



**Madockawanda Lodge, Order of the Arrow
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, November 15th, 2014**

**Camp William Hinds, Cadigan Lodge
146 Plains Road
Raymond, Maine 04071**

1. Opening

- Call to Order
- OA Obligation

2. Role Call

Present – *Zach Bald, Eri Martin, Shane Marshall, Gregory Valcourt, Alex Couillard, Jacob Gervais, James Loft, Steven Lord, Bruce Rueger, Richard Valcourt, Jai Wescott, Jody Hart, Greg Solomon, Irene Leclair, Caleb Fredricks, Mary Jane Vachon*

3. Chapter Reports

- **Abnaki – Alex Coulliard**
Had officer elections on Wednesday. Alex Coulliard elected as chief. Chapter is currently in the process to plan a service day for Sandcastle school.
- **Casco Bay – James Loft**
Steven Nadeau re-elected as chief.
- **Kennebec Valley – (No Youth Representative Present)**
(No Report Submitted)
- **York – Jacob Gervais**
Held officer elections last Thursday. Jacob Gervais re-elected as chief. Planning banquet.

4. Lodge Committee Reports

- **Lodge Store – Gregory Valcourt**
70th Anniversary flap is selling good. The Centennial flap should be sold for the same cost as the 70th Anniversary flap.
- **Ordeal – Jacob Gervais**
“Nothing to add”
- **LLD – Eri Martin**
LLD happened, training, lodge officer elections, went well, people had a good time.

5. New Business

▪ **Lodge Annual Banquet**

Banquet planned at last meeting, theme: Legacy of Service, All officers and setup people arrive at 10:00a.m, at St. Philip's of Lyman, 12:00p.m food begins, guest speakers and recognitions, ceremonies planned, Moxies, swear-in officer, minutes, clean-up, program will be e-mailed out. During the end of the discussion it was pointed out that the wrong version of the flyer was sent out. The correct version is posted on the lodge website and the lodge facebook, all chapter officers present were encouraged to spread the word about this mistake and to direct their Arrowmen to the correct source of information. Bruce Rueger recommended that someone give a speech about the Arrowmen Service Award at the banquet. The centennial lodge flap will be available for purchase at the banquet. A metallic version of the flap will be produced and given out as a gift to all the members of the LEC.

▪ **Region Chief Arrangements**

Northeast Region Chief Kyle Piper to arrive Friday, December 5th, at 2:00p.m. Team of Arrowmen will gather at the airport to welcome him. The chief will accommodate at the Valcourt's place of residence. He will be departing on Sunday, December 7th, at 11:00a.m.

▪ **NOAC Registration Update**

Zach Bald explains the latest NOAC registration update. Michigan State University will not be able to host any more participants due to accommodations, food service, and classroom sizes. National has set a ratio on how many adult participants each lodge may bring. Due to the ratio only seven adults from the lodge will be to attend. Bruce Rueger will be putting together an adult selection committee made of adult Arrowmen (Adults who did not plan on attending), to determine which seven adults will be attending the conference. All youth from the lodge that registered and placed a deposit will be going. The lodge also has an additional three youth spots left in the contingent. Shane Marshall as been tasked with advertising this news and getting those three spots filled as soon as possible. Before ending the discussion, Zach mentions that a patch design is needed for the lodge's contingent. Shane shared a design and passed it around to everyone. The decision for the patch design will remain on the table until the next executive committee meeting. Shane will scan his design and send it out to youth contingent members for additional opinions.

- **Lodge Winter Fellowship**
Winter Fellowship will be the 2015 lodge officer's responsibility. It should be advertised very soon.

- **Lodge Excellence Summit**
The Lodge Excellence Summit will be on Sunday, January 11th. There will be no fee for those Arrowmen who pre-register before January 10th. Arrowmen who don't pre-register and walk in will be charged \$5. There will also be a COC meeting during the LES. Section Chief Dylan O'Brien and Section Secretary Justin St. Louis will be doing a promotion on LES at our Lodge Annual Banquet. A webpage advertising the event has been created and posted on the lodge website. All chapter officers were encouraged to promote this event to their Arrowmen.

