



**Section NE-6B
Council of Chiefs
October 10th, 2009**



Marjorie J. Mack Training Center, Mack Scout Reservation

Opening: The meeting was opened at 2:06 p.m. with the Obligation. Introductions then followed.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes from the section conclave in June were distributed in the section information packets. The CoC then reviewed them. There was one change: three NOAC scholarship awardees were referenced in one spot, when there were actually four. After being amended, the minutes were approved with a motion made by Kittatinny, and a second by Susquehannock.

Lodge Reports:

Kittatinny: Kittatinny Lodge had a great time at NOAC, especially at the Special Events. They sent 26 members, 18 of which were youth. They also had 5 members on staff. During their September weekend, September 18th to the 20th, they inducted 55 Ordeal members, and 10 Brothers sealed their membership in the Order. Those 10 put Kittatinny over the requisite 30% conversion rate. On October 24th and 31st, they will be helping staff Cub Adventure Days. In November, they plan to hold their annual LLD. Kittatinny will hold their Vigil Weekend on October 24th and 25th, where 14 members will hold their Vigil. One member of this class has already completed the Vigil. Kittatinny will hold their Lodge Banquet on January 16th. They are also working on planning other future events, such as their annual bus trip. Their April Weekend will be held from the 16th to the 18th. Kittatinny will qualify for Quality Lodge this year.

Susquehannock: Susquehannock Lodge recently participated in a joint camporee between the Keystone Area and York-Adams Area Councils. They helped facilitate the program and physical arrangements. Their Fall Fellowship will be held at the end of this month. They are working with their council to put on the first Haunted Hay Ride at Hidden Valley. Lodge XI is very close to meeting Quality Lodge Requirements for this year. They have increased their membership by 16 members and currently have a 29.75% conversion rate. They expect to break 30% at their Fall Fellowship. The lodge is working with the Chapter Chiefs to create stronger Chapter organization, and to involve them more in their Districts. They are in the process of finalizing a service grant request to upgrade one of Hidden Valley Scout Reservation's cabins. They are also working on a New Year's Eve Party for lodge members at Hidden Valley. Susquehannock is also planning their annual banquet for January 2nd.

Octoraro: Octoraro Lodge just finished their Fall Fellowship weekend with 126 Ordeal members being inducted into their lodge. They also inducted 56 members into Brotherhood membership. Next weekend, October 16th to 18th, they will be helping at their council camporee. They also have an LLD coming up on November 1st, followed by their annual Brotherhood Blitz on November 14th.

Wunita Gokhos: Wunita Gokhos Lodge was well represented on the staffs of both council camps this summer. About 127 candidates were called out during the 7 Closing Campfires at Camp Bashore this summer. Twelve lodge members were in attendance at NOAC. Ten members worked on staff, of which 2 were youth. Two adults also attended as participants. Wunita Gokhos is pleased to announce that Adam

Heaps was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his service to our Order. Wunita Gokhos held their Fall Ordeal from September 25th to the 27th, where 259 members were in attendance. 119 new Ordeal members were inducted, and 46 sealed their membership in the Order. Lodge elections were also held, where Ben Knol was elected Chief. Wunita Gokhos will hold their annual Brotherhood Conversion Day on Black Friday, and their LLD from January 8th to the 10th. Both will be held at the Training Center at Camp Mack.

Tuckahoe: Tuckahoe enjoyed the fellowship at the 2009 Conclave hosted by Octoraro Lodge. Thanks for all of the time and effort used to produce a positive event! They had 7 members attend NOAC: 3 youth and 4 adults. All had a great time at the event. Tuckahoe held 4 callout ceremonies during summer camp this year. They held a Brotherhood Conversion evening prior to one of the callouts, where 17 members completed their Brotherhood. Tuckahoe held an Ordeal in August where 41 members were inducted to Ordeal membership, 4 Brothers sealed their membership, and 6 members kept their Vigil. Some of the service projects that they completed include working on a foot bridge, filling potholes, repairing lighting in their dining hall, and distributing fire wood. In September, they held their Fellowship Weekend and Annual Picnic. There were about 100 members in attendance. During Lodge elections, Nathan Zook was elected for a second term as Chief. Two adults attended NLATS and one youth attended NLS in September. They will hold a lodge meeting and an LLD next Sunday. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Tuckahoe will hold a Brotherhood Conversion Day. Tuckahoe is working hard to make Quality Lodge for this year. They are just 6 members shy of reaching the 30% conversion rate, and 25 members short of increasing membership. Tuckahoe is working diligently on the 2010 NE-6B Conclave, and is looking forward to hosting the other lodges in the section.

Section Officer Reports:

Chief: Since conclave, I served on staff for the September NLS at Alpine Scout Camp. I had a phenomenal experience, and it was great seeing several members of the section in attendance.

Vice-Chief: A big thanks goes to Octoraro for their great conclave. I had a great time. I'm looking forward to working with Tuckahoe during this upcoming year. It was great seeing so many members at the section gathering at NOAC!

