



**Madockawanda, Order of the Arrow
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, April 26th, 2014**

**Cianchette Scouting Service Center
131 Johnson Road
Portland, ME 04102**

1. Call to Order/OA Obligation

2. Role Call

Present – *Zach Bald, Eri Martin, Shane Marshall, Steven Nadeau, Jeffery Davis, Jacob Gervias, Bruce Rueger, Mike Mirisola, Adrian Caron, Jody Hart, Bill Frederick, Cindy Davis, Paul Nadeau, Jai Wescott*

3. Old Business

University of Scouting

Dean of OA Studies, Shane Marshall says that the Order of the Arrow's program at the University of Scouting was a success. Four of our six classes had a good ratio of 9 to 12 students. Through there was many positive comments, there was one concern. During period four the instructor did not show up, however the problem was taken care of and Shane has talked with this instructor. Shane also explains that the lodge showcase was successful and that it managed to attract a good amount of attention from many scouts and scouters.

Election Review

Lodge Chief, Zach Bald states that we will review the election season through the Chapter reports and will move onto the next agenda item.

Lodge Excellence Summit

Lodge Secretary, Shane Marshall reports that a contingent of 10 Arrowmen from Madockawanda attended the Section NE-1, Lodge Excellence Summit. The four youth members who attended had a good time, and are pleased that they attended. We got to meet Northeast Region Chief Kyle Piper and got to learn about advance leadership skills, and ceremonies.

Youth Recognition Banquet

Zach Bald, Nate Balt, Liam Bock, and Bill Frederick attended the council's 2014 Youth Recognition Banquet representing the Order of the Arrow. The three youth Arrowmen served as color guard for the opening ceremony and helped serve dessert. In conclusion the council and the families of the 2013 eagle recipients appreciated the service.

4. Chapter Reports

Abnaki – Chapter Chief Dale Brown (Via Email)

The Abnaki Chapter has been working hard to conduct elections and provide cross-over ceremonies for the packs in our district. We have been keeping a good attendance level at our chapter meetings and communication has been working out great between our leadership team. We are currently getting ready for the call-out ceremony that we will conduct during our district's spring camporee at Camp Gustin. We are also currently encouraging our Ordeal members to seal their membership and advance to Brotherhood. We are also looking forward to providing service at Camp Gustin's upcoming Beaverday Workshop.

Casco-Bay – Chapter Chief Steven Nadeau

Casco Bay has been very busy the last 4 months with 1-3 elections in a week. We finished the election season with about 20 troops electing close to 35 new members. We are finishing our ceremonies next week which will give us a total of about 15 ceremonies this year which is up from last year. Right now we are planning our end of the year meeting in June and a campsite cleanup of our adopted site, Patrick. We have been talking a lot about the different events upcoming such as noac, conclave and the ordeal weekends but have had little luck so far. Lastly we are working on a chapter website for general information as well as officers and advisors business and records.

K-Valley – Chapter Chief Jeffery Davis

April meeting we had our annual candle making meeting along with discussing possible service projects. Meeting plan for May is mini-golfing at Giffords with a back-up plan of bowling at Spare Time Recreation.

York – Chapter Chief Jacob Gervias

No Report Submitted

5. Lodge Committee Reports

Ordeal – No Report Submitted

Ceremonies – Steven Nadeau

Ceremonies have not happened yet. To the best of my knowledge we have all of the regalia and Irene and I will be getting together to work out scripts, regalia, ceremonialists, and rehearsals as the ordeals get closer.

Camp Promotions – No Report Submitted

Service – No Report Submitted

Elangomat – No Report Submitted

Conclave – Jeff Davis

Ideas have been thrown around considering transportation ideas and identification items as a possibility.

National Events – Dale Brown (Report Via Email)

Nothing has happened yet, I want this committee's goal to be not only to promote national events such as high adventure but to also help Arrowmen develop budget and traveling plans to get there and to provide useful resources.

Awards and Recognitions – Erin Donlon (Report Via Email)

I currently have a list of potential Arrowmen to serve on this year's Vigil Selection Committee. I would like the committee to only consist of six Arrowmen including the Selection Chair. I also would like to do the Founders Award selection sometime this fall, around LLD weekend.

Lodge Store – Gregory Valcourt (Report Via Email)

We are looking into a new pair of lodge shorts. Potential cost is \$7. Also, we are preparing for NOAC swag.

Communications – Shane Marshall

Our first Turtle Soup issue for 2014 has been completed and printed out. Our second issue is ready for formatting, all the articles, sidebar content, and photos have been sent to Adrian, I would like to begin production for the third issue by the first week of May. The new website has been created and content has been developed with the feedback and input from committee chairs such as Steven Nadeau (ceremonies) and Dale Brown (National Events). As of April 24th, our website's domain is now "madockawanda.org". This website includes information for new ordeal candidates, lodge calendar, leadership roster, vigil representative list, and information on lodge, section, regional, and national activities.

