



Section W3N

Area 3
Western Region
Order of the Arrow
Boy Scouts of America

Council of Chiefs Retreat, January 9-10, 2009

- 1) **Opening and welcome**
 - a) Conclave date (you should know this, but here it is again): September 18-20, 2009
 - b) Jake went over vision and goals for his term
 - i) 400 Arrowmen to conclave
 - ii) Visit each Lodge
 - iii) One other section event, in addition to conclave
 - iv) 100% Lodge participation in OAHA and NOAC
- 2) **Ice Breaker Game**
 - a) Create fight song for the section
 - b) Youth team, Lodge Adviser team, and Section Adviser team
 - c) Youth song
 - i) Firm bound in Section-hood, we are 3 North, NOAC conclave and the rest, 3 North is the best!
- 3) **Conclave Theme/ Slogan**
 - a) Ideas
 - i) New beginnings -- 0
 - ii) Tune into the Order -- 1
 - iii) Journey with us -- 4
 - iv) Awake my friends --2
 - v) Power of all (everyone) -- 1
 - vi) 5 in body, 1 in sprit --1
 - vii) First response, secret service -- 1
 - viii) That's what Chief said -- 7
 - ix) The power of 5 (lodges) -- 3
 - b) Noted is the results of first vote (all youth present 2 votes)
 - c) Second round vote (all youth, 1 vote)
 - i) Journey with us -- 0
 - ii) Awake my friends -- 1
 - iii) That's what Chief said -- 7
 - iv) Power of 5 (lodges) -- 1
 - d) 2009 conclave theme: **That's What Chief Said**
- 4) **Section Name/ Totem**
 - a) Ideas
 - i) 5 in body, 1 in soul -- 0

- ii) Raising from the ashes (Phoenix totem to accompany) -- 8
- iii) North star (5 points, 5 lodges) -- 1
- iv) Top 5 of the pack -- 0
- v) The 5 of the north -- 0
- b) Votes are noted (all youth, 1 vote)
- c) New section name and totem: **Amuia Wuntschi Na Ponk (raising from the ashes)/ Phoenix Totem**
- 5) Break into groups for discussion of patch designs**
- 6) Communications and Promotion**
 - a) Ideas to improve promotion and communication
 - i) Themed postcards
 - ii) Auto caller
 - iii) E-mails
 - iv) Videos (series, instead of just one long video)
 - v) Video game (flash, on website)
 - vi) Focus on new ordeal members
 - vii) Need information to provide at ordeals
 - viii) Lodge newsletters
 - ix) Having prizes for new Arrowmen (raffle)
 - b) Each lodge will have one person coordinating section communications
 - c) Having a communication and promotion committee
- 7) Adjourned to bowling!**

January 10, 2009

- 8) Welcome, Pledge, Obligation**
- 9) Officer Report**
 - a) Chief, Jake Knudsen
 - i) Staffed National Leadership Seminar in November at Cost Guard Island
 - ii) Went to region retreat in October (SOS)
 - iii) Went to Dallas and elected National Officer, National chief , V-C, and WR chief said they could come to our conclave
 - iv) Everyone needs to keep informed about national events, especially NOAC (passed out copies of the National Bulletin)
 - b) Vice-Chief, Ben LeRoy
 - i) Randy, Jake, Anthony, Kyle and Justin will be helping with LAP (Lodge Assistance Program)
 - ii) Will try to visit every Lodge this year
 - iii) Working on section-wide service project for 2010
 - iv) Contacting Governor about coming to Conclave
 - c) Secretary, Justin Riordan
 - i) Working on website, will have online this week
 - ii) Website has pages about each Lodge and room for CVC reports
 - iii) Flash games and movies on website
 - iv) Doing notes
 - d) Secretary, Gabe
 - i) Newsletter and roster
 - ii) Emailing newsletters
 - iii) Talked about communications last night

- iv) Need lodge roster with name, phone number, address, and email
- v) Newsletter name ideas (all youth, 1 vote noted)
 - (1) Three Northern -- 2
 - (2) The Phoenix -- 4
 - (3) Tindey Awehhelleu (fire bird) – 2

