

March 21 2015 ME-6A COC Minutes

Attendance:

Zach Sager
Kyle Brendel
Ben Press
Tim Martin
Liam O'Connor
Vince Smeal
Nick Jensen
Kyle Raffensperger
Aaron Kassman
Tony Roman
Ana Prosceno
Roger Volrath
Geoff Thomas
Kurt Brandenburg
Pam Fleagle
Victor Gregory
William Rooney
Richie Thomas
Jonathan Bjorson
Matt Bib
Rick Suhrbier

Minutes Approval: Ben Press moved to approve – vote was unanimous

Financial Report: Not much to report, we are doing well financially

Journey to Excellence review: We improved on national program of emphasis, have a written communication plan, and have a budget. For national and region event attendance our goals are 25 NLS, 8 NLATS, 10 OAHA

Lodge Chief Reports:

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge

Report for 21 March Council of Chiefs:

Since our last Council of Chiefs, Wipit has been busy working on various administrative challenges, as well as kicking off the Centennial. At the December LEC meeting, the lodge leadership highlighted the new financial practices we would be working under, and authorized the purchase of an accounting software so that we might be able to more accurately tell chapters of the financial resources available to them.

Wipit started 2015 with an extremely well attended Lodge Banquet on January 3rd at the University of Maryland Riggs Center. At the Banquet, we recognized the year's vigil

recipients, Founder's Award recipients, and Servant Leadership Award recipients from throughout the lodge.

With regard to NOAC, the lodge has established a waiting list for youth and adult attendees and has begun the process of allocating its own camperships to youth who have demonstrated financial need. Additionally, the LEC authorized a \$10,000 expenditure from lodge reserves to subsidize youth transportation costs.

Wipit is proud to report strong attendance at both #LEAD and the Northeast Region NLS. We are also confirmed for ArrowTour at Camp William B. Snyder on July 27th, the last stop of the Northeast Region. Wipit will also be sending two staff members to OA High Adventure programs throughout the country.

In other news, the Lodge's Camping Promotions Committee has nearly finalized a Where to Go Camping Guide, the first revised edition in nearly ten years. We are also proud to report the appointment of Aaron Kassman, Montgomery Area Chief, as our 2016 Conclave coordinator. He is in the process of searching for a co-coordinator.

Nentico Lodge 12

CoC Report, March 21, 2015

Nentico has been doing a lot of new things this year, including things such as a new First Year Arrowman Award, Vigil Weekend, a new Training Committee, and more standard ways of doing LEC reports and Ordeal Extensions. We are also trying to connect the OA back to the troops by bringing back more focus to the Unit of Excellence Award as well as having several leaders of the Lodge participate as summer camp staff at BCMSR. We are preparing for our Spring Fellowship on April 10-12, the first Ordeal weekend of the year as well as the Lodge Service day the last weekend of April, and Conclave in May. We are hosting ArrowTour at the BAC Scout Service Center on July 25th, where we are planning on also having a Gathering Of Chiefs, where we want to bring all of the still living previous Nentico Lodge Chiefs and Lodge Advisors. We have 193 brothers going to NOAC in August, and currently do not have any youth doing OA High Adventure this summer. We're off to a good start to go for Gold JTE this year.

Yours in WWW,

Timothy Martin

Nentego Lodge Council of Chiefs Report
3/21/15



Nentego Lodge has dived into the Order of the Arrow's Centennial Anniversary. We finished off 2014 by earning Gold Journey to Excellence. In January, we had 38 member's attend the section's training event, #LEAD. Everyone enjoyed it and are looking to return next year. A week later, 175 members attended Nentego's annual banquet at St. Andrew's Church in Dover, DE.

During the weeks following our last meeting, I have been vigorously promoting Conclave to the Chapter Chiefs. This has been done through e-mails, phone calls, and social media. On our Facebook page, we are participating in the Section's meme challenge by having a "hostage crisis" with our lodge's spirit award. The goal is to have key members of the lodge register for Conclave so that they can encourage others to register as well. The Conclave coordinators continue to plan for this spectacular event and held a phone conference on Tuesday of this week.

Finally, I have seen the future! I met with the Scouts who have drones and they are very cool. They can take pictures, as well as videos, from high altitudes while flying. They will be a great addition to Conclave.

Yours In Brotherhood,

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

National Planning Meeting: Over 300 attendees, Alex Call was elected National Chief and Donnie Stephens was elected National Vice Chief. We hashed out NOAC details. Conference banquets will either happen multiple times or be consolidated; more details on that to come. Spark was announced and it is our Munzee-like program this time around. Spark is a company that the national committee is working with to create a software custom to the conference. It will mean that on your lanyard you will have a hand or arrow and it will have an orb that glows when a connection is made. Spark will also be used for training attendance, with all training files for the trainings you attend being transferred to your hand or arrow. Flash events will occur around the conference. There is not a NES@NOAC show so instead on that evening there will be a NES@NOAC dinner and there will be a American Indian show. The conference's signature session title is "how to rule the world" and the national chairman is now on the national executive board.

#LEAD: In the black. Kyle Raffensperger compiled the evaluation information. Adults like the event more than the youth and the main complaint was the travel time.

