



**2017 Section C-7 Fall Council of Chiefs Minutes**

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 | Camp Sol R. Crown | Trevor, Wisconsin

- I. Opening
  - a. Welcome
  - b. Obligation
  - c. Approval of WCOC minutes
    - i. Corrections
      1. On the second to last page, Carroll Coots is misspelled
      2. Michigamea planning “WWB”
      3. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan “feed” my starving children
      4. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan “extended” Elangomat program
      5. Wulapeju “179 new ordeals” w/o a comma at the end
    - ii. Joey Snella motions to approve
    - iii. Graham Gross seconds
    - iv. Kanwa Tho, Lakota, Lowaneu Allanque, Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, Michigamea, Owasippe, Pachsegink, Takoda, Wag-O-Shag, Waupeacan, and Wulapeju approve.
- II. Lodge Reports
  - a. Kanwa Tho
    - i. Ordeal induction rate: 73%
    - ii. Brotherhood induction rate fell to 22%
      1. Upcoming Brotherhood event in November could increase induction rate.
    - iii. Striving for bronze level
    - iv. 15 members recognized with vigil honor
    - v. January: two of our chapters function. Now: all chapters functioning
    - vi. Incoming LEC; elections were held at past conclave in the fall
    - vii. Two new activities: donut wall and came up with different games and activities
    - viii. Designed a pink panther flap to give to breast cancer. Raised \$1000.
    - ix. Upcoming LLD on October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - b. Lakota
    - i. Inductions: 125 ordeals, 35 brotherhood, 10 vigils
    - ii. Implemented new event called summer bbq (bbbbq)
      1. Good attendance at fellowship event
    - iii. Fall conclave hosted at Napowan for first time in awhile
      1. 20 ordeals, 2-3 vigils, “handful” of brotherhood
      2. “Good, good” French toast
    - iv. Haunted Hike coming up soon
  - c. Lowaneu Allanque
    - i. Total membership: over 1300 members



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- ii. Inducted 377 new ordeal members
  - iii. 103 new brotherhood members
  - iv. 13 new vigils
  - v. Upcoming LLD on November 11<sup>th</sup>
  - vi. WB coming up on January 6<sup>th</sup>
  - vii. Annuals dues push
  - viii. NOAC push
  - ix. Goal for JTE: Gold
- d. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan
- i. Spring fellowship: 66 people in attendance @ Oakarro
    - 1. Held elections
    - 2. Want more fellowship next year
  - ii. Memorial Day Worker's Weekend: 121 in attendance
    - 1. Break attendance record next year
  - iii. Fall Conclave: held at Crown; cut down boundary
    - 1. APO arrived to help
  - iv. 89% ordeal induction, 26% brotherhood induction
  - v. Good summer
  - vi. LLD at Camp Crown
    - 1. Planned lodge ball training
  - vii. Feed My Starving Children
    - 1. \$10 donation per person to fund food and help Harvey victims
  - viii. Winter Banquet: national chief to be present
- e. Michigamea
- i. Fun Event in May: held @ Lyle
  - ii. Spring Fellowship: got a lot done and elected scouts
  - iii. Wild Wild Betz: cub scout program
  - iv. Fall Fellowship: dozen or so new vigil members
    - 1. "Rockin" Hodag
  - v. Goal for JTE: Silver
    - 1. Match donations for hurricane victims
- f. Owasippe
- i. Summer inductions: 76 new ordeal members, 35 new brotherhood
  - ii. Fall Fellowship: down at Frank S. Betz
  - iii. LLD November 11<sup>th</sup>
    - 1. Working with chapters to pick courses
  - iv. Host Lodge preparations started
- g. Pachsegink
- i. Lodge expanded membership
  - ii. Successful year of master Elangomat program
  - iii. Successful Goodman weekend
  - iv. Increased brotherhood conversion rates



