responsibility to decide the registration system. It was not recorded who made the motion or seconded, but the approval was unanimous.

5. *Budget*

- a. Zach talked about if anyone wanted to have things donated for the use of #LEAD, such items as pens, notebooks, etc. from there professional companies, it would be heavily thanked.
- b. Zach reviewed the 2015 #LEAD budget. National Officer travel expense, Trainer gifts, Appeal cost, and food cost were topics discussed at the meeting.
- c. Motion to approve the budget, Ben Press Moved, Liam Seconds. Motion is voted and approved.

OAHA and NOAC Camperships

1. *NE-6A Mylar patch*

- a. Profits we gained from this NE-6A patch equate to eight hundred dollars.
- b. With this money the section is able to award camperships to deserving arrowmen to attend an Order of the Arrow High Adventure program or the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

2. *Campership Discussion.*

- a. Discussion for approving various NOAC and OAHA campership applications was open.
- b. Motion was made to cap Order of the Arrow High Adventure scholarships at a limit of two hundred dollars per arrowman. Ben Press moved, and Liam O'Conner second. Motion carried.
- c. Motion was made to cap a scholarship for NOAC 15 at a limit of three hundred dollars per arrowman. Ben Press moved, and Michael Bloom second. Motion carried.
 - i. Motion set to give Logan Skinner and Jacob Howl two hundred dollars each for NOAC Scholarships. Liam moves, and Ben Press seconds. Motion carried.
 - ii. Motion set to give one hundred and fifty dollars to Erik Saderholm to attend NOAC 2015. Kyle Brendel moves, and Michael Bloom seconds, motion carried.

Section Budget

1. *2015-2016 Section Budget*
 - a. Patrick Rooney reviewed over the drafted budget for the upcoming year.
 - b. One change was made from that past one, this change was giving the Section Staff Adviser a five hundred dollar travel expense.
 - c. Zach proposed a motion to approve 2015-2016 section budget, which was seconded by Liam. Motion carried.

CoC Planning and Other

1. *CoC Location*
 - a. The December CoC will be held from 9-1 at the University of Baltimore Angelos Law Center.
 - b. Kyle Raffensperger set a motion to hold the march CoC at Rodney Scout Reservation. Ian Ferris seconded, motion carried.
 - c. The March 21 CoC will now be held at Rodney Scout Reservation.
2. Conclave Registration system - Motion to use Section Master for the 2015 Conclave registration system, motion by Ben Press, second by Ian Ferris. Motion approved.

NOAC Patch

1. Kyle started the discussion on a NE-6A 2015 NOAC patch. It is based off of a SE-1 NOAC patch.
2. There were a couple designs that the CoC could vote on.
3. The recommendation was to have the patch finalized, but a motion was set to have a patch for the NOAC. Liam O'Conner set the motion and Ben Press seconded it. Motion carried.

Conclave 2015

1. Alex Muspratt opened by talking about the plans for the 2015 Conclave.
 - a. He talked about nametags, and how he would incorporate them so people could be identified.
 - b. Mention of how the opening and closing show would be much like

that of a Boy Scout Summer camp.

2. Branding
 - a. Most of the Branding would have to do with centennial items and less conclave.
3. Patch Trading
 - a. A Patch trading area would be set up to administer patch trades.
4. Open program
 - a. Open Program would include things like hamster ball, Lodge volleyball, Ceremonies and an Adult cook-off.

5. Saturday Night

- a. Each lodge will provide a different snack at one of the campsites that they have. It will include a drink and snack.
- b. At each different campsite a program will be offered.

6. Training Cells

The Training Cells that the Host lodge has in mind are a future founded in Tradition the Signature session, The Order and High Adventure, Training Methods, Health and Safety Training, Intro to leave no trace, intro to patch design, BSA awards and recognitions, leading an interfaith service, conducting unit elections, ceremonies trainings, and scouting heritage merit badge.

7. Next Meeting

- a. Conclave booklets will be finalized. Also patches will be prepared. The cost of Conclave will be anticipated to \$37 and \$45.

8. Tents

It is a bring your own tent event.

Conclave 2016

1. Discussion of the 2016 was lead by Ben Press.
2. Ben Promoted that there will be a lot of activities available, such as water skiing.
3. Complaints of the camp being too far were given, but discussion for that was moved for a later period.

Closing Minutes

In place of Zach Sager (who had left for a school activity), Kyle Brendel gave a Chief Minute, and Tony Roman and Mr. Thomas also gave a minute as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.