

**Section C-4A, Order of the Arrow, BSA
Council of Chiefs Meeting
Saturday, April 9, 2005, Seven Ranges Scout Reservation, Kensington, Ohio**

Those in attendance:

Section: Chief Sean McCabe, Vice Chief Shane Miller, Past Section Chief Tony Antonini, Advisor Ray Czech, Associate Advisor Brian Seeton, Associate Advisor George Soltis, Section Ambassador Walter Fowles

Cuyahoga #17: Chief Steve Volk

Onondaga #36: Chief and CVC of Training Zach Thuring, Advisor Greg Stephens

Wapashuwi #56: Matt Ulle, Advisor Jim Freeman

Marnoc #151: Vice Chief & Section One Day Coordinator Tim Muir, Section Training Coordinator Kyle Dorsey

Sipp-O #377: Conclave Coordinator Chris Esber, Conclave Advisor John Zvolensky, Advisor Jim Cassler, Jon Reisdorf

Netawatwees #424: Chief and CVC of Communications Chris Canning

Thal-Coo-Zyo #457: None present

Menawngihella #550: None present

Chi-Hoota-Wei #617: Chief Andrew Shumate

Nendawen #618: Chief James Kane, Advisor Jay Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. and all those in attendance rose to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance and the Obligation. Shane Miller gave an invocation.

Lodge Reports

#17: Reporting: Steve Volk

Their spring fellowship is coming up next weekend and it will have a game show theme.

#36: Reporting: Zach Thuring

They had 62 members in attendance at their recent Spring Ordeal. Their Vigil weekend will be held next weekend.

#56: Reporting: Matt Ulle

Their spring fellowship will be held next weekend.

#151: Reporting: Tim Muir
Their spring fellowship will be held June 3-5.

#377: Reporting: Jon Reisdorf
Their Spring Ordeal will be held May 6-7. Preparations are well underway for a successful Conclave at Seven Ranges.

#424: Reporting: Chris Canning
They recently held their Lodge Leadership Development, which was one of the most successful ones they've ever had. Also, at least one chapter has performed a One Day project. Spring Fellowship is upcoming on May 6-8.

#457: None Present

#550: Reporting: Tony Antonini
They held a very successful LLD recently with guest trainers Sean McCabe & Zach Thuring. They estimate that they are 75% towards earning Quality Lodge status for 2005.

#617: Reporting: Andrew Shumate
They recently had a successful winter banquet. Their spring fellowship is soon and preparations are underway for their summer camp programs.

#618: Reporting: James Kane
Their Spring Ordeal will be held April 29-May 1. Their first Spring Fellowship is coming up in June.

Approval of January 15, 2005, Minutes

A point of order was made by Steve Volk that the minutes from the previous meeting were not approved. Steve Volk motioned to accept the minutes and Zach Thuring seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. Section Visitations

Shane Miller informed the CoC that due to his damaged car, he has been unable to schedule or attend visitations. Lodges 17, 56, and 151 will still have their visitations done this calendar year, but not before Conclave.

b. Section Website

Sean McCabe reminded the CoC that the website for registration is <http://registration.oa-c4a.org> and that the page for viewing those registered is <http://results.oa-c4a.org>. If a lodge chief or advisor still needs a login to view the results, please contact Sean McCabe. Also, the website will be unveiling a new format this summer.

c. Lodge Chief Exchange Program & Section Scheduling

Onondaga Chief Zach Thuring has visited Menawngihella Lodge's events several times. Tony Antonini wishes to thank Zach and Onondaga for their insight and attendance.

If any lodge does not see their events on the Section Schedule in the packet or if there are any errors, please send these to Scheduling Coordinator Seth Eddy. Some Lodges have not yet submitted their schedules at all, please do this so Section events do not conflict with lodge events.

Tim Muir noted that their Spring Fellowship is June 3-5, not June 3-4.

d. One Day of Service

Tim Muir said that he has not heard from many of the lodges concerning their projects for One Day. Also, he said that it is not mandatory for the event to occur in April. Please submit a report to Tim when a project is completed.

e. National Leadership Seminar

NLS will be coming to Camp Friedlander at the Dan Beard Scout Reservation in Loveland, Ohio (near Cincinnati). The event will be held September 23-25. The cost is \$100 for youth and \$110 for adults. At least one scholarship will be available. See the form in the meeting packet and be sure to submit it before May 1.

f. National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar

NLATS will be held in Rochester, Indiana September 30-October 2. Only one is offered in the region each year and this will be the closest it will be for several years. Cost information will be sent out soon. The event is likely to be filled quickly so don't delay in registering.

