



**Section NE-6B
Council of Chiefs
Conference Call
January 24th, 2010**



Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. with a roll call.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes from the Council of Chiefs meeting in October were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. The CoC reviewed them, and they were approved unanimously.

Lodge Reports:

Kittatinny: Kittatinny Lodge has been rather busy since the last CoC. They held their annual LLD, which was well attended and very productive. They will be receiving Quality Lodge for 2009. On January 16th, they had their lodge banquet, where Joe Marsicano was the keynote speaker. It was well attended and successful. Also on that date, Kittatinny had their section LAP visit. In the coming months they will host their Committee Workshop Weekend to supplement LLD, a bus trip to NYC, and two spring Ordeal/Service Weekends. For their council's Scout Show, they will be providing a 50 person service corps for their council's celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the BSA. Kittatinny would like to thank the section for its support, and is excited for the upcoming conclave.

Susquehannock: Susquehannock Lodge has produced some fine events since we last met. They put on a phenomenal Fall Fellowship which included a Haunted Hayride that was open to the public as well as appealing to the Cub Scouts. Their OA CAFE provided food for the KAC Craft Weekend at Hidden Valley. Susquehannock held their first ever New Years Eve lock-in, where they turned the dining hall into a video game center, as well as Times Square, NYC, when the time came for the ball to drop. It was a fantastic evening. The Lodge is currently working out consolidation plans with York Adams Area Council and Tuckahoe Lodge. We are anxious to get together for the Conclave Walk-Through!

Octoraro: Octoraro Lodge had a very successful Brotherhood Blitz with the highest attendance on record. They have received word that we have been awarded a grant from the Order of the Arrow in the amount of \$4,400 for trail use. They also have achieved Quality Lodge for 2009. Octoraro's annual banquet will be on March 13th. Everyone should have received an invite in the mail and they look forward to seeing as many as can make it there. They are looking forward to conclave.

Wunita Gokhos: Since the last COC, Wunita Gokhos Lodge held its annual Brotherhood Conversion Day, where 16 Brothers sealed their membership in the Order. They will be receiving Quality Lodge for 2009. They held their LLD the second weekend of January. It was attended by about 50 members, making it one of the best attended LLD's in many years. Efforts are currently underway to reassemble a dance team. Wunita Gokhos will be hosting their lodge banquet on February 20th, their Vigil Weekend from April 23rd to 25th, and spring Ordeal from June 4th to the 6th. They are looking forward to conclave.

Tuckahoe: Tuckahoe Lodge had 2 members convert to Brotherhood since the October meeting. They have been continuing talks with Susquehannock on the possible merger between their councils. Recently, they hosted their annual lodge dinner, which was attended by members of Susquehannock's

LEC. Tuckahoe worked diligently toward Quality Lodge, but, unfortunately, was not able to meet the requirements this year. They are currently planning an LAP visitation for later this year.

Section Officer Reports:

Chief: Since our last meeting, I attended SOS and my second National Planning Meeting in Dallas. I'm working on the LLD committee, which is updating and adding to the LLD program. It is being expanded from 53 to 90 sessions, and will be released in June. I've enjoyed the banquets and the Wunita Gokhos LLD, and am looking forward to the other banquets!

Vice-Chief: In the past few months, I attended SOS as well. Thank you all for the invitations to your events, hopefully the weather will cooperate a little more and I will be able to attend a few. I'm currently working on the LAP visits and training for conclave. If you need anything, please let me know.

Secretary: Since the October COC, I've attended SOS, as well as Susquehannock and Kittatinny's banquets. Thanks for the invitations. Also, congratulations to Octoraro for their service grant!

Old Business:

Finances: Sally Trump, Section Staff Adviser, reviewed the section's financial standings. A question was raised about the purchase of section jackets, since it was decided that we would not be buying new ones this year. Sally replied that they were for members of the CoC who had not been members last year, when we first purchased the fleeces.

Lodge Exchange Program: Justin Myers, Section Chief, reviewed the LEP calendar and encouraged involvement in the program. Please be visiting others.

Lodge Assistance Program: Kyle Dierolf, Section Vice Chief, discussed the status of the LAP visitations for this year. Kittatinny's visit was completed. He is currently working with Tuckahoe to schedule their's.

Section Scholarships: Bob Chaballa, Section Adviser, discussed the section scholarships. In October, six \$150 scholarships were approved to go towards either the National Jamboree or a high adventure trek. Thus far, only 3 applications have been received. The applications are on the website, so please be encouraging your lodge members to apply.

