

**SECTION C5A COC NOVEMBER 9, 2002  
HELD DURING ALTC AT CAMP LAZRUS**

**7:32pm Lodge Chiefs or their representatives were asked to raise their hands and move forward in the room**

**7:33pm Section Chief Ross Miltner called the meeting to order and all stood to recite the obligation**

**Chief Miltner continued by welcoming everyone, noting that we are now under new leadership.**

**Section Secretary Josh McElhatten took roll call - all Lodges were present**

**Minutes from the previous meeting were not available - Chief Miltner asked for a motion to approve the non-existing minutes - *a motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> - all voting members approved. Motion passed to accept the non-existing minutes of the past meeting.***

**Each Section Officer gave a short biography of himself:**

**Chief Ross Miltner: presently Section Chief and Lodge Chief of Sipp-o #377, that is the reason for the special election that will be held later, he can not hold both positions more than 60 days. Ross continued by stating that he set his priorities and feels that his Lodge should come first. This is his 2<sup>nd</sup> ALTC, he attended 2 years ago. He is a Vigil member of the Order.**

**Vice Chief Jason Merick: Past Lodge Chief of his lodge. A Vigil member in the order and member of the dance team. This is his 4<sup>th</sup> ALTC**

**Secretary Josh McElhatten: Vigil member of Portage Lodge 619, a member of Troop 304 in Galion, Ohio. Past Lodge Chief of Portage Lodge, this is his 2<sup>nd</sup> ALTC. He recently attended a National Leadership Training in September, and encourages everyone to attend one; it is the best training he has attended.**

**LODGE REPORTS:**

**#17 Cuyahoga: Held their Fellowship in September, which included their Lodge Elections. They are under new leadership, recently held Lodge Leadership Development this was a very good training for their lodge. Winter banquet scheduled for December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**#36 Onondaga: Sent 18 members to NOAC this year ~ 14 youth and 4 adults. Fellowship and Ordeals both had good attendance. Winter Banquet is being planned, they are rolling along**

**#56 Wapashuwi: Recently new leadership, have had problems in the past, gearing up to fix some of the past problems, hopes this helps and they continue to grow.**

**#151 Marnoc:** At the recent Fellowship they had 60 people, good attendance. Winter Banquet is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to a great year.

**#377 Sipp-o:** Vice Chief spoke, since the Chief had other things to do. Just held their Fall Fellowship, new officers were elected. Winter Banquet is January 3<sup>rd</sup> extended an open invite to section.

**#424 Netawatwees:** Held their Fall Fellowship recently and elected new officers, they will take office in January. Working on the Conclave that they will host in 2 years, getting ready.

**#550 Menawngihella:** November 23<sup>rd</sup> new officers will be elected. Went to NOAC it was a great trip. 50 new ordeal members and improved to 23% Brotherhood rate.

**# 619 Portage:** Past year we had 130 new Ordeal members, 42 new Brotherhood conversions. Total active members are now 563, put in 1700 service hours as a lodge last year. Banquet is next week. We are conducting a contest for a new lodge flap design.

Chief Mitlner acknowledge that Area Advisor Gary Gole was with us at the meeting, he chose the better section's meeting to come to.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

NOAC - Chief Mitlner asked that those who attended to raise their hands, many hands were raised. Chief stated that he remembered seeing a lot of the members there. An area meeting was held on Tuesday or Wednesday evening and pizza and pop were served. The 2 sections are splitting the cost of the meeting's refreshments; it was a very successful meeting and a good time.

National Leadership Seminar was held in September at camp Miakonda in Toledo, Ohio. Secretary Josh McElhatten attended and it went very good. This is the best national training that you can attend. The next one is in January in Indiana, you will be receiving details, if you can, you should attend, it will help your lodge.

Any further Old Business ?

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**National Programs:**

**1 Indian Summer - August 2-7 in Ashville, North Carolina, 1000 arrowmen are expected**

**All aspects for Native American live will be covered. Ceremonies - Regalia - Dance**

**and Drum teams and guest speakers will all be there. Encourage you to**

go.

- 1 **Philbreak - It is like and OA Trail Crew that will be held during spring break, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of March, only 30 people each week, it will fill fast, promote it now.**  
You will clean up brush from the damage the wild fires caused last year for 3-4 days then take a trek for 3-4 days.
- 2 **OA Voyage - Director Brian Seaton, Northern Tier. It is a work project and trek Combined. You will work for a week with the National Forestry Department then take a week trek down the river. \$100.00 plus transportation. You will meet National representatives and many other interesting people, it is an amazing trip.**
- 3 **OA Trail Crew at Philmont - Cost is \$100.00 plus transportation. Work projects, build Trails through the forest for ½ the time and take a trek the other ½ You will be dropped off at special places and be able to see things regular people are not able to because you are an OA member**  
Promote all these programs NOW within your Lodge.

