



GATEWAY REGION SECTION 9

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Winter Council of Chiefs Minutes

Kalahari Resort Conference Center

Saturday, January 21, 2023

I. Business Meeting Opening

A. Goal to reach 1,000 followers on Instagram today

B. Roll Call

1. Bigfoot Lodge: 7 youth
2. Kanwa tho Lodge: 14 youth
3. Lowaneu Allanque Lodge: 20 youth
4. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge: 2 youth
5. Takhone Lodge: 20 youth
6. Wag-O-Shag Lodge: 22 youth
7. Waupecan Lodge: 18 youth
8. Wulapeju Lodge: 8 youth

C. Approval of FCOC 2022 Minutes

1. Evan S. of Kanwa tho motions to approve the 2022 FCOC minutes as written
 - a) Levi A. of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan seconds
2. Vote passed 8-0

II. Lodge Reports

A. Wulapeju

1. Hit thriving in 2021
2. One of 12 lodges to participate in a national survey about retention
3. Eli and Collin attended their winter banquet
4. Working to increase lodge attendance by hosting small events every month

B. Waupecan

1. Rechartered with 350 members: an increase of 50 members
2. Hosted their largest fellowship with 130 attendees
3. First ever pumpkin smash and camp service with 30 attendees
4. Obtained thriving status in 2022



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C. Wag-O-Shag

1. Inducted 95 new Ordeal, 17 Brotherhood, and 12 Vigil Honor members
2. 100% unit election rate in 2022
3. 12 people went to NOAC and set a record for an escape room
4. Had members attend NLS in 2022
5. Ran a watermelon eating contest
6. Obtained thriving and have a plan to grow

D. Takhone

1. Over 1000 members in 2022
2. Currently in the unit election cycle
3. Have 43 people at WCOC
4. Over 200 people attended winter banquet
5. Record attendance at LEC, which was also a bowling event
6. Filled the bus to go to Memphis NLS
7. Almost 200 Arrowmen staffed Council Camporee: Game On

E. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan

1. Lodge chief and adviser now have to cosplay at all events
2. Seeing a strong cohort of potential leaders growing
3. Inducted 155 new Ordeals, 55 new Brotherhood, and 14 new Vigil Honor members
4. 118 members at winter banquet, which Collin, Eli, and Tim attended
5. Hosted an LLD in October
6. Donated \$5000 to campership fund
7. Continue to focus on activating youth

F. Lowaneu Allanque

1. Was 75 members short of growth in 2022
2. Planning to phone-a-thons and mailers
3. Started unit election process and hoping to be done by March



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4. Introduced a lodge holiday party, which was a resounding recruitment success; plenty of Arrowmen and non-Arrowmen saw the fun aspects of the OA

G. Kanwa tho

1. Reached 577 Arrowmen in 2022
2. Hosted the 2022 Section Conclave that had huge attendance
3. Fall Fellowship was the last OA events at IMR
4. Had a Brotherhood day in November
5. Had a great winter banquet that Eli attended

H. Bigfoot

1. Had 21 PMP points, which is Thriving status
2. Gained a lot of new membership in the past year
3. At Fall Conference, reached a goal of over 200 members

III. Old Business

A. We have hit 1000 followers on Instagram!!!

B. Trading post pitch

1. Visit the trading post to get the new scarf

C. FCOC Review

1. Was a fun weekend back in September in Oregon, IL
2. Was held in conjunction with the ACT Conference
3. Arrowmen had a lot of fun (and learned not to touch the backpack)

D. Lodge Chief Summits Recap

1. Once a month, all of the lodge chiefs gather with the section officers
2. Key topics have included wellness checks and key youth
3. Provide an opportunity for collaboration and discuss best practices

E. NPM Recap

1. All the section chiefs gather to elect the national officers and region chiefs



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- a) National Chief Zach Grinvalsky, Vice Chief Grant Kim, Gateway Chief Michael Whitford
2. Started planning for Operation Arrow
 - a) Two program areas: Summit Apex and Service Corps
3. Collin is the service corps JVC
 - a) Peter Selfors was the national event promotions lead
- F. Communications Committee Report
 1. Up to 1,004 followers on Instagram!!!
 2. New section website with all up-to-date info
 - a) Find it at sectiong9.oa-bsa.org
- IV. New Business
 - A. Ryan Dodd of Lowaneu Allanque motions to approve the 2022-2023 Section G9 Operating Budget as is
 1. Seconded
 2. Passed 8-0
 - B. R.D. Dunkin Leadership in Service Award
 1. Highest award the section can award to Arrowmen who have served the section
 2. Anyone in the section can nominate and you can find it on the website
 3. Eligibility is 18 months of past service to the section i.e., CVC, lodge chief
 - a) Current officers and advisers are not eligible
 4. Nominations go through the award committee
 - C. 2025-2029 Conclave Host Rotation
 1. In process and lodge chiefs are currently discussing with their advisers
 2. Will be voted on at Conclave 2023
- V. 2023 Section Committee
 - A. Conclave Theme Review
 1. Hosted by Lowaneu Allanque at Camp Big Timber in Elgin, IL



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2. Lumberjack theme; Conclave 2023: Backcountry Brotherhood
3. Brad will be upset if you don't register
- B. 2022 Section Conclave Budget Review
 1. No questions
- C. CVC Breakouts
- D. CVC Reports
 1. Logistics
 - a) Discussed importance of logistics to make conclave flow smoothly
 2. Trading Post
 - a) Discussed new merch ideas like flannels, foam axes, lumberjack axes, flags, grippy socks, and other random items
 3. Training
 - a) Planning best training sessions for best experiences
 - b) Leadership training sessions
 - c) Fun training like woodworking
 4. Activities
 - a) Whole list of ideas for amazing activities
 - b) Recruited some ACVCs
 5. Special Events
 - a) Two-man saws, flapjacks, and other lumberjack themes
 - b) Doing forestry related service project in addition to food drive
 - c) If you have any connections to forestry related activities or first responders, reach out to Special Events
 6. Publications
 - a) Talked a lot about the program
 - b) Putting the map and schedule together in the program
 - c) Putting normal and theme location names on the map
 - d) Discussed making digital program with QR codes



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7. Shows
 - a) Taking a more traditional Scout camp campfire program
 - b) Looking into live music
 - c) Hoping to make the shows more engaging
8. Promotions
 - a) Looking into making a Snapchat geofilter
 - b) More photos and funny vidoes
 - c) Sending out more emails
9. Host Lodge
 - a) Discussed a summary of facilities and possible program area locations at Camp Big Timber

VI. Open Forum

A. National Leadership Seminar

1. Weekend event hosted by the region focused on training leadership
2. Locations in the spring are closer to the section
3. Highly recommended for anyone consider lodge or section leadership
4. Open forum for personal testimonies

B. OA High Adventure

1. OAHA allows you to attend the national high adventure bases at a discounted rate
2. Is a life-changing experience where you make friends from around the country
3. Many people in the section hae already gone on a trek

C. Open Forum

1. Do vikings count as lumberjacks?
 - a) Collin says no

D. Please fill out the WCOC attendee survey

VII. Section Chief's Minute



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- A. Biggest WCOC ever
 - B. Can't wait to see everyone at conclave
- VIII. Section Adviser's Minute
- A. Happy with all of the excitement for Conclave
 - B. Great team of CVCs and ACVCs planning the event
 - C. Thank you for bringing everyone out to the event
 - D. Have a great rest of the day