



Section C-5A
Central Region
Order of the Arrow
Boy Scouts of America

Minutes of the Section C-5A Council of Chiefs, November 16, 2005

- I. Opening
 - a. Meeting was opened by Drew Behn, Section Chief.
 - b. Roll call
 - i. Section Key-5
 1. Drew Behn, Section Chief
 2. Alex Ast, Section Vice-Chief (by phone)
 3. Eric Svingen, Section Secretary
 4. Doug Heller, Section Adviser
 - ii. Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge, Jayhawk Area Council (Topeka)
 1. Nathan Huerter, Lodge Chief (by phone)
 2. David Ast, Lodge Adviser (by phone)
 - iii. Golden Sun Lodge, Cornhusker Council (Lincoln)
 1. Seth Bingham, Lodge Chief
 2. Russ Votava, Lodge Adviser
 - iv. Kidi Kidish Lodge, Coronado Area Council (Salina)
 1. Andrew Duggan, Lodge Secretary (by phone)
 2. Andy Duggan, Assistant Lodge Adviser (by phone)
 - v. Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge, Mid-America Council (Omaha)
 1. Stephen Wilke, Lodge Chief (by phone)
 - vi. Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi Lodge, Overland Trails Council (Grand Island)
 1. Chris Beaty, Lodge Chief (by phone)
 2. Dave Osborne, Lodge Adviser (by phone)

- c. Eric Svingen read the minutes from the previous meeting. There were no objections to the minutes as presented to the COC.

II. Old Business

a. CVC Proposal

- i. Drew Behn read his proposal for a system of Conclave Vice Chiefs. A few CVCs will handle specific areas of the section conclave. Each year, the CVC positions will be changed depending on the host lodge's needs. With the approval of the section chief, the host lodge would appoint CVCs. In 2006, we would have a CVC of Activities, a CVC of Shows, and also a Section Conclave Coordinator who would serve as a liaison between the COC and service lodge.
- ii. Eric Svingen suggested changing the Training Committee Chair position to a CVC position. This was agreed on and added to the proposal.
- iii. Andy Duggan said CVCs would be specific people, not lodges. Their lodges or other Arrowmen would help them. For example, someone within Golden Sun might be CVC of Shows because Golden Sun has a good ceremony team. CVCs could be lodge chiefs.
- iv. The motion to adapt this proposal was put to a vote, and passed unanimously.

b. Online Registration

- i. Drew Behn brought up the possibility of implementing online registration at the 2006 conclave.
- ii. Eric Svingen discussed visiting the W-4C Conclave in Arizona, and its successful use of the SectionMaster online registration system. With SectionMaster, the section could allow lodge chiefs and others involved in planning to look up current registrations at any time. If lodges wanted to add their own travel fees, SectionMaster could collect additional money from a particular lodge's members.
- iii. Doug Heller said he had seen an example of SectionMaster a few years ago, and would have to look at a current version.
- iv. The COC decided to table discussion until the next COC in March.

c. NLS Scholarships

- i. Drew Behn said the conclave was financially productive, so the section will again offer two \$50 NLS scholarships to each lodge. Four of the five lodges used these scholarships in the past year. If lodges don't receive this within the next month, they should contact Drew Behn or Doug Heller.

- d. NOAC Paperwork

- i. Drew Behn asked if lodges had received their NOAC paperwork. No lodges had.

- e. Section Committee Chairmen

- i. One Day of Service Committee

- 1. Eric Svingen said there is no need for a One Day Committee if no lodges are interested in participating.
 - 2. Seth Bingham said Golden Sun is interested if the Central Region continues the program.
 - 3. Doug Heller said whether this program continues will likely be a topic at the Section Officer Seminar in December, and we should wait for the Central Region's decision.

- ii. High Adventure Promotion Committee

- 1. Doug Heller said this position is still key. We had lots of people participate in national high adventure events thanks to Chris Bolton and Drew Dougherty. This job includes distributing promotional materials to lodge chiefs and helping them get the word out to lodge members.
 - 2. Alex Ast and Seth Bingham will send Doug Heller the names of lodge members who might fill this position.

