Tiwahe Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DATE 5/13/19

1. **Call to Order: 7:00 pm**
2. **Opening** 
   1. Pledge (Led by Lodge Chief)
   2. Obligation (Led by Lodge Vice Chief)
   3. Prayer (Led by Fredrick Persons)
3. **Attendance** (Secretary)

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| Lodge Officers |  |  |  |
| Chief—Patrick Laff  Advisor— Kevin Burg | YN | **Secretary—Logan Vossler**  **Advisor- Doris McCarthy** | YY |
| Vice Chief— Brian Legal  Advisor—Tyler Ellison | Y  N | **Treasurer—Elijah Ordone**  Advisor—Greg Kwik | YY |
| Chapter Chiefs |  |  |  |
| Bitani—Damon Gallegos  Advisor—McOrin Lima | NY | **Naabaahii—Marco Ricci**  **Advisor—Valerie Babbe** | NY |
| Chippewa—N/A  Advisor—N/A |  | **Shash-Tsoh—Christopher Sulier**  **Advisor—Don Drzal** | NY |
| Elauwit—Elliot Houser  Advisor—Mr. Fiorenza | NN | **Wikyo—Nicholas Radtke**  **Advisor—Robert Chavis** | YY |
| Hadaazli-To—Austin Hollingsworth  Advisor—Tina Ninteman | YY | **YimMaYiap—Damian Collins**  **Advisor— N/A** | Y |
| **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** | YN |
| Ceremonies—Joshua Persons  Advisor—Dennis Hunt | YY | **American Indian Activities—Bradford Lehmann**  **Advisor—Mike Ewens** | Y  Y |
| Communications—Dyllian Shaun  Social Media—Spencer Wells  Advisor—Tracy Schultze | NNN | **Service—Nick Pira**  **Advisor—John Ninteman** | YY |
| SURGE—N/A  Advisor—N/A |  | **Staff Advisor—Derek Hartley** | Y |

1. **General Announcements:** (Patrick) – All new 13 Vigil Honor Members were asked to stand up and be recognized for their achievements.

By the June or July LEC meeting the **NOAC 2020** contingent will begin planning their trip. NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) is a national week-long event with fun activities, training sessions, and time to grow in the OA. In 2020 it will be taking place at **Michigan State University**. All LEC Officers are encouraged to start planning and talking with Arrowmen in their chapters about the opportunities at NOAC. More information is still coming in regarding exact dates, sessions, activities, etc. for this event.

1. **Minutes:** (Logan) – The March LEC Minutes were approved unanimously by the LEC with no alterations.

The April LEC Minutes were approved unanimously with no alterations.

1. **Lodge Finance Report:** (Elijah) – The Finance Report for the month of April was given and approved by the LEC unanimously.
2. **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.*

**Hadaazli-To-Chapter meeting highlighting the police force and demonstrations of anti-terrorist dogs.**

**YimMaYiap-Patrick announced Damian Collins as the new 2019 chapter chief for YimMaYiap.**

**Mr. Ninteman announced that there is a new page on the Lodge Website for chapter meeting ideas to be posted and used by all Chiefs to organize active meetings.**

**\*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) – Spring Encampment and the first ordeal went very well. Keep up the good work throughout the year.
   2. **Ceremonies:** (Joshua) –The first ordeal was very successful in its ceremonies and service, be sure to keep up that momentum as the next ordeals are planned. The second ordeal will be at Camp Fiesta Island from May 10th-11th. **Help is needed** for this ordeal since this is our largest amount of candidates this year.

Mr. Hartley – Be sure to register early for all events in order to allow time for logistical planning to take place.

* 1. **Communications** (Brian) – Website is has been updated. Please be sure to encourage all Arrowmen to come to meetings and events. **A new communications chairman is still needed.** This position is vital to maintaining the Lodge Website and organizing information for events.
  2. **Cub Scout Relations:** (Fredrick) – Nothing to report for this meeting.
  3. **Membership and Inductions**: (Ben) **–** The Lodge currently has 94 dues-paying Arrowmen. In order to achieve growth in this area we will need over a 100% increase. There is still plenty of time left in the year to reach out to inactive Arrowmen and encourage them to become involved in our activities. There are also 153 Brotherhood eligible members in the Lodge. Make sure that they are aware and able to make Brotherhood ceremonies throughout the year.

Mr. Malaney – The JTE lists are not accurate for the month of May. In the June LEC they must be updated in order to have correct numbers regarding dues, membership, etc. in the Lodge.

Ms. Abernethy – Registration lists for Spring Encampment experienced multiple miscommunications regarding Brotherhood ceremonies, dates, and times. There has been great confusion from new candidates regarding registration for ordeals as well.

Patrick – In response to Ms. Abernethy’s concern, the problem will be discussed and fixed promptly by Patrick and Mr. Burg.

Mr. Malaney – Suggested that in order to have accurate registration numbers for these events , the chapters or group executing them should be sure to organize the paperwork to ease the strain on the Lodge to fix these problems.

Ben Mowry announced that due to a very busy schedule this was his last LEC for the year. The new Membership Chairman, Conor Youngblood will be taking up the role for the rest of the 2019 year.

* 1. **Service:** (Nick) **–** Trail post were dug and planted along the Balboa Range Trail during Spring Encampment. Before any service projects or Ordeals are planned, all Chapter Chiefs and Advisors MUST communicate with the camp Rangers. Simply “winging it” during the event causes problems with the schedule. Have an approved plan before any Ordeals or encampments occur in order to ensure success.

Mr. Ninteman – Possible Service Projects:

-Finish Balboa Trail fencing

-Install Mataguay amphitheater control room

-Clean-up of Vigil Fire Pit with new Vigil Candidates.

