



TAKHONE LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW

Takhone Lodge #7 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

Welcome – Seth S. (lodgechief@oa7.org)

The April Lodge Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:04

Roll Call – Katie H. (vccommunication@oa7.org), Matthew O. representing

Lodge Chief – Seth S.		Trailblazer – Ben M.	
VC Operations – Michael M.		Tri-Star – Henry S.	
VC Program – Chris K		Thunderbird – Wyatt A.	
VC Chapters – Marty K.	<i>Absent</i>	Tallgrass	<i>Another Scout Representing</i>
VC Inductions – John S.		Prairie Dunes – Cole P.	<i>Another Scout Representing</i>
VC Finance – Scotty C.		Portage Creek – Olivia F.	
VC Communications – Katie H.	Matthew O. <i>Representing</i>	Iron Horse – Ricky M.	
A quorum ($\geq 4/7$ of Key 7 present) was achieved 9/10 Chapters represented		Five Creeks	<i>Eli L. Representing</i>
		Checaugau – Davu S.	<i>Absent</i>
		Calumet – Michael G.	

Old Business

- Added February Budget to Finance Committee report
- Added the date to the top of last month's minutes
- Ben M. motion to approve last month's minutes with revision
 - Seconded by Ricky M.
 - Passed unanimously by voice vote

Operations Report - Michael M. (vcoperations@oa7.org)

- Unit Elections progress
 - Most chapters are done with elections, we do need to finish up adult nominations
 - Discussed youth retention: no chapters have reached the PMP goal of 80%
 - Explain why paying dues is important, and remember that a familiar face will be more convincing than someone in an email
 - Activation: convince Ordeal candidates to do their Ordeal, convince those eligible for Brotherhood to do their Brotherhood, etc.
 - Activation means that 6 months after induction, a new Arrowman attends an OA event

Program Report - Chris K. (vcchapters@oa7.org)

- April LLD went well (goalsetting)
- Potowatomi hike review – Saul C.
 - It was cold, but there was a good turnout
- Betz Fellowship – Davu S. (Seth S. filling in)
 - Make sure to preorder a flannel at checkout! You have until April 15th to order one.
 - If you want one, make sure to pre-order it because quantities will be very limited
- Owasippe Fellowship – Benny K.
 - Registration is open, make sure to register before May 1st for early bird pricing
 - Mountain biking, luau, Lodge elections, aquatics, and more
- Camporee Service Corps – Matthew P.
 - PTAC council camporee (October 7-9) at McHenry County Fairgrounds
 - We are looking for as many Arrowmen to volunteer as possible
 - The theme is “Game On”, so there will be a lot of human-scale games
- Summer Fellowships
 - Please talk to Chris if you would like to help out

Chapter Reports - Marty K. (vcchapters@oa7.org)

- Trailblazer
 - Next chapter meeting is Wednesday, 04/14
 - No project prepared yet for Week of Service, planning to work that out soon
 - Planning for Spring Camporee, specifically a ceremonies team
 - Camporee will include Tri-Star and Five Creeks
 - Prepping for Chapter elections
- Tri-Star
 - Cub Scout klondike went well
 - Small, unofficial air hockey tournament at last Chapter meeting
 - Next Chapter meeting will be 04/12
 - Most elections done, just got a ton of paperwork turned in
- Thunderbird
 - Working on callout ceremony at Council Camporee
 - Service project coming up on 05/19 at Westminster church
- Tallgrass
 - Nothing to report
- Prarie Dunes
 - Planning district camporee
 - Promoting upcoming fellowships
- Portage Creek
 - Gathering Scouting gear for their Service Project
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, 04/14 and they are going trap shooting
 - 68 youth elected
- Iron Horse
 - Next chapter meeting is the 04/19

- Five Creeks
 - Nothing to report
- Checaugau
 - Elected 40 youth, 1 visitation where no election took place
 - Last chapter meeting was on St. Patrick's day with themed activities
 - Tentative service day on 05/22 at Montrose Beach in lieu of Chapter meeting
- Calumet
 - Chapter meeting in 2 weeks on Tuesday, 04/19
 - Day of service this Friday (04/15), will be planting trees at Country Club Hills Park District
- Make sure that there is no dip in meetings/membership during this transition

Inductions Report - John S. (vcinductions@oa7.org)

- Ordeal Committee Report – Michael G. (elangomat@oa7.org)
 - We need elangomats! Training is virtual and this upcoming Tuesday, 04/12
 - Link can be found in weekly email
 - Email Michael if you are interested and can't attend the training
- Brotherhood Committee Report – Emilyn C. (brotherhood@oa7.org), Henry S. filling in
 - Brotherhood day went well (43 new Brotherhood members, which is the largest ever!) several new members were trained
 - Brotherhood will be offered at every upcoming fellowship and every week at Owasippe
 - Brotherhood workshops will start at 7, not 6
 - Chapter Chiefs: look through Lodgemaster and encourage eligible Arrowmen to complete Brotherhood
- Vigil Committee Report – Sam S. (vigil@oa7.org)
 - Behind the scenes work is getting done
- Ceremonies Report – Danny S. (ceremonies@oa7.org)
 - No meeting this Monday, 04/11. Please come to our next meeting on 04/18 if you are interested
 - Looking for Arrowmen to assist in ceremonies at Summer Camp

