Tiwahe Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DATE 2/11/19

1. **Call to Order: 7:00 pm**
2. **Opening** 
   1. Pledge (Led by Chief)
   2. Obligation (Led by Acting Vice Chief)
   3. Prayer (Led by Fredrick Persons)
3. **Attendance** (Secretary) - Announcement was made by Lodge Secretary to remind LEC members to verify that they are on the email lists and that their contact information is correct. Please make sure that all Arrowmen are staying in contact with each other for both planning and promotion purposes.

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| Lodge Officers |  |  |  |
| Chief—Patrick Laff  Advisor— Kevin Burg | YY | **Secretary—Logan Vossler**  **Advisor- Doris McCarthy** | YN |
| Vice Chief— Brian Legal  Advisor—Tyler Ellison | Y  Y | **Treasurer—Elijah Ordone**  Advisor—Greg Kwik | YY |
| Chapter Chiefs |  |  |  |
| Bitani—Spencer Wells  Advisor—McOrin Lima | YY | **Naabaahii—Marco Ricci**  **Advisor—Valerie Babbe** | NN |
| Chippewa—Clinton Alden  Advisor—N/A | NN | **Shash-Tsoh—Christopher Sulier**  **Advisor—Don Drzal** | YY |
| Elauwit—Elliot Houser  Advisor—Mr. Fiorenza | NN | **Wikyo—Nicholas Radtke**  **Advisor—Robert Chavis** | YN |
| Hadaazli-To—Austin Hollingsworth  Advisor—Tina Ninteman | YY | **YimMaYiap—N/A**  **Advisor— Steve Cline** | N |
| **Inyawaa— Bryan Bagnas Jr.**  Advisor—James Patch | YN | **Vigil Chief—Kyle Burg**  **Advisor—Bob Dixon**  **Asst Advisor—Lori Bogan** | NNN |
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| Activities— N/A  Advisor—Tyler Ellison | N | **Cub Scout Relations—Fredrick Persons**  **Advisor—Susan Abernethy** | YY |
| Camp Promotions—N/A  Advisor—N/A |  | **Membership—Benjamin Mowry**  **Advisor—Jerry Ennis** | YN |
| Ceremonies—Joshua Persons  Advisor—Dennis Hunt | YY | **American Indian Activities—Bradford Lehmann**  **Advisor—Mike Ewens** | Y  Y |
| Communications—Dyllian Shaun  Advisor—Tracy Schultze | NN | **Service—Nick Pira**  **Advisor—John Ninteman** | NY |
| SURGE—N/A  Advisor—N/A |  | **Staff Advisor—Derek Hartley** | N |

1. **Minutes:** January minutes were reviewed**.** No amendments were made. Minutes were passed unanimously as approved.
2. **Lodge Finance Report:** (Elijah)- The January 2019 Finance Report was given and showed an increase in the overall balance.

The Lodge Account for NOAC was closed and the money moved to other accounts due to an error in communication. The NOAC Account will be reopened promptly in order to continue raising funds for the 2020 NOAC and Michigan State University.

1. **Chapter Reports:** All chapters are to send chapter reports to Lodge Secretary.

**Logan Vossler at** [**loganjvossler@gmail.com**](mailto:loganjvossler@gmail.com)

Forms can be found on the Lodge resource page at: [**http://hawkpower.weebly.com/resources.html**](http://hawkpower.weebly.com/resources.html)

*Chapters-please send in reports or bring copies to the LEC meeting.*

**\*These Chapter Reports will be important in earning points to work toward earning the Chapter of the Year Award at the 2019 Lodge Banquet. Please make sure that ALL Chapter Chiefs are turning in Monthly Chapter Meeting Reports.**

1. **Committee Reports:**
   1. **Activities:** (Brian) - Be sure to promote Spring Encampment within your chapters. March 4th is the closing date for registration. Please sign-up either by this date or earlier. It is important to understand how many Arrowmen will be attending in order to plan meals and activities.

(An Activities Committee Chair is still needed for the 2019 year.)

* 1. **Ceremonies:** (Joshua) –Chapter Chiefs need to verify that their ordeal and callout ceremony teams are practicing and ready for the ordeals. In order to have effective and meaningful ordeal experiences for these new Arrowmen WE must make the effort to plan and practice.
  2. **Communications** (Brian) - Continue to promote new activities. Be sure to check the website for any new information, registrations and events.

