

Section NE-6A COC

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2015

I. Call to order

Zach Sager called to order the regular meeting of the NE-6A Council of Chiefs at 9:05 on October 17, 2015 at University of Baltimore.

II. Roll call

Trevor Beachboard conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Zach Sager, Michael Bloom, Trevor Beachboard, Tony Sheaffer, Jonathan Bjorson, Liam O'Connor, Tony Roman, Ana Prosceno, Roger Volrath, Roger Chatell, Richard Turner, Patrick Rooney, Kyle Rathensperger, Dr. Victor Gregory, Art Widmann, Pam Fleagle

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Trevor Beachboard read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved with changes.

IV. Reports

Amangamek-Wipit- Failed to submit.

Nentico-

Since Conclave, we have had a very successful year, and plan on continuing the success! The Spirit Award is in its rightful home for this year, and hopefully for many more to come. At NOAC, Nentico had the third largest contingent in the nation with 193 brothers in our contingent. That was a great boost from our 2012 NOAC numbers, where we had about 30 brothers attend.

Our Ordeal season finished with the last Ordeal weekend taking place September 25-27. Last weekend we held our Fall Fellowship weekend, where we had over 250 brothers in attendance, and started our new RFID card system to help with check-in at events and training sessions. We also held our Lodge Officer elections, our 2016 Lodge Chief is Boomer Carr. We are in the preliminary planning stages of starting a Nentico Trail Crew program to add to the BCMSR summer camp program next year.

Lastly, we are trying to get the final push for Gold JTE this year, and our hoping that many of the chapters can achieve Gold JTE as well.

Yours in WWW,
Timothy Martin

Nentego Lodge Council of Chiefs Report 10/17/15



Nentego Lodge had fun staffing Conclave. We had a contingent of 203, one of the largest in the Lodge's history, which was the highest percentage of membership in the Section at 36%. Over 100 Arrowmen served on staff. This year we look forward to sharing our insight with the 2016 Conclave Coordinators. Additionally, the Lodge brought 47 Arrowmen to NOAC at Michigan State University. Our patches were wildly popular. Nentego's basketball team placed second in the nation during a final heated game.

Three weeks ago, we hosted our fall inductions weekend and signature centennial celebration. Everyone worked in the morning. During the afternoon, Scouts played a variety of games, including football, gaga ball, and ultimate frisbee. A few even braved the chilly 30-foot slip 'n slide. In the evening, we had a centennial celebration with noisemakers, traditional party games, a movie and piñata. At the end of the weekend, we held Lodge elections. I was reelected as Lodge Chief for a second term.

There will be several major initiatives this year. First, we will staff our Council's annual Cub Family Weekend at Camp Akridge. In the spring, chapters will hold Senior Patrol Leader summits at Roundtables to spread information about the OA. Finally, we will continue to expand upon our drone program.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Liam O'Connor'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Liam O'Connor
Lodge Chief
Nentego Lodge

Social Media-

We have begun to heavily start promotions for #LEAD, recently started using Twitter since NOAC. I attended both Wipit's and Nentego's fall fellowship and plan to attend NLS in November. At NLS I'll be taking the training as well as taking photos for the social media pages. Soon we hope to develop a newsletter for everything going on NE-6a after NOAC.

#LEAD-

Hello everyone!

Throughout the past few months the #LEAD committee has been working on putting final schedule and list of tracks with descriptions that are

ready to be sent out and posted on the website. Additionally, Zach has been putting in a lot of work organizing a list of potential trainers for the event and has begun contacting them as to their availability for training at #LEAD. Registration is currently open, and people are already signing up for the event. Also, a venue has been secured at the Carroll County Community College in Westminster, Maryland. Zach and I are both confident that this venue will more than suit the needs of the event.

The agreed on date for the event is January 23rd, with an alternate date of January 30 in case of a weather related cancellation. Finally, there have been a few new developments in attempting to give this year's #LEAD a bit of Ted Talks branding. More information on this will be available at the December COC, but for now the main elements that are receiving attention with this theme are a few branding and aesthetic changes to the event. Other than that, everything is running smoothly with the event, and I am looking forward to an excellent training event come January!

