



Council of Chiefs NE-4A, October 22, 2006



Obligation: The meeting was called to order with the obligation at 12:10

Review of Minutes of Conclave: The minutes of Conclave were handed out to all in attendance. Corrections were made to the Minutes. There is no "D" in "License to Serve." A motion was made by Wunita Gokhos Lodge to approve the minutes from Conclave.

Lodge Reports:

Unami: The lodge year is starting off well. They had their Trade-o-ree in September and Lodge Dinner as well. Unami also recently hosted their fall service weekend and had the most attendance in 5 years! Unami also recently dedicated their new lodge house that costs \$70,000 which was all raise by the lodge. Unami also sent 6 arrowmen to NLS and had a well planned and attended LLD which was attended by the former Region Chief, Dan O'Rourke.

Kittatinny: Their lodge year also is starting off well. Kittatinny recently hosted their fall service weekend which was well attended. We also recently had our LLD training seminar with great attendance.

Wyona: Since the last COC, Wyona Lodge has had a successful camping season at Camp Lavigne with 2 OA Days where they conducted Brotherhood ceremonies. They also recently had their fall induction weekend with ceremonies and officer elections. Wyona is also begun using their new lodge officer structure. Wyona recently approved their community service project which will satisfy requirements for the Leadership in Service and Quality Lodge Awards. This will consist of doing work for Habitat for Humanity and work at their local women's center. Camp promotions are starting to be scheduled as well as their LLD is scheduled for Nov. 11 at their Scout Service Center. Josh will also be giving the Lodge Annual Report to the Council Executive Board. Wyona also went way over their quota for Brotherhood conversions for Quality Lodge and it was also one of the highest numbers that they have ever seen for their Lodge. And last but not least, Wyona has changed their Lodge flap border from blue to red, and added red eye to the elk.

Octoraro: Octoraro recently held their LLD training in 2 sections, one at their camp and the other at their fall weekend. Also at their fall weekend, Octoraro had the largest number in attendance in five years, 475+. Octoraro also had had the opportunity to use their OA circle at their weekend; a crew of engineers came over the summer to repair their bridge.

Wunita Gokhos: They had 190 call outs over the summer. They sent 18 representatives at NOAC: 13 youth, 5 adults, & 6 staff. This was their largest NOAC contingent. In September, Wunita Gokhos held their fall weekend and 134 Ordeal members and also had 43 Brotherhood conversions. Also in September, Wunita Gokhos also inducted their new Officers. The lodge's chapters are in the process of completing several service projects to satisfy requirement for Leadership in Service and Quality Lodge Awards. Wunita Gokhos expects to earn Quality Lodge and will be hosting their Brotherhood Conversion Day on November 24.

Witauchsoman: Since the last COC, Witauchsoman has been preparing for their LLD scheduled for Nov 3-4 at their Akelaland Dining Hall. Witauchsoman is planning their winter banquet for January 6. Also, a few brothers from their lodge are working on erecting an HAM Radio tower at Trexler Scout Reservation and their dance team is participating in their Pocono District event at Camp Trexler. Finally, Witauchsoman sent 40 brothers to NOAC.

Woapeu Sisilija: From the last COC, Woapeu Sisilija had 5 ordeal weekends. At their fall fellowship, they hosted their Lodge elections, which had the largest in attendance in 6 years. With that, they also had 2 work days. It also looks that Woapeu Sisilija may fall short on the Brotherhood conversions for Quality Lodge. The Section also offered help to Woapeu Sisilija attain their quota.

Section Officer Reports:

Chief: Since being elected, Dave has attended NOAC and had a great time. He was also on staff at the September NLS at Camp Alpine. Dave attended Unami's LLD, has been working on the Planbook, and working towards the Section Conclave at Camp Lavigne being hosted by Wyona Lodge.

Vice Chief: Josh has been looking through the Conclave Evaluations from last year. So far he has looked through the Youth and Adult Forums and they all say outstanding. Josh is looking for comments and suggestions for next year to see what your lodge needs or wants to see for Conclave Training Cells.

Secretary: Pete asked everyone to check their roster information and to give any corrections to him as soon as possible. Also, there are CDs for each lodge from Conclave with all the movies that were in the shows. Dave brought up the topic of the Folder that each person was given. The folder contained The Planbook, Section Finances, Section Roster, COC Meeting Minutes from Conclave, Quality Lodge Petition Forms for both 2006 & 2007, Section Schedules, and a Section Resource CD with the Quality Lodge Forms, Northeast Region Directory, Class 1 & 2 medical forms, Northeast Region Cub Scout Service Guide, the Field Operations Guide, the LLD Planning Guide, and the Community Service Guide.