g. High Adventure

- i. Philmont Trail Crew** – Trail Crew is only about half full. In past years, the program had 180 spots. It was cut to 90, and only around 45 spots are filled. There may be scholarships available from National. If the program is not successful this year, it may be eliminated next year. Brian Seeton pointed out that the program only costs \$150 plus transportation and is a great way to see Philmont inexpensively.
- ii. Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage** – About 10 spots per region remain (51). This program also needs to be as close to filled as possible.
- iii. Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure** – Filled for 2005.

h. Section Scholarships

At least 1 scholarship for National Leadership Seminar and 1 scholarship for OA Wilderness Voyage will be awarded. If funds exist, additional scholarships will be given. Forms are due May 1 and are to be submitted to Ray Czech.

i. Train the Trainer

Section Training Coordinator Kyle Dorsey and Section Chief Sean McCabe distributed the Certificates of Participation and Appreciation to participants and staff for the weekend.

An evaluation form and list of classes to be offered was passed out.

Lists of needs for training, as well as a preliminary syllabus, are needed from each trainer by April 17, 2005.

Two changes were made to the schedule. *Patch Design & Patch Trading: The Dark Side* were combined and *CTI 2: Brotherhood Conversion* and *Jumpstart: How to use It* were combined.

Sean closed by thanking Jim Cassler and the Sipp-O kitchen crew for hosting the weekend.

New Business

a. Conclave – Shane Miller

i. Special Meals

1. Alumni Breakfast

Any elected Officer, Advisor, Conclave Vice Chief, or Coordinator from any of the sections that fed into C-4A will be eligible to attend this special breakfast.

Brian Seeton suggested changing the meal to lunch due to his sleep habits.

2. Very Important Arrowman Luncheon

Each Lodge Chief and the youngest member of each Lodge contingent will be invited to this meal. Speakers will be Section Chief Sean McCabe & National Chief Patrick Murphy.

3. Evaluation Dinner

30 invitations will be distributed at random throughout the day. 5 tables of 6 invitees will be led by facilitators in coming up with ideas for improvement and praise for the highlights of the weekend. Tim Muir suggested a name change that would make it more exciting.

ii. Schedule

The schedule remains mostly unchanged. The Ceremony and Dance/Drum competitions will be split up as follows:

Ceremony Competitions: 1:15 – 3:15

Dance & Drum Competitions: 3:15 – 5:15

Re-enactors have been removed from the schedule.

Chris Esber suggested moving the Crazy Auction from Friday evening to Saturday evening. Due to various reasons such as the several other events going on at the same time, this idea was not approved.

iii. Registration & Goals

1. Registration can be done either through the section website at

<http://registration.oa-c4a.org> or with a paper form that can be printed from the same web address.

Costs: \$30 if postmarked/registered online by May 1

\$35 if registered online by May 5 and pay at door or online

\$40 if not registered by May 5

In addition, a \$1.50 convenience fee will be assessed for using PayPal.

2. Goals v. Realistic Goals

1. Cuyahoga: Actual Goal: 51
Realistic Goal: 20
2. Onondaga: Actual Goal of 36 is realistic
3. Wapashuwi: 3 of 4 districts are holding their Spring Camporee that weekend, will be low
4. Marnoc: Actual: 46
Realistic: 25
5. Sipp-O: Actual: 43
Realistic: 75
6. Netawatwees: Actual goal of 26 is realistic
7. Menawngihella: Actual goal of 21 is realistic
8. Nendawen: Actual: 55
Realistic: 21
9. Chi-Hoota-Wei: Actual: 54
Realistic: 20
10. Total: 253 plus Thal-Coo-Zyo

A Reminder was made that if the 10% goal is met, the lodge chief will attend Conclave for free.

Steve Volk made a motion that Officers and CVCs who, in the opinion of the Chief and Advisor, have completed their duties should be able to attend Conclave for free. Tim Muir seconded.

Zach Thuring said that this would devalue the members who are not officers or CVCs.

Shane Miller said this brings up the idea of Past Chiefs and Coordinators.

Tim Muir said that those who have not executed their jobs enough to get the free pass may get mad and quit completely.

James Kane mentioned that the section is already tight on money and that it should conserve.

The motion failed unanimously.

iv. Guests

The National Chief Patrick Murphy has been booked and his flight from Arizona has been reserved.

v. Online Patch Sales

Patches are for sale at the section website. Prices are \$6.50 for a shipped patch, \$5.00 for an online pre-order to be picked up at Conclave.

vi. Awards

Steve Volk was appointed as Awards Coordinator by Sean McCabe.

