

Section NE-6A COC

Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2015

I. Call to order

Zach Sager called to order the regular meeting of the NE-6A Council of Chiefs at 9:05 on December 12, 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, Tim Martin, Jonathan Bjorson, Liam O'Connor, Chris Craig, Alex Pond, Tony Roman, Ana Prosceno, Patrick Rooney, Kyle Rathensperger, Art Widmann, and 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

Nentego Lodge Council of Chiefs Report 12/12/15



On October 23-25 at Akridge Scout Reservation, Nentego Lodge brought 40 Arrowmen to staff Del-Mar-Va Council's Cub Family Weekend. Everyone had fun and the Arrowmen encouraged the Cubs to continue the journey in Scouting.

Two weeks later, we held our annual Lodge Leadership Development weekend at Rodney Scout Reservation on November 6-8. This included various training sessions, games, and a meeting with the Scout executive.

Last weekend, Nentego Chapter Chiefs helped collect information from units on summer camp during the Council-wide recharter day.

Currently, Nentego Lodge is on track to earn JTE Silver and may be able to achieve gold. We will apply for both the E. Uerner Goodman Camping Award and OA Innovation Award.

Finally, it should be mentioned that two of our Arrowmen, Mike and Nathan Valenti were featured in the national Scouting newsroom for fighting forest fires in Montana this past summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Liam O'Connor'.

Liam O'Connor
Lodge Chief
Nentego Lodge

Nentego-

Nentico-

Since the previous CoC, we have held our LLD weekend, training next year's Lodge and Chapter officers. Nentico Lodge will be piloting a trail crew program in the summer of 2016 at Broad Creek Scout Reservation. We are hoping this will be a successful program and help us to expand it to a high adventure trek program in future years. We are looking at having JTE gold for 2015 once we send in our recharter. This will be the first time that Nentico Lodge will have achieved JTE gold status since the implementation of the JTE program.

We have our Lodge Banquet on January 10 at the Blue Fountain in Glen Burnie, MD. All members of the CoC are welcome to attend, just let me or Boomer know so we can have a seat saved for you. The one and only Donnie Stevens will be making a guest appearance at the banquet as well, in case that's a deal breaker for you. This is my last CoC as a Lodge Chief, so I would like to thank the CoC for all the support and helped that they have given to Nentico Lodge throughout the year and wish them good luck on planning the 2016 Conclave.

Nentico Lodge is already beginning the planning of the 2017 Conclave at Camp Saffran/Spencer.

Amangamek-Wipit-(From PowerPoint)

- **Positive membership growth**
- **First time JTE**
- **Excited to host conclave**

Social Media- The Social Media team has actively began promotions for this year's #LEAD and is beginning to focus on the promotion of the 2016 conclave. We hope to attend Lodge banquets to assist in the promotion of both events.

#LEAD- Registration for #LEAD has been up for a few months and participants are signing up at a decent rate. We are expecting a good turnout on the 23rd and most trainers have committed to being there. We hope this event will be as successful as last year and that arrowmen will be excited for future installments of #LEAD.

V. JTE

The section should reach Gold level JTE as long as each lodge submits their paperwork for JTE and re-charter on time.

VI. #LEAD

- a) The promotional material for #LEAD was discussed, with Chris and Trevor deciding to put together a social media storyboard. Each lodge was asked if they had anyone who would be interested in helping out with social media.

- b) The list of trainers were reviewed with the majority of them already being asked to attend. Most had said they would attend with a few of them being tentative.

c) Conclave 2015

- a) The reviews from Conclave were pretty well 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.

VII. Conclave 2016

- a) Lodge Commitments were

- a. Nentego-11
- b. Amangamek-Wipit-90
- c. Nentico-30

- b) 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
- c) 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.
- d) The advantages and disadvantages of buses were discussed with a suggestion being that each lodge decide their preferred method of transportation.
- e) 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.
- f) 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
- g) Aaron proposed inviting members of the SR-7A LECs to come conclave to bring up numbers and balance out the competitions.
- h) Suggestion was made by Jonathan to get all patches made in America as opposed to from China, price would double at this point.
- i) Tim motioned to approve the budget Liam seconded, motion was approved.

- j) Patches- the Trading post patch will have the outside of the wheel removed, the registration patch will have a red border, and the participation patch will have a black border. Tim motioned and Michael seconded motion was approved.
- k) T-shirts- T-shirts and sweatshirts will be screen printed with participation patch on a navy blue shirt, Tim motioned, Michael seconded.
- l) Ideas were discussed for New Ordeal members with the idea for a coupon code so that new members only have to pay the 40 dollars
- m) Cutting training time/trainings discussed to break down training session down to 2 30 minute blocks, starting at 9 with 15 minute walking time. Trainers at conclave will be some of those who participated in Train the Trainer at #LEAD.
- n) Lunch was discussed as an open meal as well as dinner to allow for participants to move freely between meals and activates.
- o) Idea was proposed of having transportation worked through the conclave website, with a motion being made to have registration for transportation at each lodge website. Tim motioned, Liam seconded, approved.
- p) Conclave promotional ideas were discussed with ideas of can cozies, stickers, and cell phone card holders. A motion was made in the approval of cell phone card holders.

VIII. Section Rules

- a) An update to the section rules was proposed changing the location of sales at conclave from just the trading post to anywhere approved by the COC. A motion was made to approve this by Liam and seconded by Michael, the motion passed.

IX. 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.

X. Adjournment

Zach Sager adjourned the meeting at 1:00.