Alex Pond

V. Section News

- a) JTE- For the most part we are on track, with 1175 through 7 categories which puts us at bronze, but more should be completed within the next few weeks.
- b) Gathering of Leaders- The Section Officers discussed their time at the Gathering of Leaders, with all three officers speaking well about the trainings they attended. The section also won the weekend competition with the prize being an NLS scholarship, which will be used to send Social Media Chairman Chris Craig to NLS.
- c) NOAC- Our section had two of the five largest contingents at NOAC. Everyone thought that the section gathering was a good thing to have and ice cream was a big hit.
- d) ArrowTour- The section had three stops with all three of them being big successes.

VI. National News

- a) NEXT-to be held at Indiana University on July 30th to August 3rd, 2016. This is also the site of 2018 NOAC. 3 youth and 2 adults per lodge, attendees should be up and coming Arrowmen, "Change agents". Funding works through the council. It is suggested adult members sponsor youth member attendance. More details will be made available following Zach's 11/1 conference call and the national planning meeting. The cost of the event is \$375 paid before 5/31/16, \$450 dollars after that deadline.
- b) National Chairman- Michael G. Hoffman, Current Vice-Chairman of National Events, will replace Ray Capp on June 1st 2016.

VII. Section Budget

The 2016-2017 section budget was introduced. A motion was made by Liam to approve it, and seconded by Jonathan. The budget was approved.

VIII. #LEAD

- a) The event will be held January 23rd, 2016 at Carroll County Community College
- b) The schedule for each track was discussed.
- c) The tracks were discussed with the Train the Trainer track having a focus on 2016 conclave trainers and the Lodge Chief track being discussed about adding slots for potential lodge chiefs for each lodge.
- d) A motion was made by Jonathan to approve the trainings for #LEAD and was seconded by Michael.
- e) The budget agreed on by the section officers from NE-6A and NE-6B was reviewed. The promotional material was also reviewed, with suggestions being made to improve these items. Numerous spelling errors were found that need be corrected.

IX. Conclave 2015

- a) The reviews from Conclave were good with 70% of respondents saying that they would attend conclave in 2016.
- b) 8000 dollar profit from conclave, after maxing out section reserves left with 5000 dollars for COC to decide what to do with.

X. Conclave 2016

- a) Aaron introduced the theme “A Force to be Reckoned With” which has a space/Star Wars influence. Jonathan motioned for approval, with Michael seconding. The theme was approved.
- b) Aaron introduced different options for transportation to conclave, with ideas ranging from a central location for buses, each lodge having buses that are subsidized by the section, gas cards and a bus fee in payment.
- c) The advantages and disadvantages of buses were discussed with a suggestion being that each lodge decide their preferred method of transportation.
- d) A motion was made by Trevor for 1125 dollars from 2015 conclave to go toward NEXT fees for lodge chiefs, Liam seconded. The motion failed 3-1 with one abstention.
- e) Jonathan made a motion to give the excess money back to the lodges, with a suggestion to put 500 dollars toward camperships and the rest be used toward conclave transportation. Liam seconded. This motion passed 5-0.

XI. Section Rules

An update to the section rules was proposed. The section rules stated that the only place that merchandise may be sold at conclave is the official trading post. The rules were changed to allow for the CoC to grant explicit approvals to other vendors that they see fit. A motion was made to approve this by Liam and seconded by Michael, the motion passed.

XII. Future COC meetings

- a) Discussion was made about the location of the March COC meeting. Travel time was a factor in the location, but there was also the factor of having the onsite location as setting the example to potential conclave attendees. Jonathan proposed to have the March COC at University of Baltimore with photos and videos of Goshen to be made available, as well as allowing anyone who wants to the opportunity for a tour. Jonathan motioned to have the March COC at University of Baltimore, Liam seconded. The motion passed.
- b) Next year’s CoC meetings were also discussed with the idea to keep them as usual but with discussion to change the date or location of the October COC to not conflict with the Baltimore marathon.

XIII. Adjournment

Zach Sager adjourned the meeting at 1:00.