Finance Report - Scotty C. (vcfinance@oa7.org)

- February budget overview
 - Encourage Arrowmen to pay their dues
 - Most Chapters have not spent much of their budget
 - Variance in budget is looking great and healthy

Communications Report – Katie H. (vccommunication@oa7.org), Matthew O. representing

- Website – Matthew O. (website@oa7.org)
 - Let Matthew O. know if there is anything on the Website that is inaccurate
 - We are working on renovating oa7.org/photos. This section of the site will be down for a few months
- Publications – Eli L. (publications@oa7.org)
 - Eli L. is working on this month's newsletter. If you have any pictures from the Brotherhood day, please send them to Eli. He would also appreciate it if someone could write a blurb from the past two LEC's. Send any pictures from any past events to Eli (publications@oa7.org)

- We are planning on sending out a mailer for Spring Fellowships
- Eli will be doing an Instagram takeover during Conclave to promote the event
- Clarification on emails
 - VC Comms email does not have an s, Publications chair **does** have an s
 - Past month's LEC minutes and agendas have been incorrect, please refer to website if there is any doubt on emails

NOAC Report – Scotty C. (noac@oa7.org)

- Make sure to turn in physical copy of Health forms ABC and insurance cards at any fellowship or the June LEC
- Contingent meeting before June LEC, transport and other items related to NOAC will be discussed
- More information available on National's website
- We are still selling gummy bears: contact Scotty if you are interested
- Updated NOAC fundraiser flaps should be up soon

Summer Camp Program Update – Michael M.

- OA dates at Owasippe are now set in stone
- Replacing Ice Cream social with Pudgy Pie socials
- Brotherhood workshops and ceremonies available every week
 - Please do the workshop ahead of time if you are able; doing the workshop at Summer Camp will take time away from program
- Callouts are planned
- We need help for ceremonies—contact Michael if you're interested

Open Forum

- Council's recommendations for Owasippe Service (\$20,000 available, \$1,000 set aside for other projects)
 - Priority 1 (most important): New dining tent needed for Wolverine (\$23,923.95), Council would like Takhone Lodge to donate \$20,000
 - Priority 1: Reneker shower house (\$250,000)
 - Priority 2: Wolverine site kybo needed (\$250,000)
 - Priority 2: Blackhawk dining hall door replacement (\$50,000)
 - Priority 2: Automatic gate needed at maintenance shop (\$7,000)
 - Priority 2: Second phase of Flintlock (\$10,000)
 - Priority 3: Truck lift for maintenance (\$10,000)
- Note: these projects will all be done by trained professionals; the Lodge will only be donating funds
- John S. motions to allocate \$20,000 towards Wolverine dining tent
 - Ben M. seconds
 - Passed unanimously by voice vote
- May 1st LEC – Seth S.
 - Final LEC of this term! We will hopefully be back in the basement next month
 - We are planning a tentative loaded baked potato bar

- Haunted Hike – Mr. Pinkus (pinkus.john@gmail.com)
 - Five Creeks, Tri-Star, and Trailblazer are participating in Haunted Hike and need to submit their themes for their tents
- President’s Volunteer Service Award – Scotty C.
 - We would register as a qualifying organization. After each 12-month period, we may be able to receive a bronze, silver, or gold award.
 - This is a nationally recognized award (outside of BSA, run by White House), and it wouldn’t cost too much to run
 - Lodge would designate criteria and allocate resources to run the award
- Scotty C. motions to approve the President’s Volunteer Service Award as part of Takhone Lodge’s program
 - Chris K. seconds
- Matthew O. motions to table the discussion of the President’s Volunteer Service Award until the May 1st LEC
 - Scotty C. seconds
 - Passed unanimously by voice vote
- Conclave registration has been extended to this Sunday!

Staff Adviser Minute – Mr. Wes Weems (wesley.weems@scouting.org)

- Scouting for Food was very successful
 - Shoutout to Mr. Leahy for running this
- 355 potential members have been elected
 - More than 100 more than last year
- Mr. Weems calls us all to maintain this forward momentum
- Make sure that the call-outs are special for newly elected candidates

Lodge Adviser Minute – Mr. Brian Schaeffer (lodgeadvisor@oa7.org)

- NOAC merch is available from national, even if you are not attending
- Brian will be stepping down from his role and Patrick Wilson will be filling in as his replacement
- Chapter elections must be done within 30 days of Lodge elections

Lodge Chief Minute – Seth S. (lodgechief@oa7.org)

- We will all miss Mr. Schaeffer
- Seth exhorts all Chapter Chiefs to pre-schedule Chapter elections
- Next May’s LLD will be run by Seth (building and maintaining meaningful relationships)
 - May 4th and May 7th at 7:30 PM on Zoom
 - Links will be sent out at least 1 day in advance

Meeting adjourned at 3:35, followed by the singing of “The Order of the Arrow Song”.