(Patrick) – The new Communications Chairman for 2019 is Dyllian Shaun. **Reminder:** There are still two more committee positions that must be filled! (Elections and Elangomats)

Contact your Chapter Chief, Advisor, or the Lodge Chief if you are considering taking up one of these positions.

* 1. **Cub Scout Relations:** (Fredrick Persons) - The ceremonial candles for the AOLs were shown as primary ideas for how to “spice up the AOL ceremony” within the regulations from National. Despite this change in script, Packs all over the council are quite satisfied with the new ceremony. This means that it is important to be present, ready, and involved in these ceremonies in order to promote the OA.
  2. **Membership and Inductions**: (Ben) **-** As always we need to continue to promote paying dues and the events within in the Lodge, however as of now we are off to a great start within 220 active Arrowmen paying dues.

(Patrick) - It would be amazing to have at least over 60% of our members be active before we are halfway through the year. Let’s keep on working hard.

* 1. **Service:** (John Ninteman)**-** In Nick’s absence Mr. Ninteman explained the many possible service projects the Lodge will be doing in Mataguay during Spring Encampment such as, tree trimming/clearing overgrowing vegetation. (More information on service projects will be coming out soon). If any Arrowman has tools (loppers, shovels, mattocks, etc.) please bring them to Spring Encampment.

* 1. **Elections/Elangomats:** (Patrick) – The Election and Elangomat committees have been established, however we still do need Youth Chairmen for these positions. Talk with youth in your chapters to make them interesting in potentially filling these roles.
  2. **Cub Scout Relations (Revisited):** (Fredrick) – Passed out a sheet of paper highlighting 3 AOL/Bridging Ceremonies that **must be done!!** These Packs are outside of Naabaahii region and are currently searching for another chapter to perform their ceremonies.

**Chapter Chiefs: Please look at your schedules and consider aiding Naabaahii in doing these ceremonies.**

Schedule: -February 25th 6:30pm, Deer Canyon Elementary Library in Rancho Mesa. (Four boys bridging)

Representative: [lisa.thakkar@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.thakkar@gmail.com)

-Pack 614, March 4th Rancho Mesa 6-8pm.

Representative: [admiller76@gmail.com](mailto:admiller76@gmail.com) and [Matthew.Secrest@outlook.com](mailto:Matthew.Secrest@outlook.com)

-Pack 681, March 16th at Rancho Mesa.

Representative: [stevel0923@yahoo.com](mailto:stevel0923@yahoo.com)

(Mr. Ellison) - Use this time at other packs to show other helpful and fun aspects of the OA to the youth and the adults.

(Mr. Burg) - No matter what we as Arrowmen feel about the new ceremony it is **vital** that we do **not** show that during our ceremonies. Help the cub scouts and (in the future) newly inducted Arrowmen see the good of the OA.

* 1. **Elections:** (Patrick) – The Chapter Chiefs and Patrick discussed how elections were coming along as well as how may elections each chapter had done/plan on doing. It is important to have at least 50% of all Unit Elections completed by the beginning of March. If Chapters need help or guidance, ask your advisors or contact Patrick Laff.
  2. **American Indian Activities:** (Mr. Ewens) - I am proud to introduce the new Youth Chairman for AIA, Bradford Lehmann! (Bradford Lehmann) - AIA has some major goals such as, more active participation within the drummers and dancers of the Lodge, as well as an active role of AIA within the Chapters. If any Chapter would like to have a demonstration of AIA at their meeting please email Bradford or Mr. Ewens.

1. **Old Business-**
   1. **Elangomat Committee:** (Patrick) - The LEC still does not have a Committee Chairman for Elangomats, please talk with other Arrowmen to see if they would be interested in taking up this position.This committee will charge of Ordeal Elangomat follow-up for newly inducted members in order to help them reach brotherhood membership.
   2. **Yearly Pins:** (Patrick) - Yearly Pins will be discussed at the next LEC as more information comes in about them.
   3. **Elections:** There was a discussion of how Election Teams MUST get in contact with Crews and Ships. If the need arises, use the District Executive of the Council to find the adult leader contact information.

(Mr. Burg)- Remember that even if there are no youth who are eligible for the OA it still counts as an election on the records.