New Business:

Conclave 2009: Alex Bollis, 2010 Conclave Coordinator, and Brian Kline, 2010 Conclave Adviser, discussed the current stage of conclave planning. Lodge histories are needed for the booklet. Please send a copy of your history to Dave Stark at networkfrog@gmail.com. A few questions were fielded. In regards to training locations, all of them have electricity, so projectors are an option. Tuckahoe will not be able to provide easels, flip charts, etc. So, trainers will need to bring their own. We need to be considering which competitions we will be running and which places will receive awards. They will be finalized during the April 11th Walk-Through. If any lodges have made their decision about which food and game they will be providing for the Founder's Feast, please e-mail Alex and Brian as soon as you can. They need to know if you need refrigeration or any special set-up. Tuckahoe will be making funnel cakes. The section officers were sent song lists for the Rock Band competition. Drawings for songs will be done at the April 11th meeting. A question about the Lodge Adviser Cook-off rules was asked. Bob

Chaballa responded that the rules for this year's competition will be the same as last year's. There will be one prize each for the best entrée, best dessert, and best presentation. Justin Myers discussed the pre-order form. Please be pushing pre-orders. They must be in by the deadline. Chiefs, please be considering any afternoon activities that you are interested in and e-mail them to Justin. He will compile a list and pass it on to Tuckahoe. Remember, it is May, so water activities are out, and Tuckahoe does not have a basketball court, so that is not an option either.

Conclave Training: Kyle Dierolf, Section Vice Chief, discussed the current training schedule and descriptions. Trainers are being personally selected and contacted by Kyle, rather than assigning that duty to the lodges. The trainers are, however, spread evenly amongst the lodges. Any changes will be passed out as soon as possible. The floor was opened for questions. Tuckahoe requested that we run a session on judging ceremonies. Bob Chaballa and Justin Myers will discuss the possibility. It might be possible to run a session from noon to 1:30 PM and push back the ceremony competition a little bit. The two hour length of the beadwork and pioneering project sessions was questioned. In both of those sessions, the trainers plan to actually teach skills and then complete a project. So, the two hour periods are justified. Where are we planning to get the spars for pioneering from? Kyle will contact Tuckahoe's Scoutcraft director from last year and discuss the plans for the cell. Kyle will forward the training schedule to Dave Stark, so that he can put it in the booklet.

Booklet: Bob Chaballa would like to see a copy of the conclave booklet at the Walk-Through to check accuracy.

Walk-Through: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 11th at Camp Tuckahoe. Tuckahoe will provide lunch beginning at 1 PM, and the meeting will start at 2 PM.

For the Good of the Section:

World Friendship Fund Donaton: Scott Salvatore, Octoraro Lodge Adviser, said that the collection taken up at the Sunday services at conclave had been sent to the World Friendship Fund, and we received a certificate in recognition of the section's contribution. Scott will send the certificate to Bob Chaballa.

Conclave Training: Kyle Dierolf, Section Vice-Chief, discussed his plans for conclave training. He will be working closely with Tuckahoe to select training sites. He shared the preliminary session choices: the CTI, Council-Lodge Relations, the Vigil Commitment, Serving Cub Scouts, Getting Ordeal Members to the Second Weekend, Brotherhood Conversion, Role of Ceremonies, Scouting Skills (Wilderness Survival, Pioneering, etc.), and Dance 101. Kyle requested that session and trainer recommendations should be sent to him. Descriptions, titles, and trainers will be locked-in at the January conference call.

Key 3 Minutes:

Staff Adviser: Thank you all for getting your charters in on time. Congratulations to the Quality Lodges, and to Octoraro for their service grant.

Adviser: Please remember that March 21st is the lock date for attendance numbers. Justin will be contacting you that day for your final minimum count. Please be promoting conclave! We budgeted for 100 shirt sales, so please push them as much as possible. Tuckahoe can handle many, many people at

their camp. Please encourage good youth to run for section office. Congrats for Quality Lodge, and to Octoraro for the service grant. Keep inviting other lodges to your events. It is great that we have that level of camaraderie. Thank you for all of the invitations. Good work officers. This past summer, at NOAC, Justin made plastic cards to give all of the first-time attendees. They focused on the power that one person has to make a difference. We can get you a copy, if you would like. Bob then read the message on the card.

Chief: Thank you everyone for your hard work and service. I appreciate all you contribute to the section. The next NLS/NLATS is on March 28th. It is a great experience, so please promote it within your lodges. I would like to see a good showing from NE-6B. There are also still staff positions open for the National Jamboree, if you are interested.

Adjournment: The meeting was ended at 7:37 p.m.