



**Section NE-7B, Order of the Arrow
Minutes – Council of Chiefs Meeting
Sunday, March 1, 2009
Camp Bullowa, Stony Point, NY**



**Term: 2008-2009
Meeting: 3**

Meeting was called to order by Section Chief Mike Kling at 11:00 am

Attendance was taken by Section Secretary Brenden DelBene:

Lodge	In Attendance	Voting Member
BUCKSKIN	NO	NO
HALF MOON	YES	YES
KTEMAQUE	YES	YES
NACHA NIMAT	YES	YES
RANACHQUA	YES	YES
SHINNECOCK	YES	YES
SUANHACKY	NO	NO

31 in Attendance (13 Youth, 18 Adults)

Section Leadership In Attendance:

Section Chief Mike Kling	Yes
Section Vice-Chief Jon Whitaker	Yes
Section Secretary Brenden DelBene	Yes
Section Adviser Jess Hurwitz	Yes
Section Staff Adviser Julio Garcia	Yes

Please note that this meeting took place on the same day as our Section Conclave Planning Meeting.

Section Officer Reports

- **Section Chief Mike Kling-** Mike went to the National Meeting in Dallas in December and was elected CVC for special events for NOAC 2009. The new website will be up in the next few weeks. The domain is www.ne7b.org .
- **Section Vice Chief Jon Whitaker-** Performed a LAP (Lodge Assistance Program) visit with Nacha Nimat. He will be scheduling visits with Suanhacky and Half Moon next.
- **Section Secretary Brenden DelBene-** Continues work on the Section newsletter which will be downloadable from the section website when available.



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Lodge Reports:

Half Moon: Held our Annual Lockdown on December 28-29 it went well. Our Banquet was January 12, we handed out 2 founders awards and 2 brothers of the year awards. Our LLD is on March 21st. We are on track for Quality lodge

Ktemaque: Since our last gathering, we have hosted our annual banquet and it was very successful. We awarded the founders award to Earnie Whiting and Kevin McGinn. Also we achieved Quality Lodge and preparing for our University of Scouting event.

Nacha Nimat: Our elections have begun and we plan to be finished by the end of March. Our annual family banquet was scheduled for Sat. Jan 10th 2009 but had to be postponed due to a snow storm. It is now re-scheduled for Sat. April 4th 2009. We are planning an LLD for Sat. March 14, 2009. Our first Spring Ordeal is set for April 17-19, 2009 at Camp Bullowa and another Ordeal weekend is scheduled for June 5-7, 2009 at Camp Nooteeming.

Ranachqua: We are planning to have a Lodge Banquet very soon. We have 1 youth and one adult attending the NOAC. Since November the lodge has had 2 LECs and our Vigil Honor Committee has met and chosen our Vigil Candidates for the 2008 year.

Shinnecock: Our Conclave Vice Chairman is Austin Delaney. Selected our candidates for Vigil and our elections are currently going on.

Current section Business:

The Section has appointed a Section Web Chairman: Alexander Dimitriyadi (Suanhacky) and a Section Web Adviser: Richard Wollenstein (Shinnecock). They are working together to start designing the new Section web site.

Nacha Nimat's LAP visit was recently completed. Section Vice Chief Jon Whitaker commented that it was one of the best LAP visits he had attended and that there was a lot of meaningful conversation and exchange of ideas. The paperwork from the visit is currently being finalized. Jon is working on setting up a visit with Suanhacky prior to the Conclave and Half Moon to be visited in the fall of 2009.

Newsletter: Secretary Brenden DelBene needs help with the newsletter. He is looking for volunteers to help with writing content and doing the layout.

Section Adviser Jess Hurwitz made mention about the recently distributed Operations Update 09-2.



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The upcoming NE Region NLS and NLATS were discussed and registration forms for both were handed out. The event will be held on March 27-29 at Camp Alpine in New Jersey. The registration deadline will be 3/6/2009.

The following lodges in NE-7B received Quality Lodge for 2008: Half Moon, Ktemaque, Shinnecock and Suanhacky. The following lodges did not: Buckskin, Nacha Nimat, and Ranachqua.

