

Section NE-6B Meeting Minutes

January Conference Call

January 25th, 2015

Welcome:

- Call to Order
- Obligation
- Introductions

Review minutes from COC Meeting:

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 - 1st Motion: Brendan Olivera- Sasquesahannough 11
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Lodge Reports:

- **Kittatinny:** They are finishing up their history book, lodge lid, and lodge rock. Since the last COC, they have had a planning meeting for the upcoming year, and the events in the summer. They released the centennial patch for this year, and their banquet is March 7th, 2015.
- **Sasquesahannough:** They had their LLD in November with a good attendance. Their lodge banquet was held on January 3rd, 2015. The new leadership has transitioned in and they are looking forward to the New Year. Their lodge lid is being finished, their history book will be finalized at the upcoming fellowship, and the lodge rock has been sent in and received by national.
- **Octoraro:** In early January they swore in the 2015 officers. They have selected the 9 Centurion Award recipients, and their names will be presented

at their banquet on March 8th, 2015. They have the honor of hosting ArrowTour which will be on June 24th, 2015 at Camp Horseshoe. At their banquet, Kevin Reilly, a former NFL player will be their guest speaker. Their NOAC contingent currently has 108 spots, consisting of 27 adults and 81 youth. They have many different events going on around the Chester County Council for their day of service. They are working on the ASA's, have retained JTE Gold for 2014, and have a total of 23,508 service hours for 2014.

- **Wunita Gokhos:** They started off their year with their LLD weekend right after the New Year, also having their first NOAC contingent meeting that Sunday with a good turnout. For NOAC they have 63 youth and 17 adults attending, with a few people on the waiting list. They are working on finishing their lodge lid and history book. They have also selected their 2015 vigil class, which will be announced at their banquet on February 21st, 2015, along with other various awards. In April they will have their lodge fellowship and vigil weekend at Camp Bashore, and their lodge has obtained JTE Gold for 2014.
- **Guneukitschik:** They have submitted their rock, lid, and history book. They have their centennial lodge flap in the pre order process. At the October Ordeal, they had a good Brotherhood Conversion rate, with a good amount of candidates who completed their Ordeal. Their banquet was at the end of December, where they handed out 2 founder's awards, 1 James E. West award, 2 Distinguished Vigil awards, and recognized 5 new Vigil Honor members. They have created an annual plan to be approved at their January lodge meeting, and a communications plan is in progress. They had their first NOAC meeting, consisting of 19 youth and 5 adults, and their January lodge meeting is coming up, along with a Conclave meeting on February 6th, 2015. They have an April Brotherhood weekend during the Conclave walkthrough, and they have obtained JTE Gold for 2014.

Section Officer Reports:

- **Chief:** Since October, we have been planning for the centennial, and discussing the new programs for the upcoming year. He attended the

National Planning Meeting in December to plan for the upcoming year and NOAC, and he looks forward to the banquets.

- **Vice Chief:** He is looking forward to the New Year, and all of the cool events coming up. It will be a big year, and he has distributed the training cells to the rest of the section. He is planning on having the new Train The Trainer, and the details will be distributed later.
- **Secretary:** He is looking forward to the events that are coming up, especially the walkthrough and the Train The Trainer in April. He is also looking for to Conclave and seeing what Guneukitschik has in store for us. He would also like to welcome Scott Paddock to the section, and asked for his contact details for the Section Roster.

Old Business:

- **Communications Challenge:** Our goal is to benefit the communications in our lodges, and foster the idea of sharing among the lodges in our section. In order to do this, we have created of a communication challenge that will be held at Conclave. This challenge is going to judge the lodge's newsletter, website, and social media.
- **NOAC 2015:** Since the 1st of January, all of the contingent members are finalized. The section grants have also been distributed to the lodges for NOAC or whatever they would like to use it for, but it is strongly encouraged to use it for NOAC! Two blazes have come out in January. One that the registration is opening up on April 1st, and the other is that they decided to have the centennial guides act as concierges. They will also be a liaison between the section and national. Staff is going to be spending their nights in hotels, and there might be an extra involved, but it would be very small. They are also going to be contacting the contingent advisor for when to come and check in at NOAC.
- **ArrowTour:** It is going to have a show, games, and other exciting things. It is strongly encouraged for members of the lodges to go, and an excellent opportunity to celebrate the centennial. The promotional material for ArrowTour will be available soon. There will be a stop in Baltimore for people in our section that are in Hagerstown, as this might be closer. ArrowTour sites are all posted online. Our section has two locations:

- **June 17th, 2015-** Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation (Kittatinny)
- **June 24th, 2015:** Horseshoe Scout Reservation (Octoraro)
- **July Hersheypark Fellowship:** The date is Saturday, July 18th, 2015. We will distribute tickets and other pricing in April. The price will include your ticket and meal, and we can all gather as a section for fun during the day!

New Business:

- **OA High Adventure:** We are trying to develop an alumni group of arrowmen for people who have attended OAHA at each base. We would like these people to inspire these events and to get people going to the high adventure areas through the OA. We are looking to get stuff for OAHA next year. The section does offer scholarships for this, and we are trying to get more information for it. We are also looking for youth that have been to these high adventure bases to develop, and create a presentation on OAHA. We also need an advisor for this; a person for each base, and their names for the committee.
- **Train The Trainer:** This event is going to be the Friday night before the COC walkthrough on Saturday. It is going to be for the conclave trainers that we have planned. An email will be sent out with the details, and the event is going to help prepare people for training at conclave. This event is trying to teach people new tricks that they can use to present at conclave and in their own lodge. The date is going to be April 10th and 11th, 2015. If you're a trainer, it is highly recommended to participate in this event. We would also like to thank 317 for having the Train The Trainer event, as they are providing the location and meals for the event. 317 is happy to host, but they are looking for the amount of people who will be attending the event.
- **Centurion Award:** National would like the Centurion Award to get a lot of participation from the lodges, and to preserve the order's history. Petitions are due into the national office by 5:00pm on February 28th, 2015.

- **Kittatinny:** They are getting their submissions in, once they are in, they are going to meet and discuss the people. Then they will submit their petitions.
- **Sasquesahannough:** They have a committee chairman and advisor looking into it, but not a lot has been done with it yet, only some discussion.
- **Octoraro:** They have established their award recipients, and they will be announced at their banquet on March 8th, 2015.
- **Wunita Gokhos:** They have been taking suggestions, and are still considering the people for this award. Then they will submit their petitions to the national office.
- **Guneukitschik:** They have some submissions, and they are going to finalize and decide the recipients for the award.
- **Section Finance Report:** They want to point out that after this went out; there was a check request for the NOAC stuff, and the National Planning Meeting. There is currently \$4,175.68, and checks are coming from the section to the councils. They will be marked, to make sure that they go into the lodge accounts.
- **Section Budget:** Nothing has really changed since the October COC.

Conclave 2015:

- **Budget:** Just a reminder that what happened in October, there were some questions of some items that needed to be tweaked, and we tabled the discussion. There has been a lot of discussion for the budget. The t shirts and other camp fees were dropped a little bit, and some marketing will be done for the pre order form, so that the people know they are purchasing. Unfortunately, we didn't get it out for some of the banquets, but it has been tweaked accordingly. You can get on to the Conclave website for pre order forms, and registration forms.
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- **Proposed Schedule:**

Tentative schedule - Friday

- Registration- 5:00 PM
- Guided Tours Begin- 5:00 PM
- Opening Show- 9:00 PM
- Cracker Barrel - 10:15 PM
- COC - 10:30 PM
- Taps - 11:30 PM

Tentative schedule - Saturday

- Run for Life - 6:00 AM
- Morning Rededication - 7:30 AM
- Morning Colors - 7:55 AM
- Breakfast - 8:00 AM
- Training Cell 1 - 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
- Training Cell 2 - 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
- Training Cell 3 - 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
- Lunch - 12:00 PM

- Afternoon Activities - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Evening Colors - 5:30 PM
- Dinner - 5:45 PM
- Youth Forum/Adult Forum - 7:00 PM
- Closing Show - 8:30 PM
- 100th Anniversary Feast - 9:30 PM
- Patch Auction - 10:00 PM
- Closing Conclave Meeting (Section Officers & Conclave Leadership Only) - 11:00 PM
- Taps - 11:00 PM

Tentative schedule – Sunday

- Reveille - 6:15 AM
- Morning Colors - 7:00 AM
- Breakfast - 7:15 AM
- Chapel - 8:30 AM
- Lodge Awards – 9:15 AM
- Section Meeting - 9:30 AM
- Departure -10:45 AM

*Lodge Awards will be moved into the Business Meeting.