Old Business:

Conclave Final Report: Adam presented the Conclave Final Report from the 2006 Conclave at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. The Final Report must be submitted within 30 days of Conclave to the Region. Adam then reviewed the Report with the Council of Chiefs and stressed the fact that the Section could close out on Sunday of conclave after the Section General Meeting. Bob also stated that he would prefer this to be the norm for every Conclave and gave a special thanks to Sally for her help with the Conclave Finances. Finally, Adam gave thanks to the Section and to Kittatinny for a great Conclave.

Old Business was closed with a motion from Wyona Lodge.

New Business:

Planbook: Dave presented the Planbook for the Section. This contains a information about the purpose of the Section, Goals, Conclave Rotation, History, Past Section Chiefs, Budget, Responsibilities of Officers, Conclave information, and Directory. Dave went over all the parts of the Planbook. Two corrections were made to the Planbook: first was that LLDC has been replaced with LLD on page 4 & second is that Woapeu Sisilija is changed to Wyona on page 9.

~**Budget:** The Section Budget is attached to the Planbook on page 6. This budget for 2006-2007 was approved at the COC in September of 2005. The budget for 2007-2008 was approved with a motion by Wunita Gokhos and seconded by Woapeu Sisilija.

Section Finances: Marcel started by explaining that the Section Finances are kept with the Staff Advisor's home Council. So, therefore, they are kept with Columbia-Montour Council. Marcel then reviewed the Operation Budget from 10/1/05-9/30/06 and we will be starting off the year in good shape for the coming year. Dave also brought up that the section should not have to pay for lost/stolen banners, please cut that out; we do not have the resources to replace banners each year. This will also be brought up again at the COC on the Friday of Conclave to remind everyone.

Website: As you can see, the website not been updated in a while. We have recently regained control and will be updating it within the next couple of weeks. We will be adding some new features including an e-news for mass updates to the entire section instantly. The section will be keeping the same carrier as well, because it is cheep and it works!

OA High Adventure: Josh N. said to the council that you should support OA High Adventure in your Lodges. A contest is being held that the Lodge Chief that sends the most delegates to an OA High Adventure Trek can win an Ipod Nano from the Region for free! Josh then explained how OA High Adventure works; the first week is service to the Base and the second week is going out on a trek. It's a good price between \$100-\$400 and transportation.

Lodge Exchange Program: Dave began by explaining that the Lodge Exchange Program was started by Adam in his first term. What would happen is that a Lodge Officers would switch with another Lodge officer from a different lodge to see how they operate and exchange ideas to better their Lodges. This began to slip away by the end of last year, and the Section would like to see this revamped for this year. It was decided for each Lodge to email their schedules to both Dave and Pete for the January COC to organize which lodges will exchange with each other and to have contact within each Lodge to coordinate when a representative from each Lodge can go. These dates will also be put on the web site for easy access for the Section.

ArrowCorps⁵: Dave explained that this is a work in progress for 2008. 5 weeks, 5 projects, 5000 arrowmen around the nation working with the National Forestry Service. More information will be available soon and also on the National website.

Conclave 2007: Wyona Lodge will be hosting then 2007 Conclave at Camp Lavigne. The theme is "*License to Serve*". They passed out "Top Secret" proposed ideas for Conclave. The proposed patch is on the front cover of the guide book. The patch was approved by the COC with a motion by Wunita Gokhos & seconded by Woapeu Sisilija. The Budget was also reworked, the changes were:

Motion was made to move \$2334.50 back to the section by Wunita Gokhos & seconded by Woapeu Sisilija

The participant fee was changed from \$30.00 to \$27.00

Patches was changed from 600 to 800 patches

Trading Pins was also upped from 200 to 350 pins

Guest expenses were also changed to \$200.00 from an original \$550.00.

The new budget was then approved and a motion was made by Woapeu Sisilija ad seconded by Wunita Gokhos. Pre-orders are also extremely stressed so get them out early.

The numbers were also worked out for how many arrowmen each Lodge can bring to Conclave:

Unami: 36
Kittatinny: 34
Wyona: 10 (plus staff)
Octoraro: 36
Wunita Gokhos: 50
Witauchsoman: 48
Woapeu Sisilija: 28
Section: 8
Total: 232

Final approval will be made at the January COC.