The 2009 NOAC will be held at Indiana University from August 1-6, 2009. Currently all the lodges in NE-7B have contingents and attendees. We have 100% representation from our Section at NOAC 2009. March 1, 2009 was the deadline for registration.

You may sign-up at the national web site to subscribe for news about the upcoming NOAC.

Section NE-7B is hoping to have a very casual gathering at NOAC. We will need to find someone to select a location and to communicate to the section's contingents the place and date of the gathering. We will attempt to have pizza and soda or some other type of refreshment for the gathering.

Section Chief Mike Kling provided an overview of the current National OA High Adventure programs. He spoke about the new OA program: OA Canadian Odyssey. Look for more information at this location: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

Our next COC meeting will take place on May 9, 2009 from 11 am to 2pm at Camp Tri-Mount in East Jewett, New York. This will be our Pre-conclave walk-through of the camp and will be our last meeting before our conclave. Attendance by lodge leadership and those working with conclave program and activities is highly requested.

There was no new business to discuss.

The 2009 Section Conclave budget developed in the conclave planning meeting was unanimously approved by all present. (Ktemaque motion, Nacha Nimat second, unanimous to accept)

Section Adviser Jess Hurwitz mentioned that he will need 6 flap patches from each lodge by the next meeting for awards. We will be expanding the section email list and also looking to involve more older lodge members and young adults at the section level.

Section Staff Adviser Julio Garcia thanked everyone for coming and for their continued support.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 pm.

Respectively submitted by: Brenden DelBene, 2008-2009 Section NE-7B Secretary



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Misc Notes from the Section Conclave Planning Session (held at the same time as the COC meeting)

The Section NE-7B 2009 Conclave will be held from June 12 to June 14, 2009 at Camp Tri-Mount in East Jewett, NY. The service lodge for the event is Half Moon Lodge. The conclave's theme is "Gather the Clan"

Conclave Lodge Assignments: (approved at the November 2008 COC Meeting)

Friday Night Activities: Ktemaque Lodge

Saturday Afternoon Activities: Shinnecock Lodge & Ranachqua Lodge

Saturday Night Activities: Suanhacky Lodge

Saturday Night Program: Nacha Nimat Lodge

Event Newsletter & Conclave Promotion: Buckskin Lodge

Each group discussed the plans they had for their specified roles:

Friday Night Activities: Ktemaque Lodge

2 activities: Water Balloons & Darts and Wheel of Fortune. They will need a projector and a screen. The Wheel of Fortune will be in the dining hall and the water balloons and darts will be outside.

Saturday Afternoon Activities: Shinnecock Lodge & Ranachqua Lodge

Cope Course, Climbing Wall, Archery, Volleyball Tournament, Rifle Range Scored Tournament, Soccer Game, Ultimate Frisbee, Watermelon Eating Contest, Wiffle Ball golf and the Waterfront. They need volleyball and net, archery bows, arrows and targets, traffic cones, Frisbees, and 2 plaques to award for the Volleyball Tournament and the Watermelon eating contents, Ammunition and Rifles, Mugs for the winners of the rifle match, waffle balls. The non-swimmers section of the lake will be the only one open.

Saturday Night Program: Nacha Nimat Lodge

Slide Show, Awards, Keynote Speaker, Family Feud OA Style. They will need a projector and screen, lighting, extension cords, etc.

Saturday Night Activities: Suanhacky Lodge

Dance team demonstration, ice cream social, officer's pie eating contest and karaoke

Event Newsletter & Conclave Promotion: Buckskin Lodge

3 newsletters will be distributed at the conclave: Friday night (prepared before the conclave), Lunch on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. Each newsletter will be a double sided single sheet. Interviews with the Section Chief, National Chief and National Vice-Chief should be included (one per newsletter)



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Note: Suanhacky and Buckskin were not present at the event. The group discussed both of their areas and came up with suggested criteria for each (see above)

The service lodge was present and spoke about their plans and arrangements. All is going well and they are excited about the upcoming event.