- **Training Cells:** Guneukitschik will be notified for what they need, and it will be finalized at a later time. There is thought for five possible training

locations, and four cells in each time block. The bead working activity will be included during the training times. Some possible cells are: Technology in Scouting, Meet the Man, History of the OA and NE-6B history, patch trading, etc. There will be a more definitive list with the descriptions at a later time. There is also an exceptional list of possible trainers right now.

- **Date/Time of TTT April Walkthrough (COC):** It is going to be on April 10th-11th, 2015. The Train The Trainer is going to be at 7:30am, and the walkthrough will be at 1:00pm. Guneukitschik would like to have a headcount from each lodge, as to how many will be in attendance.
- **Fellowship Feast:** The feast has been formed around the Centennial celebration. We want to treat this feast as an extra special celebration. We are asking that you go above and beyond from what you have done before, with food and games! This is very important for the ASA, and an exciting opportunity to experience something new!
- **Other:** Any dietary needs, please let Guneukitschik know, and they will be in contact with Alex on where to host the training cells. Please provide them with the amount of people that will be coming to conclave from your lodge. Registration forms are also due two weeks prior to conclave. When you're trying to promote conclave, let people know that Donnie Stephens, the National Vice-Chief will be in attendance. Each person that is also coming to conclave will receive a section patch as an incentive for the centennial celebration. The lodge chiefs and advisors have already received one to help promote conclave.

For the good of the section:

- **Brant:** He thinks we are doing an awesome job, and we are very lucky to have the positions we hold this year. We have all of this on top of our school work, and it might not seem to be noticed, but it really is, and keep up the good work!
- **Take the Lead:** A question was asked about the “#takethelead.” It was answered that NE-6A is hosting a leadership conference, and that is their hashtag for the event.

- **Website:** Some information is up there right now, but it isn't too complete. If you have anything that you want to be put up on the website, don't be afraid to send an email to Vaughn. He will be happy to put it on the website, any content for the website that you want to add, or if you find anything interesting that you want to share with the section, send it to them!

Closing minutes:

- **Section Chief:** We have a really great opportunity this year, and it isn't anything without the people that are helping out. We have a great opportunity to recruit more people and get them active. One of the best ways to communicate with people is through your phone, and you can use it to get more people involved. A bunch of active youth in the 90's had the lodge chief approach the young kids to get them active. It can help to have people excited, engaged, and ready for the centennial!
- **Staff Advisor:** She is really looking forward to Conclave and NOAC!
- **Section Advisor:** He received a call from Octoraro, and their trading post manager is interested in knowing if any of the other lodges would like to have a patch exchange? The idea is to have a patch exchange during a dinner, and then they would work out the finances between each of the lodges. The lodges should work out if they want to sell other lodge's merchandise at their events. It isn't a decision to be made on behalf of the section, but it is just an idea. The section officers are doing an excellent job; they have a lot of forward and progressive ideas. They had a conference call with Bob Chaballa, and he is really excited by what these officers want to do. These things will only work, if we can work together to make them happen, and he is really excited for it. When it comes to our COC's and the walkthrough, bring kids to them. This might help to get more arrowmen engaged, and we are always looking for new officers within the section. Just think about that with conclave approaching. If you have any changes to the roster, please send them to Connor to keep us up to date with that. Also, great job with the gold status on JTE! For banquet invites, if you're sincere in inviting the people, send an email so that they can respond, and you can

plan accordingly. He is also really excited about coming to Octoraro's banquet to meet the former Philadelphia Eagles player.

Adjournment:

- Thank you all for coming out tonight, and all that you do for the section. If you have any questions, you can contact any of us within the section!