Tiwahe Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DATE 1/14/19

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)

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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** | NY |
| 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** | YY |
| Hadaazli-To—Austin Hollingsworth  Advisor—Tina Ninteman | YY | **YimMaYiap—N/A**  **Advisor— Steve Cline** | NN |
| **Inyawaa— Bryan Bagnas Jr.**  Advisor—James Patch | YY | **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** | NN |
| Ceremonies—Joshua Persons  Advisor—Dennis Hunt | NY | **America Indian Activities—N/A**  **Advisor—Mike Ewens** | N |
| Communications/social media—N/A  Advisor—Tracy Schultze | Y | **Service—Nick Pira**  **Advisor—John Ninteman** | NY |
| SURGE—N/A  Advisor—N/A |  | **Staff Advisor—Derek Hartley** | Y |

1. **Minutes:** December minutes were reviewed**.** No amendments were made. Minutes were passed unanimously as approved.
2. **Lodge Finance Report:** (Elijah)- The December 2018 Finance Report was given and showed an increase in the overall balance.
3. **Chapter Reports:** All chapters are to send chapter reports to Lodge Secretary.

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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.*

1. **Committee Reports:**
   1. **Activities:** N/A—(An Activities Committee Chair is still needed for the 2019 year.)
   2. **Ceremonies**: (Joshua)-There will be several ceremonies coming up in the future. It advised that Chapter Chiefs form their ceremony teams as quickly as possible and have them practice the new ceremonial scripts.

(Patrick)- Due to Cub Scout Packs declining the new AOL Ceremony it is possible that packs can create their own ceremony, or that a petition for the return of the previous AOL Ceremony to be sent to National OA.

(Mr. Ellison)- Despite our disapproval or Cub Scout resistance to the new ceremonies it is important to recognize other opportunities to assist packs in their activities. Suggest to Pack Leaders other service projects and camping activities that could benefit the Cub Scouts in a new, effective way.

* 1. **Cub Scout Relations**: (Fredrick)- There is a list of ideas of how to make the new AOL Ceremonies more appealing that was created. Some concepts included colored candles, painted backdrop, memorization of script, etc. For the full page click here. Chapter Chiefs are highly encouraged to consider these possibilities and think of their own ways to “spice up the ceremony”.
  2. **Communications**: (Brian)- Pictures of the past 2018 Lodge Events, and new updates to the website will be added soon. Please be on the lookout for a new Communications Chairman. We need to fill this position for an effective, well-planned 2019 year.

* 1. **Membership and Inductions**: (Ben)- In Ben’s absence, the Chapter Dues Countsshowed how many dues-paying Arrowmen are in the Lodge.

Continue to promote our activities and get Arrowmen excited to come to them.

* 1. **Service**: (John Ninteman)**-** In Joey’s absence Mr. Ninteman addressed many service projects that will need to be completed throughout 2019.

**-**Mataguay Stage Build/Repair

**-**Camp Balboa Trails

Be ready for Spring Encampment coming up! We also need requests for any service projects we can complete within SDIC.

(Mr. Hartley)- Be on the lookout to help in some way for the TARP project up in Mataguay. This project is in the process of repairing and updating old/unsafe buildings and other areas in the upper section of Mataguay. It is vital that this project is completed swiftly in order for Wood Badge, NYLT, and other great scouting courses to be held.

(Brian and Patrick)- We NEED to fill in Committee positions for this 2019 year. Please keep in mind that these positions do not need to only have one person filling them, it is acceptable for them to have multiple people to serve as representatives of each committee at the LEC. Connect with people who have a talent or a desire to hold a position.

**Committee Positions That Need Filled:**

-Elections Chair

-Camp Promotions Chair

-Activities Chair

-Communications Chair

* 1. **SURGE**: N/A
  2. **Social Media**: N/A

Patrick announced the prizes of Gift Cards for chapters Shash-Tsoh, and Naabaahii for excellent attendance and table setting at the 2018 Lodge Banquet.

1. **Old Business-**
   1. **Progress on Goal #1:** (Patrick)- Chapter Chiefs be sure to organize and practice with your election and ceremony teams so that they can be ready to visit units within their district in the coming months.
   2. **Lodge Banquet SSC:** Discussions for how to improve the 2019 Lodge Banquet from last year’s took place. Some suggestions were to have a desert next year, and to have seconds be called out so that all Arrowmen are aware them.
   3. **January COC:** (Patrick)- The Theme for Conclave will be announced next month (February). When the Conclave Theme is released the Section will be accepting patch designs. These designs MUST be submitted before March 28th. The Arrowman who submits the winning design will be granted a scholarship for Conclave. This scholarship will allow this Arrowman to attend Conclave with no fees.

Tiwahe Lodge needs to start considering potential items to have as exciting things to sell at our Conclave Trading Post.

1. **New Business**
   1. **New Journey to Excellence Requirements:** Patrick explained the new 2019 requirements for JTE Gold.

Some major Changes: -Lodge must have 100% of Ordeal Candidates inducted.