A preliminary budget was presented to the group in detail (line by line). There was much discussion about some of the budgeted items such as registration. It was decided that there would be no walk-ins allowed at the conclave and that any person that did not pre-register would be turned away from the conclave if they showed up at the event. Discussions about the budget continued throughout the planning session and the preliminary budget was revised accordingly as the session progressed. A final version of the budget was completed and presented to the group. Ktemaque motioned to accept the budget, Nacha Nimat seconded the motion. The group voted and a unanimous vote to accept the budget was received.

Section Vice Chief Jon Whitaker led a group discussion regarding the desired training topics for the event. The service lodge said that they had 16 training locations and that 9 of them had electricity. The following is a list of the training topics for the conclave:

I'm Ordeal, Now What? (Suggested for new members)
Brotherhood & Beyond (Suggested for brotherhood members)
Keeping the Vigil (Suggested for vigil members)

Lodge Leader Track

OA and Cub Scouts
Elangomat Program
Promoting Camping and High Adventure
Membership Retention & Recruitment
How to run an LLD
Planning a Lodge Service Project
Creating a Great Team; Adviser & Youth Interaction

Hands-On Track

Camp Cooking
Ceremonies Team
Craft Session

Leadership Track

Dynamics of Leadership & Effective Communications
Managing Time, Priorities & Resources
Transitioning Young Advisers



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Adult/Adviser Only Sessions (One Per Training Session)

Section Adviser Coffee Chat
Communicating with Today's Youth
Open Forum Discussion for Adult Advisers

Some of the attending brothers volunteered to be trainers at the conclave:

Brandon Azoulli – Ceremonial Team - (Ktemaque)
Clayton White - Im Ordeal Now What - (Ktemaque)
Kiel - Elangomat Program - (Half Moon)
Tom Racco - Brotherhood & Beyond -(Nacha Nimat)
Dulton -OA and Cub Scouts - (Half Moon)
Connor - Dynamics of Leadership & Effective Communications - (Half Moon)
Sean Hoelle - Camp Promotions - (Shinnecock)
Collin - Vigil Seminar - (Half Moon)
Chris – Crafts - (Half Moon)

The following schedule was determined for the event:

Friday

7:00 pm -12:00 am: Registration Open
8:30 pm - 8:45 pm – Opening Ceremony
8:45 pm – 10:00 pm - Activities & Cracker Barrel
10:30 pm - Taps

Saturday

6:30 am - Reveille
7:15am - Flag Ceremony
7:20 am - 8:45 am: Breakfast
9:00 am - 9:45 am – Training Session 1
10:00 am - 10:45 am – Training Session 2
11:00 am - 11:45 am – Training Session 3
12:00 -12:30 pm: VIA Reception
12:00 - 1:30 pm – Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm – Meet the Man
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Afternoon Activities
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Silent Patch Auction
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm: Religious Services
5:45 pm – Flag Ceremony
6:00 pm -7:30 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Saturday Night Program
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm: Saturday Night Activities & Patch Auction



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10:00 pm -11:00 pm: Cracker Barrel
11:30 pm - Taps

Sunday

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7:45 am - Flag Ceremony
8:00 am - 9:30am - Breakfast
9:30 am - 10:30 am - Clean Up & Check-Out
10:30 am -12 pm: Section Business & Election Meeting

The host lodge presented 2 designs for the conclave patch. After discussion one design was voted on and accepted unanimously. It was mentioned that a few minor modifications would be made to the design prior to ordering the patches. The following was the approved draft design:



Registration forms will be produced by the service lodge and will be available by the end of the month. Our web site will contain a link to provide for on-line registration for the conclave, Forms will be sent to each lodge and will be available for download online as a PDF file for those that wish to sign up manually.

There will be no on-site registration (walk-ins) permitted. There will be 3 tiers for registration: Early Registration prior to May 1 will be \$25. Registration prior to May 29 will be \$30 and Late Registration will prior to June 12 will be \$45. New OA members inducted into the OA during the registration period or just prior to the event will be guaranteed a fee of \$30 and not be subject to the late fee penalty.



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Section Chief Mike Kling has invited and confirmed that National Chief Jack O'Neill and National Vice Chief Dan Higham will be attending our Conclave as event guests. The section will arrange for and pay for their travel expenses.

Saturday night dinner at the conclave will be a "tie" dinner – all participants should wear a tie to dinner.

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