

# Madockawanda, Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

# John P. Messer Rotary Scout Training Center 146 Plains Road Raymond, ME 04071

# 1. Call to Order/OA Obligation

# 2. Role Call

Present – Zach Bald, Eri Matrin, Shane Marshall, Gregory Valcourt, Dylan Latham, Peyton Latham, Nate Bald, Sam Martin, Bruce Rueger, Mike Mirisola, Henry Zewtsloot, Don Vachon, Mary Jane Vachon, Bill Frederick, Larry Latham

# 3. Old Business

**Reviewing Minutes From Last Meeting** 

# 4. Chapter Reports

# Abnaki - Chapter Chief Dale Brown (Report Via Email)

The Abanki Chapter has been conducting elections as well as providing Arrow of Light/Cross-Over ceremonies

# Casco-Bay - Chapter Chief Steven Nadeau (Report Via Email)

Casco Bay has been very busy the last month scheduling and executing elections and ceremonies. So far we have completed about 8 elections and election close to 25 boys for the oa. Our first ceremony will be Sunday the 23 and we will be bestowing 5 boys with their arrow of light and guiding all 5 to boy scouts. Starting work on our troop rep program and we are trying our best to reach out to non active members to get them involved

#### K-Valley - Chapter Chief Jeffery Davis (Report Via Email)

The chapter went to Flagship Cinema for a movie night meeting. The chapter also talked up upcoming events such as winter fellowship. Elections are still going on. The March meeting got snowed out, so no new happenings as of yet.

York - No Report Summited

# 5. Lodge Committee Reports

#### Ceremonies

Nothing has happened. I have established a small committee and compiled a list of possible ceremonialists. I am looking for more if any chapters have any members Interested. I do need the new brotherhood script if anyone can get ahold of it and I also need dates and locations for the 3 ordeals please send me that info on facebook or by email at <a href="mailto:stevenjw8@aol.com">stevenjw8@aol.com</a>

Ordeal – No Report Camp Promotions – No Report Lodge Store – Report Not Summited Publications – Shane Marshall

There is currently a new website in development. This site will be powered by wordpress.com. The goal for this site is to create a resource center for all Arrowmen. This site will include a calendar, leadership rosters, and forms.

**Conclave – No Report** 

#### 6. New Business

### **Committee Positions**

Zach explains that he has put out that he needs positions filled but has not got many responses. He asks the entire LEC for ways we could resolve this. Henry Zwetsloot suggest giving each Chapter Chief a list with unfilled positions and having them seek Arrowmen to fill the positions. Bruce suggest also contacting the Chapter Advisers to help with this effort. Zach recommends Sam Martin for Service Chair due to his work and experience with the council's Okpik program. Sam is called in during the meeting and asked if he would accept the position, he agrees. Erin Donlon is also appointed to serve as Awards and Recognitions Chair. Its also suggested that Steven Nadeau take on the Drum and Dance Chair position. Shane mentions that Abnaki Chapter Chief Dale Brown is interested in taking on the National Events Chairman position. Shane contacts Dale through Facebook and he accepts.

# **University of Scouting**

Shane explains that we have six training courses planned and two showcase tables reserved for the lodge showcase and lodge store. Shane then talks about the courses we will be offering, Strengthening Your Troop Though the OA, Elangomat 101, OA District Relations, Developing Successful Service, Mission of the OA Chapter, and 70 Years of Service Above Self. Session one will be instructed by Steven Nadeau, session two will be instructed by Erin Donlon, session three will be instructed by Alex Couillard, session four will be instructed by Phil Dow, session five will be instructed by Dale Brown, and session six will be instructed by Shane Marshall.

# **Lodge Excellence Summit**

Zach talks about the upcoming Lodge Excellence Summit offered by Section NE-1. Shane mentions that it will be hosted at the Greater Lawrence Technical School down in Andover, Massachusetts. Zach then mentions that carpooling will need to be promoted. This event will offer the opportunity to meet Arrowmen from all around Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhoad Island. No excellence summit schedule has been released yet.

#### 7. Other Business

### **National Leadership Seminar**

Bruce mentions that we had three slots open for the upcoming NLS course. Using a list Shane Marshall sent him, Alex Couillard, Dale Brown, and Steven Nadeau were chosen to fill those slots. Abnaki Chapter Adviser Don Vacheon will be driving all three Arrowmen down to New Jersey for the course since he will be taking NLATS at the same time.

#### **Adult Nomination Form**

Bruce mentions that the lodge adult nomination forms have been updated and has been posted on facebook.

### **Membership Ratio**

We are currently at 185 for due paying members. We need to be at 534 in order to reach our journey to excellence goal. Getting members to pay their dues is a top priority. Service Hour will be a good opportunity to collect membership dues, it's also mentioned that we need a design for the service hour patch.

### **NOAC 2015**

Talk about traveling to Canada for a pre-conference trip. We're currently getting our lodge history book ready for NOAC, Matt Dubios is updating it. We are also currently entered for the "Chiefs Circle" so we need to double our contingent number from last time. Bruce explains that we need to start pushing a budget and travel plan. Zach says that all this will be dealt by the NOAC Committee Chair. Bruce suggest that that we fly into Detroit. Shane Marshall mentions that the NOAC fee itself will be \$475. Southwest or Jetblue are recommended airlines due to not having to pay for baggage. A patch and t-shirt design will be needed. It's mentioned that the sooner we get this plan started, the less we have to worry about it later. Before ending the meeting Zach says "communications the key".

National Conference: August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- 8. Adviser Minute
- 9. OA Song/Meeting Adjourn