Secretary: I had a great time at conclave. Thanks also to Octoraro. You did a great job. I had a lot of fun this summer serving on the Special Events – Meals staff at NOAC. It was good seeing a lot of you there. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year!

Old Business:

Conclave Final Report: The report from this June's conclave was provided in the section packets. The CoC took a few minutes to read the report. No changes were needed. A motion to transfer \$769.00 from the contingency account of the last conclave to Tuckahoe lodge was made by Susquehannock and seconded by Octoraro. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business:

Planbook: Justin Myers, Section Chief, presented the 2010 Section Planbook. He reviewed the section goals. Other resources in the red folder provided to COC members include the Quality Lodge petition, OAHA applications, a CD with the FOG, GOA, and many other forms and applications, and several more.

Section Finances: Sally Trump, Section Staff Adviser, discussed the financial status of the section. We currently have \$6,179.48 in our coffers. Future expenses include SOS expenses as well as National Planning Meeting expenses, both of which are built into our yearly budget.

Section Budget: At this time, the CoC covered the budget for the 2010-2011 year. It was very similar to the 2009-10 budget. The budget was approved following a motion from Susquehannock and a second from Kittatinny.

OA High Adventure: Each lodge was provided with OAHA promotions material on their section resources CD. Justin pushed the promotion of OA High Adventure within the lodges. It is a fantastic program at a discounted cost.

Lodge Exchange Program: The youth went to a side room to plan the exchanges. The goal of the exchange program is to promote inter-lodge fellowship and share ideas for improving events. The agreed exchanges are listed on the attached LEP calendar. LLD's will be left to the individual lodge to invite others. Lodges are asked to advise the host lodge of the number of attendees. If any chief is interested in doing an exchange not voiced at the CoC meeting, he should contact the host lodge.

National Jamboree 2010: Justin Myers discussed the Order of the Arrow's involvement in the 2010 National Jamboree. The event will be held from July 26th to August 4th at Fort A.P. Hill. There are a lot of openings in the three OA programs: OA Indian Village, OA Service Corps, and the Mysterium Compass. Serving on staff as a youth costs only half of the cost for participants. Go online to myscouting.com to sign-up.

Section Scholarship Program: Justin Myers led a discussion on our scholarship fund. From last year's conclave, we raised just shy of \$1000 for scholarships. The COC decided to provide 6 scholarships of \$150 each. They are open for both Jamboree and OAHA. The applications will be very similar to last year's version. The deadline will be May 1st, 2010. The scholarships will be open to any youth Arrowman in the section, regardless of lodge. The only stipulation is the recipient must be present at conclave in May. The applications will be reviewed by a committee selected by Justin Myers, Section Chief. The form will be posted on the website. The scholarships, with above requirements, were approved unanimously by the COC after a motion by Susquehannock, seconded by Wunita Gokhos.

Section and Conclave Operations:

- a) A quick discussion of the website was held, during which, Derrick Bransby was unanimously selected to serve as the section website chairman for a second term. The motion was made by Kittatinny and seconded by Susquehannock.
- b) Tuckahoe Lodge proposed a registration deadline for conclave in late April. There were concerns about being able to budget with such short notice. The section decided to approve March 21st, two months before conclave, as the registration deadline. The motion was made by Susquehannock and seconded by Kittatinny.

- c) Justin Myers led a discussion about campaigning for section office at conclave. The section decided to approve a word-of-mouth only campaigning rule again this year. Clarifications were requested. Word-of-mouth means that the candidate for section office may not spend any money, nor request any donations of promotional material to distribute. This includes, but is certainly not limited to, items such as flyers, candy, clothing, and patches. The campaigning rule begins immediately. So, it means that one may not use promotional material at other events, such as other lodge's ordeals, banquets, etc., as well. The motion was made by Kittatinny with a second by Tuckahoe.
- d) Tuckahoe, as many other lodges in the past, requested to have a trading post including their lodge flap and other lodge items. The section unanimously approved the lodge based trading post with a motion made by Octoraro and seconded by Wunita Gokhos.

Quality Section Patches: Bob Chaballa, Section Adviser, will be ordering QS patches soon and selling them to the lodges at cost, \$3. National suggests selling them for \$4. It serves as a fundraiser for the region. Bob asked for estimates from the lodges for ordering. Kittatinny requested 15 patches. Susquehannock asked for 25 of them. Octoraro wanted 10, as did Wunita Gokhos and Tuckahoe.