Lodges also choose activity assignments:

Volleyball: Kittatinny
Quoits: Wunita Gokhos
COPE: Wyona
Dance: Unami
Tomahawk: Wyona
Grappling Hook: Wunita Gokhos (will check Guide to Safe Scouting)
Pre-Ordeal Ceremony: Woapeu Sisilija
Tea Time (Tea & Snacks): Octoraro
Night Activities:
 Founder's Feast/Games: All Lodges (gift of \$100 for prizes)
 Patch Auction: Witauchsoman

The rest of the guide book was explained and also History's for the Lodges are due by the January COC.

Date and Location of January and April COC/Rotation: The next COC will be on January 20 at the Hawk Mountain Council Service Center. Lunch is from 11:30-12:15 & the meeting will begin at 12:15. Lunch will be provided by Kittatinny. The April COC will be on April 14 at Camp Lavigne for a walk through of the Conclave location. Lunch is from 11:30-12:15 & the meeting will begin at 12:15. Lunch will be provided by Wyona.

Good of the Section:

Operational Committees: The Section has two committees: OA High Adventure and Website. These committees were approved by a motion by Wunita Gokhos and seconded by Woapeu Sisilija. The Chairman for the OA High Adventure committee was proposed Josh N., he was approved with a motion by Wyona and seconded by Woapeu Sisilija. The Website advisor was proposed Dave M., he was approved with a motion by Wunita Gokhos and seconded by Woapeu Sisilija.

Trading Post/Conclave Elections: The COC granted permission to Wyona to sell their Lodge items at Conclave with a motion by Wunita Gokhos and seconded by Woapeu Sisilija. Also, election promotions are only by word of mouth, no promotional items (i.e. signs, patches...), and no spending money as well. This was put into effect with a motion by Wunita Gokhos and seconded by Woapeu Sisilija. Bob also brought up that if anyone who still wants a Section Jacket, to see Bob. The cost is \$37.55 and a motion was made to keep them with the Key 3 only. The motion was made by Wunita Gokhos and seconded by Woapeu Sisilija.

Minutes:

Staff Advisor: Marcel wanted to start off by wishing everyone Happy Holidays. Also, a word of Congratulations to Pam and Sally for promotions from District Executive for Learning for Life to Senior District Executive for Learning for Life. Furthermore, 2 Lodge Advisors receive the Silver Beaver Award: Steve Ranjo & Dan Gaugler. Thanks to Kittatinny for hosting us and thanks to Wunita Gokhos for providing lunch.

Advisor: Thanks again to Kittatinny for hosting us and thanks to Wunita Gokhos for providing lunch. Just a few little things: Lodge recharterers have been sent out, please fill them out and send them in with your Quality Lodge Petitions. The service project for Quality Lodge will be the same the same for 2007. Service Grants are due Oct. 31; no late submissions will be accepted. Only paying arrowman will be allowed at Conclave, no walk-in allowed. We will be going to Section Officers Seminar in a few weeks and we will be well represented there at Camp Alpine. Also, if any Lodge needs help with Quality Lodge, feel free to contact me and we can work something out. Bob finished with Story Time: "It May Help Change a Life."

Chief: Thanks again to everyone for coming, to Kittatinny for hosting us and thanks to Wunita Gokhos for providing lunch. Promote High Adventure and Conclave in your Lodges. If you need help with Quality Lodge, let us know, we can help. SOS is coming up and we will be well represented. Thanks again everyone.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Song of the Order and a motion by Woapeu Sisilija at 2:17.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Secor
Section Secretary

Those in Attendance to the Oct 22nd Council of Chiefs:

David Schaub	Section Chief
Joshua Shelhamer	Section Vice-Chief
Peter Secor	Section Secretary
Bob Chaballa	Section Adviser
Marcel L Cinquina	Section Staff Adviser
Chris Leighow	2007 Conclave Chairman
Joshua Flook	2007 Conclave Co-Adviser
Nathan Shelhamer	2007 Conclave Co-Adviser
Dave Bradly	Unami Lodge Vice-Chief
Steve Ranjo	Unami Lodge Adviser
Josh Nimmerichter	Kittatinny Lodge Vice-Chief
Greg Portner	Kittatinny Lodge Adviser
Sally Trump	Kittatinny Lodge Staff Adviser
Richard Bennett	Kittatinny Lodge Member
Joshua Shelhamer	Wyona Lodge Chief
Dan Gaugler	Wyona Lodge Adviser
Pam Startzel	Wyona Lodge Staff Adviser
Scott Salvatore	Octoraro Lodge Adviser
Phil Glover	Wunita Gokhos Lodge Chief
Jim Castanzo	Wunita Gokhos Lodge Adviser
Patrick Bundra	Witauchsoman Lodge Chief
Don Beck	Witauchsoman Lodge Adviser
Sean Deiter	Woapeu Sisilija Lodge Chief