* 1. **Elections:**  – Patrick encouraged all LEC members to find any new Arrowmen who may be interested in taking up the Elections Chairman position.
  2. **Elangomats:** – Patrick once again stated that an Elangomat committee chairman needs to be found soon. All Elangomats from previous ordeals and upcoming ones need to stay in contact with their candidates and encourage them to make the step toward Brotherhood membership. This will fulfill the requirements of the Elangomat award.
  3. **American Indian Activities:** (Bradford) – Reminder that every Tuesdays there are drumming practices at 6:00pm. They take place at Camp Balboa in the Hogan.

Ajay Kumar – Chapter Chiefs need to not simply make an announcement about the activities outside the chapter but also incentivize them and make sure that their Arrowmen are getting active and seeing the opportunities that the Lodge offers.

A possible new (or secondary) location for the drumming practice sessions could be in North County in order to incentivize Arrowmen farther away to attend these sessions.

1. **Old Business-**
   1. **Spring Encampment:** Patrick led a SSC discussion on events at this past Spring Encampment in order to improve the event for next year.

**Starts: -**Should it take place in March or April?

**-**Should it take place at Mataguay or Camp Balboa next year?

**-**Have Arrowmen start registering earlier in order to plan.

**-**Start having activities such as lodgeball and chapter games.

**Stops:** -Stop combining chapter campsites.

**Continues:** - Having a movie night.

**-**OACon event, drumming, loom making.

**-**Booking Tacocart Catering Services.

1. **New Business**

Patrick released all Chapters to discuss their Ordeal plans and how they can improve upon them.

* 1. **Ordeal #1 Naabaahii/InyaWaay May 10th-11th: (**SSC)

**Starts: -**Plan back-up service projects.

**-**Need to have more Elangomats helping out.

**-**Start having Elangomat and Election Team Training at LLD.

-Start having incentives, such as rewards, for Elangomat services.

-**Start having smaller ordeals?**

**Stops:** -Stop the lack of communication between Camp Rangers and Chapters.

**Continues:** -Continue effectively handling situations.

* 1. **Ordeal #2 Shas-Tsoh/Chippewa May 17th-18th:**

Mr. Drzal announced that Ordeal #2 is the Lodge’s biggest ordeal this year and as a result needs up with service projects as well as volunteers for Elangomats. There will also be a Brotherhood Ceremony at 3:00pm. For more information, check the Lodge website.

Mr. Hartley suggested that new candidates could be spread out more evenly across the ordeals in order to prevent massive ordeals in the future.

* 1. **Ordeal #3 Bitani/Elauwit/Hadazzli-To May 31st-June 1st:** Due to a lack of time left in the meeting, Discussions on plans of Ordeal #3 were cut short. However Chapter Chiefs and Advisors assured Lodge leadership that plans were being solidified.
  2. **Summer Event:** (Patrick) – Ideas as to what the Summer Event should be are still being discussed. However registration will open up soon on the Lodge Website as ideas and information come in.

Hadaazli-To suggested a possibility for chapters to have a visit from OFF in August. They will be featuring their K.9 Unit.

* 1. **Constitution Revamp:** (Patrick) – Stated that the time for a change of Tiwahe Lodge Policies is potentially here. This is due to its vagueness regarding Chapter Awards and regulations. In order for Chapters have clear and attainable goals these changes must be made.

Mr. Malaney – In response to this Mr. Malaney stated that the vagueness of the Chapter Awards Policies was intentional in order to spark greater improvement within each Chapter.

The process for making alterations to the Lodge Policies is long and requires many steps and time.

New ideas for a special Elangomat Award Ghost Patch were discussed. If an Elangomat has 50%-75% of his or her candidates reach Brotherhood they could receive this patch.

1. **Open Forum:**
   1. (Fredrick) – Asked if any Arrowman had seen his lost NOAC 2018 Water Bottle during Ordeal #1. No confirmations were made.
   2. (Nick) – Asked about the status of Lodge backpacks. Mr. Malaney replied with a confirmation that he will send in some potential examples. There must be a balance between storage capacity and style. An example of the National Jamboree backpacks will be brought to the June LEC to provide some guidelines as to what the LEC is looking for in the backpack.

The new T-Shirts and backpacks will be available online by the end of May.

* 1. (Mr. Mowry) – Announced that there was a lost boot left at the first ordeal. Lastly he thanked all the volunteers and ceremony teams for their assistance in making the weekend a successful ordeal.
  2. (Mr. Patch) – Suggested that in the future Ordeal Taskmasters attempt to implement the EDGE method in how they communicate in order to be efficient and effective.

1. **Lodge Chief Minute:** Patrick – “So far this year is looking good. We are doing well in some areas, and still struggling in others. Continue to put energy into these events and keep on working hard.”
2. **Acting Lodge Adviser’s Minute**: Mr. Cervantes – “Thank you to the adults on the first ordeal for organizing everything and finding Elangomats. Please be sure to find the contact information of every candidate in order to keep them active.”

Ajay Kumar made a quick note on this year’s upcoming Conclave at Imperial Valley College. He encouraged all LEC members to step up and take an active role in explaining what Conclave is to other Arrowmen and especially targeting new Arrowmen in order to help them see the great opportunities and experiences our organization provides.

**13. Staff Adviser’s Minute**: Mr. Hartley – “Depending on the amount of Arrowmen register for Conclave the Lodge may have a bus for transportation. Thank you for the help at the first ordeal. After the meeting I will be handing out Padres hats. Since going to a Padres game could be a potential summer event please be sure to take one to take to your Chapters in order to promote it.”