



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

Minutes of the Section C-5A Council of Chiefs, March 26, 2006

- 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
 3. Eric Svingen, Section Secretary
 4. Doug Heller, Section Adviser
 5. Bob Holston, Associate Section Adviser
 6. Bob Blauer, Section Staff Adviser
 - ii. Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge, Jayhawk Area Council (Topeka)
 1. Nathan Huerter, Lodge Chief
 2. Andrew Tate, Lodge Vice-Chief
 3. David Ast, Lodge Adviser
 4. George Austin, Conclave Adviser
 - 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. Hal Hockersmith, Lodge Treasurer
 2. John Rhudolph, Associate Lodge Adviser
 - v. Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge, Mid-America Council (Omaha)
 1. Ben Nachman, Lodge Vice-Chief of Administration

2. Wes Kreun, Lodge Adviser
- vi. Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi Lodge, Overland Trails Council (Grand Island)
 1. Chris Beaty, Lodge Chief
 2. Dave Osborne, Lodge Adviser
 3. Randy Beaty, Associate Lodge Adviser
- c. Eric Svingen read the minutes from the previous meeting. There were no objections to the minutes as presented to the COC.

II. New Business

- a. Lodge Reports
 - i. Golden Sun Lodge, Cornhusker Council (Lincoln)
 1. The lodge is sending 13 people to NOAC. Spring event in a few months. In recent past, 60 people attended winter event. Currently in the wave of unit elections and camp promotions. Tomorrow the lodge has an LEC, and activities should pick up for the year in about a month. Everything is going well.
 - ii. Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge, Mid-America Council (Omaha)
 1. Made quality lodge last year. Currently planning the two spring conclaves held every May. A good portion of elections are completed. NOAC registrations are almost completed with 29 people signed up.
 - iii. Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi Lodge, Overland Trails Council (Grand Island)
 1. Made quality lodge last year. Currently finalizing NOAC registrations and completing unit elections. Since last COC, held a banquet and a Klondike; both went well.
 - iv. Dzie-Hauk Tonga Lodge, Jayhawk Area Council (Topeka)
 1. Also made quality lodge. Since our last meeting, held a winter banquet, combined with council recognition dinner, which went well. Most unit elections are finished, gearing up for spring fellowship next month. Should have around 21 attending NOAC.
 - v. Kidi Kidish Lodge, Coronado Area Council (Salina)
 1. Since last meeting, held winter banquet. Around 50 people attended. Elections are in progress. Have about 15 going to NOAC, trying to

get numbers up further. Planning is in full swing for spring conclave at Camp Brown, at the beginning of June. Didn't make quality lodge.

b. Lodge Assistance Program

- i. Alex Ast reported the section has visited Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi and Golden Sun. Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi is working towards growth and membership participation. Golden Sun is working towards the E. Urner Goodman camping award, the creation of a history book, and lodge events. Will visit Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut at a date to be determined today.
- ii. Chris Beaty asked for ideas to improve participation at lodge events. Seth Bingham suggested patch promotions.

c. Campmaster's welcome

- i. Jim Perry welcomed us to Falley Scout Reservation, which contains Camp Jayhawk. There's both tall grass and timber camping here. The council is trying to maintain regulations while keeping everything easy for everybody. No ground fires are allowed here due to the county's rules. We should plan our events without relying on using fire.

d. Scholarships

- i. The section offers two \$50 NLS scholarships to each lodge.
- ii. OA high adventure scholarships expired with our last conclave. These could be re-approved, based on the availability of section funds.
- iii. Seth Bingham inquired about the availability of section funds. Doug Heller reports we have about \$2600 currently. In the past, high adventure scholarships were \$50, and two were offered to each lodge.
- iv. Most lodges help cover NLS costs for their youth. Kidi Kidish offers full rides, while Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut and others offer another \$50.
- v. Alex Ast motioned to approve \$150 in NLS/NLATS scholarship funds to each lodge, for the lodge to distribute across as many people as they like. The motion was not seconded.
- vi. Seth Bingham motioned to approve an additional \$50 NLATS scholarship, one per lodge. Ben Nachman seconded. Doug Heller noted that these scholarships expire at the end of 2006, not the end of Conclave. The motion was approved unanimously.