Steve has been in contact with a plaque and trophy distributor who has offered him reasonable prices.

1. Best Brotherhood Ceremony, Man/Mile Award, Outstanding Lodge Award, and Lodge Spirit Award will all be about 9" by 13" with 16 plates for mounting winners. They will cost about \$50 a piece.
2. Chief's & Advisor's awards, Silver Arrowhead, and Lodge Chief of the Year will be 5" by 7".

Outstanding Lodge Award questionnaires are due May 1 to Sean McCabe and Lodge Chief of the Year & Silver Arrowhead nominations are due May 1 to Ray Czech.

vii. *Ceremonies*

Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Legend Competitions will be held. The criteria for evaluation are posted on the section website. The Brotherhood winner will receive a traveling award and the others will receive certificates.

viii. *Communication*

A small staff has been started: Jordan Jasper from Netawatwees will be a writer/photographer and Tim Muir will take photographs in his free time. More writers and photographers are needed.

5 editions of *The Conclave Chronicle* will be published. Chris would like for CVCs and other people in charge of events to send him a little bit of info on what they are doing so an article can be written. Articles will run just before the event is to happen. Programs outside of Conclave will also be highlighted.

Awards will be printed by the Communications office and a database is in the works to track most aspects of Conclave.

ix. *Shows*

Lasers to Lanterns – Opening Show. Will start high tech and will finish low tech.

Awards Show – Will have a Grammy/Emmy style PowerPoint show to announce the winners.

x. *Special Events*

Saturday Night Party will be the focus of Special Events.

The party will be a western-themed event with Lodge versus Lodge games. It is recommended that the Arrowmen know knots for the events. A live band will be performing country music during the party as well.

If anyone knows someone who could do a religious service, please have them contact Richard Fallon.

xi. *Training*

Train the Trainer was held this weekend and the trainers should be ready to go. Zach Thuring showed the cells that would be available as well as the requirements for the three levels of degrees.

The Student Union at OAU will be back again this year to serve refreshments between periods and to give time for Arrowmen to interact with each other.

xii. *AIA*

If the Dance & Drum competition is shortened to two hours, it will be necessary to have the awards given at the Awards Show.

Awards are being worked on; the price of boxes for first place winners is being negotiated.

xiii. *Other Info*

1. OA Museum – Few responses have been made. Lodges are asked to bring some things that represent their lodge's history to put on display for the weekend. For more information, contact the organizer at dstuffohio@aol.com
2. Saturday Dinner Theme: Dinner on Saturday will have an Amish theme. Come prepared to dress accordingly to match the dining hall's décor.
3. Flag Raising: Lodges are needed to volunteer to raise and lower the flags. Onondaga, Cuyahoga, Marnoc, and Nendawen all volunteered to take care of one of the flag ceremonies.
4. Conclave Informational Booklet: The deadline for submission of things to be included in the booklet is May 1. Please make submissions to Chris Canning.
5. Totem Poles: Lodges should have received information regarding how to construct the individual Totem segments. If you have not, contact Ray Czech.
6. Calendar for the 2005-2006 C-4A Year:
 1. COC: September 10, 2005 at Camp Stambaugh (near Youngstown) hosted by Wapashuwi Lodge
 2. COC: November, 2005 at Camp Lazarus (During ALTC)
 3. COC: January 14, 2006 in either Cambridge or Wheeling
 4. COC: April 8, 2006 at Camp Mountaineer (Conclave On-Site) hosted by Menawngihella Lodge

Please bring lodge calendars to Conclave for 2006 so any potential overlaps can be taken care of now.

b. **CVC Teleconferences**

- i. A CVC teleconference was held recently and minutes were emailed. Please watch your emails at the beginning of May for another CVC teleconference to occur around that time.

Closing Remarks

Section Chief Sean McCabe: The training this weekend was great, special thanks to Tony Antonini and Kyle Dorsey for their hard work.

Section Vice Chief Shane Miller: Make the last month count, it's the home stretch.

Associate Section Advisor Brian Seeton: Make it a project to get people to Conclave. It is an effort that will pay off. Enthusiasm for the OA goes a long way towards membership retention and Conclave is a great way to get enthusiasm. Also, submit Crazy Auction ideas to CVC of Special Events Richard Fallon.

Section Advisor Ray Czech: The patch is very neat, let's make the Conclave live up to it. Officer elections will be Sunday morning, nomination forms are due at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2005 to Ray Czech. They will not be accepted afterwards.

Adjournment

Steve Volk made a motion to adjourn and Zach Thuring seconded. The motion passed unanimously and was closed at 2:14 p.m.