-Lodge must have at least an 80% youth retention rate.

-Lodge must have a 43% youth eligible members become Brotherhood.

(Patrick)- Chapter Chiefs need to get in contact with new Venture units in order to work toward achieving this new JTE Gold.

The LEC will be creating a Chapter JTE Form for 2019. This will serve as a point system for Chapter of the Year Awards.

* 1. **Elangomat Committee Proposal:** (Patrick)- This committee could give the youth more chance for action and ability to be able to be trained as Elangomats and follow-up with their Ordeal Members to ensure more Brotherhood Conversion and activation rates.

The discussion of pros and cons of this new committee took place.

Pros: Will be beneficial for Brotherhood conversion and better trained Elangomats.

Cons: It may cause confusion between Chapter and Lodge activities and duties of Elangomats. It may take away from the duties of the Chapter Chiefs and Advisors.

* 1. **Spring Encampment:** Discussions of potential activities and service to do during the weekend in order to increase attendance.

Ideas: -LEC will be held at Spring Encampment

-Organize small, mobile meals for crews doing service during lunch.

- Extend Spring Encampment in order to fit in more fun activities.

-Could hold an Elangomat Training for the upcoming Ordeals.

(Mr. Ninteman)- How much fun and time the Lodge will have all depends on the amount of service time we are requested to accomplish.

(Patrick)- Chapter Chiefs please discuss these ideas with your Chapters and email them to Patrick Laff no later than **February 6th**)

* 1. **Calendar for 2019 Ordeals:** (Patrick)

May 10th-11th: Naabaahii/Inyawaay

May 17th-18th: Shash-Tsoh/Chippewa

May 31st- Jun 1st: Bitani, Elauwit, and Hadazzli-To

August 23rd-24th: Yim Ma Yiap, Kashinni, Pishck

Sept 13th-14th: Lodge Ordeal

* 1. **Trading Post Expansion:** The discussion of whether or not to establish an online trading post for Tiwahe Lodge through a third party website continued from its start in the December LEC.

Pros: Will give more options for new merchandise such as backpacks, T-Shirts, etc.

After the discussion of the installation of an Online Trading Post a motion was carried to approve of the concept. The vote to install the Online Trading Post passed unanimously.

The motion to design a 2019 OA Tiwahe Lodge Pin passed unanimously.

(Patrick)- Brainstorm ideas for new lodge T-shirt designs. They MUST be submitted by February 6th.

* 1. **Action Items:** (Patrick)- Chapter Chiefs need to coordinate elections with units in their districts NOW. What we do now to prepare determines what we accomplish in the future.

Be sure to submit patch designs for Conclave!

Promote OA activities such as Spring Encampment.

1. **Open Forum:**
   1. (Ajay Kumar)- Announced and recognized Tiwahe Lodge’s 14th Vigil Honor Candidate: Brian Magnuson, and congratulated all Vigil Candidates present.
   2. **DYLC/NLS:** Section W6W National Leadership Seminar will be held March 22nd-24th at Camp Geronimo in Payson Arizona. This is THE premier leadership training within the OA that has been revitalized and restructured its curriculum. It is highly encouraged that all Arrowmen, Youth and Adult, who are available, to attend this course.

This is a course that provides a look into leadership in a new and interesting way than all other leadership courses.

Chapter Chiefs: Please be sure to promote NLS during your meetings. The Lodge will cover the registration fees for ALL youth who attend NLS. For adults the Lodge will only cover a partial registration fee.

Carpooling with other Arrowmen is strongly encouraged so as to not incur any unnecessary transportation costs other than fuel.

* 1. **Philmont OA Service:** In March there will be an OA service opportunity at Philmont Scout ranch to repair trails and other important items within the area of Philmont damaged by the fires. The dates and logistics are on the OA National Website.

1. **Lodge Chief Minute:** Patrick-“This year is going to be filled with hard work and busy times in order to maintain the momentum we gained. Please ask questions if you need help from the Lodge to plan meetings, events, service projects, elections, etc. If we work together we can improve the Lodge on every level.”
2. **Lodge Adviser’s Minute**: Mr. Burg-“We are off to a great start in 2019! This new JTE Gold will be difficult be it is achievable. Just keep on promoting, and be enthusiastic about what we do. Show the new Arrowmen how this new avenue of scouting can help them and be more than they ever expected.”

As a thank you and farewell to the 2018 Tiwahe Lodge Chief Ajay Kumar, Mr. Burg recognized Ajay for all his hard work in leading the Lodge through everything and accomplishing more than we thought we could do. Ajay received a gift as a reminder of his success at Tiwahe Lodge as he goes on to be the W6W Section Chief for 2019.

**13. Staff Adviser’s Minute**: Mr. Hartley-“Be sure to promote NLS and the Philmont Service days. Finally on June 26th-30th there is a OA Hackathon to inspire technology driven youth to incorporate technology and other tools into the Lodge. Thank you for an good 2018. Let’s make it happen!”