**ALTC - what do you think? Comments:**

- 4 **Food is great**
- 5 **Lodging is good**
- 6 **Maybe fewer sessions should be planned - the sessions I attended ran over, then you did not have time to make it to your next session. Maybe less would accomplish more.**
- 7 **Cost is reasonable**
- 8 **We will see you again next year.**

**Recharter & Region Fee**

Get your recharter in on time. Due by December 30<sup>th</sup> - make sure you have it done by December 20<sup>th</sup> so it reaches National by the 30<sup>th</sup>. We don't want anyone to miss out on Quality Lodge

Region cost is 10 cents per person. A bill will be sent.

**Webmaster. Secretary Josh McElahatten talked to many people today about a web site, our section needs to get one going, C5B has one. Sean McCabe has volunteered as a Webmaster. An advisor is yet to be set to oversee this important section addition. A web page will help us stay in touch and know what is going on within our Section and Lodges**

**Lodge Assistance; Visitations to the Lodges, this needs to be done soon. See Jason to set a date for Sections officers to come to your lodge. National emphasizes this and it has not been done. This will help to strengthen our Section and Lodges. Let your LEC know we are coming, we can discuss problems and how we can help, give**

informational handouts. Bounce ideas back and forth.

Section Calendar is being developed. Secretary Josh has asked each lodge for a calendar, 4 lodges have turned them in. A section calendar will help everyone know what is going on in the other lodges and be able to visit one another.

Section Roster was sent out to the key 3 in each lodge. Please review these and let the section know of any changes or corrections that should be made. Don't assume we will find out, make sure we know. An update roster will be sent out soon.

Newsletter, this is something our section should do. Let everyone know what is happening with the other lodges. Stephen Pavlock has agreed to help with it. Every lodge needs to contact him, to make sure the information is getting to him.

Section Officers. Paperwork is needed by anyone interested in being a section officer. The forms tell you about the position and your responsibilities. They have to be signed by you, your parents, your lodge advisor and Chief of the Fire. Each officer should be a positive influence on his lodge and section. These forms need to be turned in to the Section Adviser before the elections. Copies were given to each lodge for future use.

Section Conclave - things need to be approved: Location - Patch - Cost - Theme. The Conclave Chairman handed out information to each Lodge Chief.

Onondaga is the Host lodge

- Location: Oglesby Park in Wheeling, WV. This location has better facilities than their council camp. Wooded area. Easier to find than their council camp
  - *A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to hold the Conclave at Oglebay Park. No opposing votes. 2002 Conclave will be held at Oglebay Park.*
- Registration will be on line and on paper form. The site's address is [orvcbsa.org/conclave](http://orvcbsa.org/conclave). When registering via on line you will be able to see who has registered and paid. A count down will be listed on how many have signed up. The on-line registration web site will not be available till January 1<sup>st</sup>, still making arrangements through the council
- Proposed budget is \$35.00
  - Food \$16.00 (Columbus cooks that cooked this weekend = good food)
  - Program \$1.00
  - Insurance \$2.00
  - Housing \$5.00 (cabins - 200 beds - showers and bathrooms in the cabin)
  - Patch \$3.00
  - Section \$8.00

This facility has to be rented, not using council camp which can usually be obtained at a much lower cost.

- *A motion was made to set the Conclave Fee at \$35.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1*

*opposing*

*Vote - motion passed - Conclave fee is \$35.00*

- **Late Fee - should one be used? Deadline for registration will be May 1<sup>st</sup> - if registering After that should a fee be added? There are 200 beds available, the host lodge has volunteered to tent it if all bunks are full. If you do not get a bunk - your fee will be adjusted so you are not charged the full \$5.00 housing fee. When people register late it causes the food bill to increase - things cannot be purchased in bulk.**
  - *A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to have a \$5.00 late fee for anyone that registers after May 1<sup>st</sup>. One opposing vote - a \$5.00 late fee will be added after May 1<sup>st</sup>*
- **Midway - Volunteers, other lodges are asked to bring a game or food vending for the midway at the Conclave. The games should be lodge vs. lodge. Elephant ears sounds good. If you are able to help out - please see the Conclave Chairman.**
- **Native American Activities. We will need judges from every lodge to judge the Ceremonies. Might have a general PowWow, Dance Competition or hire drums. The cost of hiring a drum was questioned. It was suggested that the Native American Committee can look into this cost and make a decision to be discussed at future COCs It was noted that Onondaga has a drum team in place.**
- **Patch**

3 recommended patches were brought to the meeting. Would like to have one approved tonight. The size of the patch will be 3 ½” x 5 ½” They have spoken to a patch company and can purchase the patch for less than the \$3.00 cost that is listed in the budget. This fact was questioned because of the artwork and lower feathers in the proposed patch. After some discussion, and going to the theme topic (below) and returning to the patch Discussion that this topic will be tabled to the next COC. Before the COC the Onondaga Lodge is to remove the skull from the 2<sup>nd</sup> patch they approved - replace the skull with the forked tree of the other proposed patch or the arrowhead and shrink the patch to the proposed size so everyone can see what it will look at. Words are also to be added to give everyone a good idea on how the patch will look.