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- v. Build OA bowl at scout adventure camp
- h. Takoda
  - i. 74% induction rate
  - ii. Working on upcoming goals for fall
  - iii. Looking at upcoming events and cub scout promotion opportunities
  - iv. JTE Goal: Gold
- i. Wag-O-Shag
  - i. 85% conversion of ordeals
  - ii. Fall conference at end of April successful
  - iii. New lodge chief takes over in January
- j. Waupecan
  - i. JTE Goal: Silver
  - ii. Fall Fellowship: new Key 5
  - iii. Summer: lodge events during summer camp, a lot of new inductions
  - iv. "Looking for a good year in Waupecan"
- k. Wulapeju
  - i. Spring Fellowship: 120 people working at Camp Canyon with service grant
  - ii. November 4<sup>th</sup>: day to complete project
  - iii. Fall Conclave: elected new officers
    - 1. 76 ordeals inductions
    - 2. 40 bhood inductions
  - iv. LLD coming up
- III. Training Breakout Sessions
  - a. Lodge Chiefs: In the conference room w/ Brett Bertok and Will Coots
  - b. Lodge Vice-Chiefs: Right side of the main room w/ Chuck Coutteau
  - c. LLD/Training Chairmen: Center of the main room w/ Adam Peterson
  - d. Change Agents/New Arrowmen: Left side of the main room w/ Preston Podolske
  - e. Advisers: Outside w/ section advisers
- IV. Old Business
  - a. 2017 Conclave Review
    - i. One of the first responsibilities of mine was to send out a survey
    - ii. Even results from youth and adults
    - iii. Conclave attendance ended up increasing
    - iv. Training sessions were lower than Activities, but we are working on changing that. AIA/ICE is a focus this year.
    - v. Closing show was big success
    - vi. People LOVED the food (high rating), but info center was unknown



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- vii. Conclave Promo: More people heard from word of mouth than social media and email marketing.
    - viii. Why did you attend promo: To have fun and trainings were top reasons
    - ix. Overall Experience: Roughly 90% gave a 4 or 5
    - x. How likely are you to attend next conclave: 72% said they were very likely to come back.
  - b. 2017 OA High Adventure
    - i. Section Attendance: 23 Arrowmen (-3 from last year)
    - ii. Section C-7 ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in nation for OA high adventure participation
    - iii. Section C-7 ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the region for OA high adventure participation
  - c. Operation Arrow Review
    - i. Section Attendance: 36 Arrowmen
    - ii. Section C-7 ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for Operation Arrow participation
    - iii. Section C-7 ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the region for Operation Arrow participation
- V. New Business
  - a. Midwest Rally
    - i. Event hosted by Section C-1B to train future and current leaders in the Order of the Arrow
    - ii. Theme for Midwest Rally: Empowering Leaders
    - iii. October 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2017
    - iv. Camp Decorah near La Crosse, WI
    - v. \$40 per attendee
    - vi. Registration deadline is tomorrow night
    - vii. Schedule
      - 1. Opening Show @ Council Fire bowl
      - 2. Opening Ceremony
      - 3. Breakfast
      - 4. 4 unique training sessions
      - 5. Amazing Race
      - 6. Scout's Own Service
      - 7. Flag Ceremony
      - 8. Banquet
      - 9. Lodge Fair
      - 10. Closing Show
      - 11. Grand Hodag
  - viii. Special Guests
    - 1. 2017 LINK trainings



