

Minutes
NE-6A Council of Chiefs
March 23, 2013
Camp William B. Snyder

1. Call to Order
 - a. Zach Dowell opened the meeting at 9:00am with the pledge of allegiance and the obligation.
2. Roll call
 - a. Present:
 - i. Section
 1. Zach Dowell, section vice-chief
 2. Tony Roman, associate section adviser
 3. Geoff Thomas, section staff adviser designate
 4. Ed Wedman, section adviser
 - ii. Amangamek-Wipit
 1. Rick Ahlberg, lodge adviser
 2. Davis Kellog, lodge vice-chief
 3. Patrick O'Connor, conclave co-chair
 4. Ben Press, lodge vice-chief
 5. Kyle Raffensperger, lodge chief
 6. Patrick Rooney
 7. Brad Scales, conclave adviser
 8. Andrew Widmann, conclave co-chair
 - iii. Nentego
 1. Victor Gregory, lodge adviser
 2. Kellen Tangora, lodge vice-chief
 - iv. Nentico
 1. Mike Clark, associate lodge adviser
 2. Colin Ganley, lodge chief
 3. Zach Sager, lodge vice-chief
 - b. Absent:
 - i. Section
 1. Liam Berti, section secretary
 2. Nathan Clark, section staff adviser
 3. Brandon Gawel, section chief
 - ii. Black Eagle
 1. Carlos Lopez, lodge adviser
 2. Jake Whitteny, lodge chief
 - iii. Te'kening
 1. Walker Green, lodge chief
 2. Allen Thorpe, lodge adviser
3. Lodge Reports
 - a. Amangamek-Wipit
 - b. Nentego
 - c. Nentico

4. JTE – Zach Dowell asked how the lodges are progressing
 - a. Amangamek-Wipit – Not sure. Did not make brotherhood conversion or positive growth in 2012, and these will be a challenge again in 2013.
 - b. Nentego – Achieved silver in 2012. Developing a plan for gold in 2013.
5. Conclave
 - a. Training
 - i. Zach Dowell reported that several syllabi are in hand, but more are needed.
 - ii. A backup will likely be needed for the International Scouting session that Black Eagle had volunteered to lead. Some discussion indicated that Wipit might cover this session.
ACTION: Zach Dowell will follow-up.
 - b. Vendors – Wipit requested approval to recruit vendors of outdoor products to give demos. This would be demos only – no sales.
DECISION: The consensus of the CoC was that this was OK.
 - c. Menu – Wipit reported that the menu is being finalized.
 - d. Competitions
 - i. Wipit reported that the pool will not be open, but water activities may take place in the lake.
 - ii. Ed Wedman asked if lodges will be providing judges and organizers.
 - iii. Zach Dowell answered YES and stated that it would be preferable to have adult judges and organizers so that more youth would be free to compete.
 - iv. Adviser Cook-off
 1. Mike Clark asked about the parameters of the adviser cook-off.
 2. Zach responded that cook-off rules will be provided, but competitors should expect to have to incorporate a surprise ingredient.
 3. Andrew Widmann asked if the cook-off could make enough food for more tastings than just the judges.
 4. Rick Ahlberg stated that refrigeration and reheating facilities might be needed.
 5. Brad Scales said that those facilities can probably be arranged.
 6. Tony Roman asked who is organizing the cook-off.
 7. Zach Dowell replied that Nentico Lodge will organize.
 - v. Andrew Widmann said that each lodge participating in a ceremonies competitions should provide a judge. **DEADLINE: May 4 is the deadline to enter the ceremonies competitions.** Intentions to compete should be communicated to Wipit no later than that date.
 - e. Rededication – Wipit reported that there will be one per honor.
 - f. Patch Auction

- i. Ed Wedman said that if many patches are donated, they should be grouped into lots so that the auction won't take too long.
 - ii. Brad Scales said that the plan is to sell most items via a silent auction that will run all day. Only the most popular items will be sold in an interactive auction in the evening.
 - iii. Tony Roman said that is a good plan, but it will be important to communicate that donations are needed earlier in the weekend.
 - iv. Rick Ahlberg suggested setting a cutoff time for donations with any donations received after the cutoff being held for 2014.
 - v. Wipit asked if the silent auction will have any youth/adult division.
 - vi. Zach Dowell suggested selling some items to youth only and others to both youth and adults. **DECISION: The consensus of the CoC was that this should be the plan.**
 - g. Event Patch(es)
 - i. Andrew Widmann described several design options.
 - ii. Ed Wedman asked about the cost.
 - iii. Andrew Widmann replied that the intent is to choose whichever design fits within the already approved budget.
 - h. Invited Guests
 - i. Zach Dowell reported that the National Chief and the Northeast Region Chief will attend and that the National Vice-Chief might attend.
 - ii. Brad Scales reported that cabin accommodations will be available at Snyder starting Thursday evening.
 - iii. Tony Roman asked if Wipit would provide sheets, blankets, pillows, towels for the invited guests in order to reduce their luggage load.
 - iv. **ACTION: Brad Scales replied that Wipit would fulfill this request.**
 - i. Registration - Current count is a little behind this time in 2012.
 - j. Conclave Flaps
 - i. Wipit reported that they did not know about this.
 - ii. Zach Dowell explained that the CoC requested that each lodge make a flap, but ultimately each lodge must make its own decision to participate or not.
 - k. Saturday Evening Entertainment
 - i. Zach Dowell said that each lodge should bring a food item and should let Wipit know in advance what will be brought.
 - ii. Rick Ahlberg asked that a notification deadline be set.
 - iii. **DEADLINE: Zach Dowell responded: April 27.**
 - l. Trading Post
 - i. Zach Dowell encouraged visiting lodges to bring lodge inventory.
 - ii. Wipit asked for advance notice of what items will be sold.

- iii. Wipit asked if it is possible to get Black Eagle to send some lodge flaps.
- iv. Tony Roman said that a Black Eagle contingent is unlikely.
- v. Wipit asked if we can get some Black Eagle flaps anyway.
- vi. **ACTION: Tony Roman responded that he would ask Black Eagle.**
- vii. Nentego asked if lodges providing TP inventory should also provide TP staff.
- viii. Answer: YES.
- m. New Brotherhood Ceremony
 - i. Need to schedule a time. Format (live or video) TBD.
 - ii. Patrick Rooney suggested video format running on continuous loop for a significant fraction of the day.
 - iii. **DECISION: The consensus of the CoC was to implement Patrick Rooney's suggestion.**
- n. At this point, the CoC recessed for a tour of Camp Snyder. After the tour was complete, the CoC reconvened.
- o. Camperships
 - i. **DECISION: The CoC voted unanimously to add Order of the Arrow Jamboree Staff to the list of acceptable activities for which section campership support may be requested.**
 - ii. **DEADLINE: The CoC extended the campership application deadline to May 4.**
- p. 2014 Conclave
 - i. Te'kening was to host the 2014 conclave, but that will not happen now that Te'kening is moving to a new section.
 - ii. Nentego would have been next in line for 2015, so it was suggested that Nentego move forward to 2014.
 - iii. Nentego expressed a preference to remain in 2015.
 - iv. Nentico make a tentative offer to host 2014 contingent on further approval by wider lodge and council leadership.
- q. 2013-2014 CoC Meeting Dates
 - i. This discussion was tabled pending later confirmation that Nentico will host the 2014 conclave.
- 6. Closing
 - a. Zach Dowell and Ed Wedman gave closing remarks.
 - b. Zach Dowell closed the meeting with the OA song at 12:30pm