Lodge Leadership Development – Eri Martin

LLD is going to happen, I'd like to have a location down by the end of summer.

6. New Business

Ordeal Weekends

Zach explains that at the last meeting, it was decided that we would switch locations for the first two Ordeal weekends, meaning that the first Ordeal will be hosted at Camp Bomazeen and the second Ordeal weekend will be hosted at Camp Hinds. It's also been decided that our third Ordeal will still be hosted at Camp Hinds, however the date will be pushed forward a week to avoid conflict with the council shooting sports event. We need to start promoting this Ordeal soon! We also need to start enforcing pre-registration so we have a good idea on how much food to prepare. A lodgemaster email will need to go out regarding all this. Secretary, Shane Marshall recommends that we look into phone broadcasting as a possible way of reaching out and informing the Arrowmen of these upcoming Ordeals. Micheal Mirisola points out that we should have people pre-pay so that their committed to attending, to avoid the case of Arrowmen just pre-registering and not showing up. Zach states that regardless of the way we handle it, we just need to do better at getting an idea on how many people are committing to attend.

Section Conclave

Not much detail on conclave has been released from the section. We currently don't know what they're offering for training, activities, or programs. However we have reserved 50 spots for our conclave contingent and we need to fill all of them. Secretary, Shane Marshall has been assigned to discover more specific details on the events program and create a two sided flyer that can be mailed out to all of our Arrowmen. A promotion for conclave will also need to be done at the first Ordeal if we still have spaces available.

Camp Promotional Video/OA Week

There will be no OA week this summer due to lack of planning and organization. If we are to host another OA week in the future, planning will need to start as early as October before LLD. There is also a discussion on making a camp promotional video. It's mentioned that there is a promotional video that the OA week Arrowmen did last summer. The status on the video is unknown, Scott Valcourt likely has the footage. If we recover it, then it will need to be edited. It's also discussed that we could have OA Week at Camp Bomazeen in the future. More discussion on OA week will be brought up at a later time.

Service Hour Patch

Zach explains that we are need of a design for the 2014 Service Hour. Shane recommends that the patch should be based around the 70th Anniversary. It's decided that we will take the 70th Anniversary flap design and redesign it into an oval and add the words "Service Hour". It's also recommended that the shape be diamond instead of oval. We decide to get a sketch of both design ideas and see how it works out. Zach opens the floor for a motion.

Approval of the Potential Service Hour Patch Design

MOTION – Jacob Gervias **SECOND** – Jeffery Davis **VOTE (Favor – 6) (Oppose – 0)**

MOTION TO: Approve the Potential Design for the Service Hour Patch

RESULTS : PASSED

Summer Camp Chief

Zach currently has a list of potential Arrowmen to serve as Camp Chief for the 2014 summer camp season. Eri Martin has been assigned to find Arrowmen interested in serving as Camp Chief. Once we find an Arrowmen, we will need to consult with the Camp Director, Matt Randall.

Centennial Challenge Lid

Zach has forwarded the design we choose to Kevin Hawke's and has not got much of a response on whether or not he will be able to paint the design. If we don't hear back from him soon we will have to seek somebody else to do the lid. Bruce also brings up that NOAC planning needs to begin soon. We have to get a budget and travel plan begun soon. Zach agrees to let a sub-committee focusing on NOAC be created within the National Events committee.

7. Other Business

None

8. Chief Minute

“It just wanted to say, just giving a little more point insight to, when you guys were elected chiefs and stuff like that, I know I could have, I could have tired to be down your throats with this, but I trusted you guys to get that done, and trust is a huge thing among leadership here, and I know I have been out for a few months, and I just wanted to thank you for doing your jobs, and I trust you guys to do those jobs, and I hopefully you guys trust me to do the job that I'm suppose to be doing, We got a lot of work ahead of us, and I need you guy to do what you can, more when you can, and realize that you can't do as much, but as long as you're there and as long as you're trying, I am very thankful for that, especially as were moving down the road here, so again I trust you guys in the future, and I hope you can trust me do the same, to do our jobs.” – *Lodge Chief, Zach Bald*

9. Advisers Minute

“The elections being down, causes a bit of concern for me. Because we were down last year, not in term of elections, we did about the same amount of elections and did the same number of inductions, but we were down in terms of members, that meant we did everything else in Journey to Excellence, but we didn't make positive growth. We were down about 35. So we still have to make 540 members, we are at 209 right now. So we either got to get more of our friends to pay, or we got to get 300 and some new candidates. We were one of the top ten lodges in the country during 2012 the first time out, and we didn't qualify last year because we were down 35 members. So there are two ways, we can be a small lodge or beat the bushes and get the numbers back” – *Lodge Adviser, Bruce Rueger*

10. Staff Advisers Minute

11. OA Song/Adjourn