1. **New Business**
   1. **National Leadership Seminar (NLS):** (Ajay) - Ajay Kumar explained NLS and its premier role in the leadership training within the OA. It is extremely valuable in understanding how to work in a group and make decisions as a leader. In order to make sure that this program is successful, at least 25 more youth Arrowmen are recommended to attend. Without a solid attendance at the Western Region NLS this year, there is a risk that NLS will be terminated in the Western Region for at least the next couple of years. This is The Premier Leadership training in the OA that is very difficult to try to attend as time passes. It is recommended that all Arrowmen utilize this opportunity.

**Logistics:** March 22nd-24th

Camp Geronimo, Payson, AZ

(Patrick) – The Lodge will cover any and all registration costs for youth Arrowmen attending NLS, and will cover 50% of costs for Adults.

(Ajay) – Cards for NLS were passed out and explained. If an Arrowman recommends another youth to attend NLS, and they sign-up, then the Arrowman who suggested NLS can turn in the Card for a specially designed NLS Supporter Patch.

* 1. **Spring Encampment:** Patrick showed the rough draft of the Spring Encampment schedule.Registration at Mataguay will be open from 6-8pm on Friday. The Public LEC will be scheduled for 8-9pm Friday night. Saturday afternoon there will be a Lodge Brotherhood ceremony starting at 3:00pm. Be sure to promote this opportunity to your Chapters.

OACON: This concept will be a “convention style” event in which Arrowmen can learn what the committee members and chiefs of the LEC do in their roles. It will also highlight the upcoming events within the Lodge.

A discussion of how much service time should take place at Spring Encampment occurred. Pros (such as benefit to the camp), and cons (such as minimal exciting fun time) were addressed and considered.

Mr. Ninteman suggested at least 4 hours of service time based on the type of projects the Lodge has been requested to complete.

* 1. **2019 T-Shirt Designs:** (Patrick) - Due to the lack of submissions of new designs for T-Shirts (which were supposed to be turned in by February 6th), the concept of having new T-Shirt Design for 2019 was ended.
  2. **Chapter JTE:** (Patrick) - All Chapter Chiefs need to be aware of the Chapter JTE rubric for 2019. The point system was shown and discussed. Some major requirements for JTE include: Abnormal meetings, service projects, and attendance at Spring Encampment. If Chapter Chiefs or Advisors have any questions on the requirements for Chapter JTE contact Patrick Laff.
  3. **Scout Fair:** (Patrick) **-** This year Scout Fair will be held at El Capitan High School in Lakeside CA on April 6th. It will possibly include an overnight camping event the night before the 6th. The Lodge will use the OACON concept from Spring Encampment at Scout Fair to promote OA and its events. Tiwahe Lodge will continue to manage the refreshments stations this year.
  4. **Action Items:** (Patrick) - Chapter Chiefs need to coordinate elections with Crews and Ships (as well as troops) in their districts NOW. What we do now to prepare determines what we accomplish in the future.

Promote OA activities such as Spring Encampment (If any Arrowman would like a flyer for Spring Encampment contact Patrick Laff.

Begin to highlight the Brotherhood Ceremony at Spring Encampment and Brotherhood conversion overall throughout the year.

1. **Open Forum:**
   1. **Meme Page:** The possible idea of a “Tiwahe Lodge Meme Page” was discussed and tabled for the March LEC.
   2. **Lodge Backpacks/Trading Post:** (Patrick) – All trading post items including backpacks will be put up onto the online trading website.
   3. **AOL Ceremony Information:** The new information and scripts for the AOL Ceremonies and all others are on the website. Look there or contact the Ceremonies or Communications Chairmen for any needed information.
   4. **Spring Encampment Menu:** The need for a Spring Encampment menu was addressed by Ms. Ninteman. Patrick Laff assured the LEC that food plans will be planned and concrete long before Spring Encampment.
2. **Lodge Chief Minute:** Patrick -“At this point in the year we are off to an amazing start with membership, events, service, and more. Continue to promote Spring Encampment and shifts at Scout Fair (April 6th) Do not worry about T-Shirt Designs anymore.”
3. **Lodge Adviser’s Minute**: Mr. Burg -“As Patrick already said we are off to a great start. However as the year progresses we are going to need more participation and an active, fun program. And that program begins with the youth. Make this year what YOU want it to be, and work hard to achieve that.”

**13. Staff Adviser’s Minute**: Mr. Hartley-“You guys are great. Keep on working hard!”