- vii. Drew Behn said the high adventure programs are an excellent opportunity. Though OAOA is closed, OATC and OAWV are still open for 2006. These are great, cheap programs, however transportation is expensive. Eric Svingen and his brother will be attending OAWV, with a few people from other lodges attending as well.
- viii. Ben Nachman motioned for two \$50 OA high adventure scholarships for each lodge. Hal Hockersmith seconded.
- ix. Seth Bingham asked if the scholarships will be paid directly to the individual, or national. Bob Blauer said after the event, the section will issue a check directly to the individual. The lodge will choose which two youth get the scholarships. The motion was approved unanimously, with Eric Svingen abstaining.
- e. 2006-2007 Calendar
 - i. Next weekend's NLATS was rescheduled to November 17-19 at Parkville, Missouri.
 - ii. Our conclave is the second full weekend of September. In the future, it will always stay on this weekend.
- f. One Day of Service
 - i. At the Section Officer Seminar, the Central Region decided to continue the One Day of Service program. Drew Behn said this is a great way to help the community and publicize the OA. The Central Region has made the paperwork for this much easier to complete.
- g. Future conclave rotation
 - i. September 14-16, 2007 at Golden Sun
 - ii. September 12-14, 2008 at Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi
 - iii. September 11-13, 2009 at Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut
- h. LodgeMaster
 - i. National is putting out this new program to help lodges manage their membership records. Every day at NOAC, trainers will teach lodges how to use LodgeMaster, and LodgeMaster techs will convert any lodge's records to the new system at NOAC. There are some things a lodge needs to be

compatible with the new system, most importantly the BSA ID number.
Drew Behn encourages lodges to use the new system.

- i. Leadership in Service Award
 - i. 2006 is the second of the three-year program. National is encouraging all lodges to participate.
 - j. NOAC
 - i. The Central Region has all lodges attending NOAC. The national OA website has lots of promotional materials. Though the registration deadline is passed, national is still accepting individual registrations. But by May, Michigan State University will want hard numbers. If lodges provide some financial incentive more people will attend.
 - k. Literature Updates
 - i. National has released updates to documents relevant to lodges and sections.
 - l. Section Budget
 - i. Doug Heller went over the conclave budget. 30% of the net profit from the last conclave was shared with Kidi Kidish. Since that time, we paid \$700 for the Section Officers Seminar, and Drew Behn's ticket to Dallas for the National Planning Meeting. We've had income from the section offices' travel fee, expenses of the conference call, Dallas fee, and SOS adviser fee. Recently \$2300 was transferred into the section account from the last conclave. Currently we have \$2600 which should see us through the next conclave. Patch auctions and pie money totaled around \$1800. That check was sent to the American Red Cross within ten days of the conclave.
 - m. Lunch
- III. Conclave
- a. Theme
 - i. A few ideas are "Celebrating camping traditions" to celebrate Camp Jayhawk's 60th. Other ideas: "The tradition lives on" modeled after the NOAC theme.
 - ii. Eric Svingen proposed a few phrases from the ceremonies: "Noble goal and purpose," "Sent to seek a vision," "The spark is there, already glowing," "We who love the haunts of nature" "let the spirit fill us"

- b. Eric Svingen proposed the theme: “Long Ago You Gave Your Promise,” passed unanimously.
- c. Proposed patch design: Triangle patch with all lodge totems inside, with theme running along the outside.
- d. Activities – COPE will not be accessible. Rifle, archery, shotgun range, tower, basketball will be open.
- e. Late fees – last conclave we made over \$300 in late fees
- f. Trading post – for lodge items, host lodge profits. For food, candy, section items, etc., section gets 70%. Last year between fundraising and trading post we got \$1500
- g. Seth motioned for a \$30 conclave fee, Andrew Tate seconded. Unanimous approval.
- h. Lodges estimated how many members they will bring. They will not be held to these numbers.
 - i. Cornhusker 47
 - ii. Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut 50
 - iii. Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi 15
 - iv. Kidi Kidish 35
 - v. Dzie Hauk Tanga 90
- i. Training
 - i. Seth Bingham is the CVC of Training
 - ii. Forms, attendance roster. If Arrowmen complete the required program they can be issued a certificate of completion. Upper level courses won’t be closed to those who have not attended prior conclaves; prerequisites are recommended, not required. Three training cells instead of four. Once we decide what the training cells are, Seth asks the lodge to cover some, and lodge chiefs be responsible for finding trainers. We will continue the college system. We did not vote on this, but reached a broad consensus.
- j. Pre-Order
 - i. Doug gathered information on what section items needed to be pre-ordered.

IV. Closing

- a. Meeting was closed by Drew Behn, Section Chief.