Liam O'Connor – move the event more towards Annapolis if it stays a Section event.

Kyle Raffensperger – bright side would be a multi-day event so travel wouldn't be so extraneous.

Zach Sager – a benefit would be more lodges to learn from.

Liam O'Connor – let's do it

Ben Press – what is the expected attendance?

Zach Sager – double so 300

Victor Gregory – how many are at each session of NLS?

Zach Sager – 80 at Alpine but #LEAD is a different structure with tracks

Ben Press – JTE aspect was not uniformly beneficial to the various participant groupings

Zach Sager – I agree and think we'll change it around year to year. Do we want to stay with #LEAD name

*Nods indicated an agreement among the group to stay with #LEAD name

Ben Press – offered use of HITT for event.

Zach Sager – if we are with NE-6B then may be too far south but I will take note of that offer

Ben Press moved – vote approved

Zach Sager – Michael, Kyle, and I will work with NE-6B to hope to get more details by Conclave

Conclave: BRING YOUR OWN TENT

Friday Night – Nentego does not want people to show up before 6pm, and they will have a dinner that can be pre-ordered. Midway games will be going. Lodgeball will be changed from a FIELD UNIFORM activity to an ACTIVITY UNIFORM activity in the conclave booklet. Nentego will have lights of some sort to illuminate the lodgeball game. Aaron Kassman has contacts for lights to use and will coordinate with the conclave coordinators. People should bring a camp chair.

Saturday Night – Nothing will be open during training, 50 minute training sessions, lodges are to bring food for their campfire. Nentego gets the volleyball bye for the first round, adult cook-off will be able to fit into the time allotted in the conclave booklet and Nentego has not selected a movie for Saturday night yet. Closing campfire – lodges bring 3 skits and a song. Need them April 24th, no later than May 8th. The campfires will showcase both summer camp style skits and songs as well as a meaningful aspect to help inspire those in attendance. Lodges should bring their own props for their skits.

Training – schedule is finalized, locations finalized, trainers are determined, trainers will receive a standard powerpoint and syllabus file, Kyle Brendel is directly working with trainers meaning that lodge chiefs do not have to worry about coordinating with them.

Menu – as shown in the proposed conclave booklet

Judges – Zach will take care of finding judges for conclave competitions

Museum – want it to be more than just 3 collectors. Nentego asks that lodges bring items to display of historical significance

Catamaran Races – nixed

Participation Award – requirements proposed in booklet, Ben moved to approve them and they were unanimously approved

Participation Award Item – The participation award patch was nixed, pin is the current proposal. Pin price is in line with budget. Tim moves to approve pin, it is approved

Spirit Award Requirements – only change is instead of strong lodge participation in opening campfire that it rather be the closing campfire. Ben moves to approve, Tim seconded, spirit award requirements approved

Visiting lodge trading post items – A form will get out to lodges that asks for sales price, quantity, etc and checks will go out to the lodges after the event

Evaluations – minor changes from past years. There has been low participation in previous years, Zach calls for motion for people that submit the evaluation to enter a lottery for a chance to win a free 2016 conclave registration (1 youth and 1 adult winner). Motion made by Liam and is seconded by Tim – motion passes

Section Candidacy – do not wait until the last minute to finish the form. Try to have the form done by Friday night (we don't want people calling Scout Executives during the conclave)

Philmont Adviser Conference: target adults that couldn't go to NOAC, they may be able to go. Great training that more or less covers the topics that the group wishes to have covered. About 50 people from around the country go per year.

Arrowtour: MOU received by lodges, Wipit will be at Snyder

Sabbath Observant Ordeal: Nentico offers a Sabbath observant Ordeal that anyone can attend. It is being held from Wednesday evening to Friday. Further information is in the meeting packet.

OAHA: way down this year, Summit is close to us and there is OAOA, Philmont, and Northern Tier too

April NLS: Pittsburgh NLS is coming up. It is high capacity so Wipit probably won't be limited in contingent size

NER Chenille: The Northeast Region is selling a chenille patch, as of 3/29/15 30 or less patches are available

NER NOAC Patch: Lodges order from the region. If your lodge hasn't ordered yet then you may wish to look into it

Section NOAC Patches: 500 ordered, 200 to Wipit and 150 each to Nentico and Nentego. The section sold the patches to the lodges at \$3.50 each and the lodges agreed to sell them for \$5.00 to their lodge members. The \$3.50 per patch covers the cost of the patch and the section gathering at the 2015 NOAC

Conclave 2016 – discussion was held and a vote made – the 2016 Conclave will be at Goshen. Conclave coordinator is Aaron Kassman and conclave adviser is William Rooney.

Camperships: Liam motioned, Ben seconded, approving the below quantities for the Section's campership givings. These numbers total to \$2600 and were funded by the annual \$800 budgeted as

well as the section's campership patch money. The money allocated from the patches assumed they were all sold, which is not yet the case however we are confident we will finish selling them.

Stuck Brothers - \$600
David Chiew - \$200
Jon Emch - \$300
Derek Lawrence - \$100
Cole Norman - \$350
Hunter Skinner - \$200
Kellen Tangora - \$200
Noah Wallace - \$350
Liam Rogers - \$200
Ronald Cain - \$100