III. New Business

- a. Lodge Reports

- i. Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge, Jayhawk Area Council (Topeka)

- 1. Nathan Huerter reported it is set for Quality Lodge, with 355 members. This is an increase of 50 members from 2004 and the most in the past decade. Dzie-Hauk Tonga has carried out 1750 service hours, and has a brotherhood conversion rate of 36%. The lodge will

be holding its LLD the weekend of November 18, and sent five members to the NLS in Missouri on November 11.

ii. Golden Sun Lodge, Cornhusker Council (Lincoln)

1. Seth Bingham reported that Golden Sun inducted over 100 new members at the Fall Pow-Wow. The lodge has 400 members and experienced positive membership growth in 2005. Golden Sun had the largest traveling contingent to the Section Conclave, and received awards for best newsletter and best website. In October the lodge volunteered and held its LLD at Doane College. On November 11, Seth and six lodge members attended the NLS in Missouri. The lodge has set goals for 2006, namely Quality Lodge status and camp promotion. Golden Sun has met requirements for Quality Lodge.

iii. Kidi Kidish Lodge, Coronado Area Council (Salina)

1. Andrew Douggan reported the lodge held a successful OA/Vigil Dinner in Abilene a few weekends ago. On November 11 he and three scouters attended the NLS in Missouri. The lodge's OA Banquet is January 7, 2006.

iv. Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge, Mid-America Council (Omaha)

1. Stephen Wilke reported the lodge held its Fall Fellowship/Vigil Weekend the weekend of October 21. Attendance was well up, and the lodge put on quality training and programs. Vigil went well also. Three members attended the NLS in Missouri on November 11. Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut will hold its LDC on November 19, and has lots of quality trainers lined up. Quality Lodge has been met. The lodge website is being re-constructed and updated under a new chair and adviser. The lodge is turning its focus to unit elections in January.

v. Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi Lodge, Overland Trails Council (Grand Island)

1. Chris Beaty reported the lodge held its Fall Fellowship the weekend of September 23. Its LLD is November 4-5. The lodge held a planning conference and revamped its budget. Once 12 members pay their dues, Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi will meet Quality Lodge requirements.

- b. Quality Lodge Petitions
 - i. Doug Heller said Quality Lodge petitions are officially due December 31. However, that's a Saturday so aim to have them received by December 30.
- c. Lodge Assistance Program
 - i. Alex Ast said to keep with our rotation schedule, Grand Island must be visited this year, along with either Omaha or Lincoln.
 - ii. Doug Heller said the lodge assistance program consists of a meeting lasting around two hours. The section talks to youth and advisers in the lodge about its progress in meeting Quality Lodge requirements and putting on a good program. Though the section is coming in, the lodge chief runs the meeting. Alex Ast will be forwarding some materials to lodge chiefs to help them form an agenda. This is a tremendous benefit to the lodge and section because it's a free exchange of ideas.
 - iii. Alex Ast discussed possible dates with Chris Beaty, Seth Bingham, and Stephen Wilke. All involved agreed to explore holding three meetings, not two. Possible dates would be December 11 at Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi's LEC in Grand Island, February 26 at Golden Sun's LEC in Walton, and May 7 at Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut's conclave near Fremont.
 - iv. All involved will check their calendars and Alex Ast will finalize a plan.
- d. High Adventure Promotion
 - i. Drew Behn said the national committee will be sending out promotion for NOAC and high adventure programs shortly. Look for some materials on the national webpage.
- e. Operations Update 5-10
 - i. Drew Behn said the Guide for Officers and Advisers is now online in PDF format. Hard copies will no longer be available for purchase. The Field Operations Guide has been online for some time.
- f. Leadership in Service Award
 - i. Drew Behn said forms for the Leadership in Service Award are now available. Lodge Chiefs should be sure to get paperwork submitted.
- g. Section Webpage