- a. Adult/Youth mixed trainings; accompanied by former section or national officer
2. Special Guests
  - a. Tyler Giles, Andrew Jensen, Matthew Koch
- b. National Leadership Seminar – Joey Snella, NLS Staffer
  - i. Helps foster leadership skills for future and current leaders in the Order of the Arrow
  - ii. October 20-22 @ Beaumont Scout Reservation
  - iii. A transformative event
- c. Winter Council of Chiefs
  - i. January 20<sup>th</sup> (lodges can stay the night of the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>)
  - ii. Fraction of the price you would pay normally to go to the Kalahari
  - iii. Includes water pass, lunch, and room
  - iv. Improves lodge interconnectedness
  - v. Will was “blown away by the splashing good time”
  - vi. Start time TBD
  - vii. Free stuff!
  - viii. Start of Conclave planning
- d. Host Lodge Report
  - i. Host Lodge CVC – Jacob Klien
  - ii. April 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Sandwich County Fairgrounds
  - iii. Owasippe is currently forming a committee to help facilitate Conclave program
  - iv. Will follow up at WCOC
- e. TRIP
  - i. Troop Representative Initiative Program
  - ii. Develop Troop Rep Coordinator
    1. Pull data by troop representatives
  - iii. More information will be coming shortly
  - iv. Want to increase attendance at all events at every level
  - v. More programs/events at Section gatherings to promote this
- f. OIL-C
  - i. Operation Inter-Lodge Communication
  - ii. Common theme that keeps getting repeated is lodges helping lodges
  - iii. OIL-C is a program to aid in inter-lodge communication
    1. Lodge Best Practices Forum
    2. Visit Lodges
    3. Lodge Chief Summit
    4. Sister-Lodge Program
      - a. Takoda and Lakota
      - b. Lowaneu Allanque, Owasippe, and Wag-O-Shag
      - c. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan and Pachsegink



- d. Waupecan and Wulapeju
  - iv. Section officers should attend one additional lodge event aside from the winter banquet.
  - v. Lodge chiefs are responsible for listening to suggestions and attempting to try new things.
  - vi. “Just a small thing to ‘oil’ our C-7 machine” – Will Coots
  - vii. Let Will or Brett know of any other ideas to add to OIL-C
- VI. Open Forum
- a. What do you want to see at conclave? What theme do you want? Patch ideas
    - i. Ultimate frisbee tournament
    - ii. 2K or Madden tournament
    - iii. Rocket League Tournament
    - iv. Lodge Football
    - v. Gaga ball tournament
    - vi. Soft-serve ice cream machine (vanilla, chocolate, zebra)
    - vii. Root beer keg
    - viii. Root beer floats
    - ix. Turkey legs
    - x. Churros
    - xi. Sandwich bar/taco bar/potato bar
    - xii. Cheese curds
    - xiii. Bobbing for pineapples (?)
    - xiv. Popcorn machines
    - xv. Hot chocolate
    - xvi. Eating contests
    - xvii. Dank patches and dank pins
    - xviii. Clothing drive w/ incentive
    - xix. T-Shirt cannon – seconded by Lowaneu Allaque
    - xx. Patch design contest
    - xxi. Sash and bash
    - xxii. OIL-C Activity
    - xxiii. Troop Representative Event
    - xxiv. Movie night
    - xxv. Car smash
    - xxvi. Themed Grand Hodag
      - 1. DJ
    - xxvii. Lodge mascot showdown
    - xxviii. DANK MEMES
    - xxix. Bowl of fire event
    - xxx. Bowling tournament
    - xxxi. Fire department/law enforcement expo
    - xxxii. Blackhawks ice cream



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- xxxiii. Obstacle course
- xxxiv. Karaoke
- xxxv. Optional trainings
- xxxvi. Air show
- xxxvii. Game/activity based trainings
- xxxviii. Trainings on how to be a better ceremonialist
- xxxix. Beading activities as part of AIA/ICE
  - xl. Moccasins
  - xli. Mentalist
  - xlii. Animals balloonist
  - xliii. Comedian
  - xliv. Performing artists
  - xlv. Snap chat filters
  - xlvi. Active social media sites
  - xlvii. Theme: All Aboard
  - xlviii. Theme: Conjunction Junction
  - xlix. Theme: “Country”
    - l. Theme: Conclave off the rails
    - li. Theme: Polar Express
    - lii. Theme: Ordeal Express (aka Orient Express)
- b. What do you want to be able to say about conclave to a new Arrowmen?
  - i. “You’re going to try things unlike anything else in the OA” – Brett Bertok
- c. Press Corps
  - i. Still looking for people to get involved
  - ii. Patches are still in the design phase
  - iii. Thomas Even is a good person to talk to about it
  - iv. Allows us to get promotional materials from you guys to the rest of the section

### VII. Closing

- a. Section adviser remarks
- b. Section chief remarks
- c. Song of our Order