*A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to table the patch discussion to the next COC - passed.*
- **Theme: The 3 proposed themes were read “Bound as Brothers” “Ever Climbing” and “Those who love the Haunts of Nature”. After some discussion**

*A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept “Those who love the Haunts of Nature” as the Conclave Theme. All in favor - motion passed. The theme will be “Those Who Love*

*The Haunts of Nature”*

- **Crazy Auction - should one take place at the Conclave?**  
*A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to have a Crazy Auction at the 2003 Conclave - all in Favor - Passed*  
The Chairman asked for all lodges to bring items for the Crazy Auction.
- **Saturday Night Party - Portage Lodge agreed to host the Saturday night party at the Conclave.**
- **Other Volunteers - volunteers are need to do and show and for other activities. Lodges**  
Or individuals can help out - inform the Conclave Chairman.
- **It was noted that the Training Sessions in the Conclave booklet are only proposed sessions at this time. They may be changed by the Training Chairman. They will do the 4-tier process.**

**Committee Chairman. Chairman must be approved by the section - the following have volunteered to chair the following committees.**

- 21 Sean McCabe - Web Master
- 22 Stephen Pavlock & Jason Connor - Newsletter
- 23 Adam Hoffman - Conclave Chairman
- 24 Tony Antonini - Training Chairman
- 25 Alex Harnocz - Native American Chairman

*A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the above chairman - all in favor - motion passed*

**Other chairman may be added as the year goes on.**

**Tony added that he would like to set a youth and adult roster for those interested in helping with training, to please see him after the meeting.**

**Next COC Dates**

**Sunday - January 19<sup>th</sup> - 1pm in Sipp-o territory at the Canton, Ohio Buckeye Service Center, off of Rt 77**

**Saturday - April 12<sup>th</sup> - 11am -Camp Russel/Oglebay Park in Wheeling, WV, the site of the upcoming Conclave.**

**Friday or Saturday Night during the Conclave**

**Special Election.**

**As stated earlier our present Section Chief Ross Miltner is stepping down from his office. 4 members are interested in obtaining his position. Each lodge will have 10 votes, please cast them as a lodge, the Lodge Chief should not be the only one voicing his opinion. The winning candidate will need at least 41 votes.**

*A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to open the floor for Section Chief Nominations.*

**All nominated were asked if they accepted the nomination and if the correct paperwork was signed and turned it. Nominees were: Chris Willis - Jim Knight - Jason Merick - Jack Temsey.**

*A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to close the floor for Section Chief Nominations.*

Each candidate had 2 minutes for a speech. Each candidate did a fine job making a statement for themselves. The candidates were thanked and escorted out of the building. The voting began - each lodge casting a ballot worth 10 votes. After the count was final Ross Miltner announced that a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote was not necessary that one candidate successfully took more than 50% of the vote.

**Our New Section Chief is Chris Willis.**

Chief Chris stated that the 4 candidates were not running against each other, but with each other and he plans to use the skills and knowledge of the other 3 members. All will be active.

Past Chief Ross Miltner gave New Chief Chris Willis the oath of his office and the headdress was exchanged.

Gary Goles came forward for a special presentation. Advisor Kevin Bokesch will be stepping down as Section Advisor, Gary presented him with a plaque and gift in thanks for his many years of service. Kevin stated that he had a great time as Adviser and had done the job since he was finished being a Regional Chief at the age of 21. It is not time for him to step back. He is not able to devote the time needed because of family and work. He is not disappearing. He thanked everyone for all the time and help that was given to him through the years.

Gary Gole then introduced our New Section Advisor - Ray Czech

Ray stated that he is looking forward to working with the Chiefs and Officers of the Section and Lodges.

**Reflection of the weekend by Chief Willis:**

- Learning took place
- He paced before and during the election
- Fun Times
- Looking forward to the Crazy Auction that is taking place after this meeting
- Conclave is a time for us to come together as a section - filling 200 beds should be no problem.
- This is a great group of Scouts and he plans to use each one of them
- Thank you and Good Night

*Ross Miltner made a motion to close the meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by many and passed by all.*

*\*\*\*Special Thanks to Mrs. Sue Andres of Portage 619! Without her invaluable help, these minutes could not have been possible!!!!*