6. Other Business

- **OA Week**
Zach talks about bringing back OA Week back. If OA Week is to return we will need a program plan ready to present to the Camp Program Director. Gregory suggested we do OA week in collaboration with Arrowtour. Wayne Holden states that if we want to do OA Week, then we would need to commit to it soon before the release of the 2015 Camp Program Guide.

- **Section Conclave**
The 2015 Section Conclave will be at Yawgoog Scout Reservation in Hopkinton, Rhode Island. The 2016 Section Conclave will be hosted at Camp Hinds by our lodge. A promotion will need to be ready to present at the upcoming conclave. The section is currently in the process of determining who will serve as the 2016 Conclave Coordinator.

- **Arrowtour**
The possible Arrowtour date for our lodge will be on July 17th. Promotion on Arrowtour should be done at University of Scouting. This will be the only Arrowtour in the state of Maine.

- **2015 Election Season**
Chapters should start preparing for the upcoming election season. Chapters will be doing election team training at their December meetings. Alex asked if there is way to promote camp program without the election script. Zach explains that there is a camp promotion video. It is also explained that chapters can hand out flyers with camp information. Chapters were also encouraged to do their best in getting elections done by April 15th.

- **Centurion Award**

Awards and Recognitions Chairman Erin Donlon was not present, Shane Marshall spoke on his behalf. Shane explained that the committee would like to choose candidates for the award by selection similar to the Founders Award and the Vigil Honor. This selection committee would be made up of five Arrowmen. The selection chair will be chosen soon. The selection will take place before the end of the year. There will be another update on this selection process within the coming week.

7. Chief Minute

“My first thing is thank you all for coming up today. I know this was a little short notice, but I appreciate everyone coming down, and having a nice LEC to hammer this stuff out before the end of the year, it takes a load off my shoulders. Just another big thank you for all that you’ve done this past year. Congratulations to the new officers, and the re-elected officers for next year, remember that were always here to help you if you need advice or need to talk something out. It’s been a long year, we just got to push through to the end here, banquet is going to be really nice. Just keep on doing what your doing, that’s all I have to say, I really don’t have any other words to say other than thank you for everything over the past couple of months and past year. So thank you very much.” – *Lodge Chief, Zach Bald*

8. Advisor Minute

“Again I want to thank you for coming today, I know it would have been easier to do it next week or the week after but I had plans more then a year away, and I didn’t know things were going to play out like the way they did. I know maybe when I made my announcement at the last Ordeal it was kind of abrupt and blunt, I’ve been thinking about stepping down for awhile, things just kind of happened and it got sped up faster then I anticipated. There probably should have been some more explanation, some of it you know, some of it you’ll never know, some of it I’m never going to know. Whatever is going on in this transition I’d just like you to be as positive as you can, and know that the advisers are only appointed for a year, and so I’ve pretty relaxed with just letting people carry on and do their jobs because from my point of view I thought we were doing a pretty good job with Madockawanda Lodge and I wasn’t aware of any major issues. I was experiencing a few health issues and then I had couple of reactions to medication that made my behavior a little wacky, and I think that led to as much of my difficulties as possible. I just want you to know that this is the best job that I ever had in scouts, and I mean that truly. There was a lot of times when I felt like I was herding cats, but almost every time I went home and felt like we did something good. I just don’t know If I’m ever going to find something in Scouting that will make me fill the way that I felt when I could bring one of those trophies home to this lodge again. There is no way I could express the

feeling that I felt about all you people, and they said you did a great job, and I said I didn't do anything, I was just here, I was just the one that got picked to go get the hardware, you guys did it, and I hope no matter what happens that you keep doing it because that's what makes you special. I do want to thank you, it has nothing to do with stuff you guys did in fact I'm still stressed, a little bit. Anyway I decided that the time is now, so I hope things will continue to be successful and I you're positive, keep doing the things that your doing and you won't fail, so thanks." – *Lodge Adviser, Bruce Rueger*

9. Closing

- OA Song
- Adjourn