Conclave 2009: Alex Bollis, 2010 Conclave Coordinator, made his conclave presentation. The theme, Rockin' to a Higher Purpose, was approved unanimously with a motion by Susquehannock and seconded by Wunita Gokhos. The discussion then led to the patches. Tuckahoe plans to produce 4 versions of the patch, including a staff version. The patch design was approved by all after a motion made by Susquehannock and seconded by Kittatinny. Tuckahoe will also be offering black t-shirts with the conclave patch design on the front and the logo with a flame background on the back. The shirts, if pre-ordered by April 15th, can include the buyer's name and lodge on the front as well. The shirts can be ordered after April 15th, but will not have the name or lodge on them. The closing show will be a Rock Band contest. Each lodge is expected to provide both a youth and adult team consisting of 2 to 4 members each. The section will also provide a team, which is expected to dominate. The songs that the teams will be performing will be drawn out of a hat at the Walk-Through meeting in April. Teams will be judged on both performance and presentation. Costumes are a must! There was some concern raised about the competition serving as the entire show. There was some concern raised about the competition serving as the show itself. Lodges will, once again, be expected to provide a game and food item for the Fellowship Feast on Saturday evening. The budget was discussed next. A few changes needed to be made. The staff patches needed to be expensed, the section transfer and contingency accounts needed to be merged, and a guest expense of \$300 needed to be added to the budget and deducted from the contingency account. Approval, pending changes, was unanimous in a vote motioned for by Wunita Gokhos, and seconded by Kittatinny. Initial numbers were requested from the lodges. Kittatinny plans to bring 35. 30 slots were requested by Susquehannock, Octoraro requested 35 openings. Wunita Gokhos plans on 30 members. Tuckahoe will bring 30 contingent members and 60 staff members. That brings the total to 225 members. Camp Tuckahoe can handle up to 600 people, so the section should do some serious promotions to try to increase attendance. The budget needed to be adjusted to match current attendance projections, which were below expectations.

January Conference Call: The conference call will be held on Sunday, January 24th, 2009 at 7 p.m. The call-in number will be sent in closer to the date.

Conclave Walk-Through: The walk-through will be held on April 11th, 2010 at Camp Tuckahoe. It will begin at 1 p.m. with lunch. The meeting itself will begin around 2 p.m.

For the Good of the Section:

Lodge Assistance Program: Kyle Dierolf, Section Vice-Chief, provided a quick explanation of the Lodge Assistance Program. Kittatinny and Tuckahoe are the schedule for this year. The meetings will include the lodge's Key 3; Bob Chaballa, Section Adviser; Kyle Dierolf, Section Vice-Chief; and a few other experienced members of the section. Kyle will contact the lodges to set up dates. Kyle requested that interested LAP team members contact him. The visitations must be completed prior to conclave. We are currently leading the Northeast Region in the percentage of visitations completed.

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: It looks like we have a good shot at Quality Section. Please be sure to get charters in quickly. It's great to see 6B on top! Tuckahoe is looking good for conclave.

Adviser: Thanks for coming. Octoraro did a great job with conclave. We fared fairly well for the first year. Many sections did not. We do have some extra patches and pins, and will be selling them to lodges at cost. Lodges can take as many as they would like. If they do not sell, we will have to sell them at or below cost at this year's conclave. Checks can be sent to Sally. Be sure to send in a Service Grant petition, as no lodges from the NER sent one in last year. It has to be in by October 31st, so send it in the next week or two. Keep in mind, most councils cut checks once or twice a month. For charters, be sure to have requests in early! It has to be in Dallas by the 31st. If they are all in by the 27th, I will not get harassing calls from the National Planning Meeting. Thanks to Wunita Gokhos for hosting and providing lunch. Be sure to use our section officers at banquets and LLD's. They are all great trainers and enjoy free food. Thanks for all you do for the Order. Bob ended with a story called Choices. The story focused on the choices we make in daily life. Go promote conclave!!!

Chief: Thanks for coming out today. Definitely feel free to make use of us. For those of you who haven't gone, NLS is a great training experience. The next one is in March 26th to the 28th at Alpine Scout Camp. It will be held in conjunction with an NLATS. Promote it within your lodges. If you need any extra copies of the distributed forms, please let me know.

Adjournment: The meeting was ended with the singing of the song of our Order at 4:04 p.m.

Attendance

Name	Lodge	Position
Justin Myers	Section NE-6B	Section Chief
Kyle Dierolf	Section NE-6B	Section Vice-Chief
Josh Peloquin	Section NE-6B	Section Secretary
Brant Portner	Kittatinny 5	Lodge Secretary
Jim Buerger	Kittatinny 5	Lodge Adviser
Benjamin Knol	Wunita Gokhos 39	Lodge Chief
Nick Hessong	Wunita Gokhos 39	Lodge Vice Chief
Doug Eadline	Wunita Gokhos 39	Lodge Member
Jake Segal	Octoraro 22	Lodge Chief
Mike DiDomenico	Octoraro 22	Past Conclave Coordinator
Scott Salvatore	Octoraro 22	Lodge Adviser
Brian Kline	Tuckahoe 386	Conclave Adviser
Jeff Richter	Tuckahoe 386	Lodge Adviser
Alex Bollis	Tuckahoe 386	2010 Conclave Coordinator
Bob Moreo	Susquehannock XI	Lodge Adviser
Bret Mauser	Susquehannock XI	Lodge Secretary
Aaron Troutman	Susquehannock XI	Lodge Member
Ken Barber	Susquehannock XI	Chapter Adviser
Sally Trump	Section NE-6B	Section Staff Adviser
Bob Chaballa	Section NE-6B	Section Adviser