10) Lodge Reports

- a) Amangi Nacha, Connor Shinn
 - i) Lodge retreat in December
 - ii) Trying to “get back to basics”
 - iii) Focusing on Indian Affairs, chapters, communication, and induction
 - iv) Need to recruit ceremonialist
 - v) Communication is hard with a Lodge of 800
 - vi) Use chapters to communicate with Arrowmen
 - vii) Need to continue to induct, and improve elected to inducted rate, this feeds the OA
 - viii) focus and give effort to making chapters stronger (new and old Arrowmen)
 - ix) Not sure how section can help, except for officer visits
- b) Orca, Matt Sullivan
 - i) Lodge retreat coming up
 - ii) Working on Elagomat program
 - iii) Getting ready for NOAC
 - iv) Got quality lodge in 2008
 - v) 5 vigils inducted
 - vi) Positive growth by 3
 - vii) Had banquet in December
 - viii) Section could have officer visitations
- c) Talako, John Talmage
 - i) 30-40 active Arrowmen both new and old
 - ii) Made Quality Lodge for 2008
 - iii) Section officer visitations would help
 - iv) Sharing ideas with other lodges on how they run
 - v) Need fundraiser ideas
- d) Tannu, Matt Stoll
 - i) Had a spring gathering, with good brotherhood conversion
 - ii) Sent Arrowmen to OA high Adventure and Arrowcops5
 - iii) Have new vigils
 - iv) Had a lodge conclave in a rural area, so everyone had to travel, was good idea
 - v) Brining the Lodge together, using chapters more
 - vi) Helping our little brothers in blue (cub scouts)
 - vii) Ceremonies have been lacking, having training next month
 - viii) Officer visitation would be nice
 - ix) Communication from section about what is going on.
- e) Ut-In Sélica, Nathan Young
 - i) Got quality Lodge
 - ii) Inducted 10 new vigil
 - iii) Need to work to strengthen chapters
 - iv) Need to develop committees

v) Making next LLD more interesting so more people will come

11) 2008 Conclave

a) W-3A

- i) Site caused many problems with scheduling and security
- ii) Cutter tours were cool
- iii) Free stuff at shows was great, but the actual show was not very well planned
- iv) New type of training was good
 - (1) Each person chooses a training 'track' and has a 2 hour training
 - (2) Then Lodges have training together were the chief talks about how to apply what you have learned to helping the lodge
 - (3) Have fun games to play with the lodges
- v) Would defiantly do it at cost guard island again
- vi) Indian affairs has been falling a part the last few years
- vii) Midway was also not very strong

b) W-3B

- i) Training- sectionmaster dropped a few classes, but it was worked out
- ii) Having lot of computers with sectionmaster made everything easier
- iii) Too many games during competitions
- iv) Competition schedule was impossible if your lodge was in the finals for a few events
- v) The video for the show was good
- vi) The rest of the show was thrown together at the last minute
- vii) Need more OA related things in show
- viii) Good food
- ix) Great site
- x) Air race was cool
- xi) Service lodge had a shift system set up for jobs to be done

12) CVC and Adviser meeting (10 min)

13) CVC reports

a) Site, Dylan Cliche

- i) Was going to use Solano fairgrounds, but too expensive
- ii) Dixon fairgrounds possibility
- iii) Berean Christian High School, Walnut Creek, another possibility
- iv) Site will have events and locations close together

b) Activities, Kyle Peterson

- i) Not having 'competitions' but 'activities'
- ii) Some athletic, activities that fit everyone
- iii) Indian Affairs (ceremonies, dance)
- iv) Dutch oven cook off
- v) Card games
- vi) Board games
- vii) OA jeopardy
- viii) Guitar Hero
- ix) Scavenger hunt
- x) Indian Handball
- xi) Tug-a-war
- xii) Eating contest
- xiii) Last man standing

- xiv) Capture the flag
- xv) Base ball
- xvi) football
- xvii) Activities in midway booths
- xviii) Need to communicate what activities, when and where activities are
- xix) Not necessarily by lodge, anyone can create a team and play
- c) Training, Anthony Colombo
 - i) Instead of choosing a college, choose a training group
 - ii) Have fewer classes per group, more related to the training group's theme
 - iii) Some people feel calluses need to be loner and have ore material to cover
 - iv) Have youth trainers for classes with adult advisers
 - v) Class ideas
 - (1) Keep Indian affair classes
 - (2) Robert's rules of order
 - (3) Intro to OA
 - vi) Session 3 would be a choose what ever you want time, don't have to choose a class in your training group
 - vii) Session 4 is a lodge wide training
 - (1) Have ice breaker games
 - (2) Chief gets up and talks about how the Arrowmen can serve the lodge with the training they just went through
- d) Auction/ museum/ Patch Trading, Matt Sullivan
 - i) Both live and silent auctions
 - ii) Silent goes all day
 - iii) If 2 people are going back and forth, can go to a live auction format
 - iv) Have a special patch for donors
 - (1) Have 2 appraisers tell how much patches are worth, over \$100 get patch
 - (2) Have different amounts for youth donors and adult donors
 - (3) Wait till after auction to give out patch, and base it on what they sell for
 - (4) Instead of an amount, give patches based on "top donors" in youth and adult categorizes after the auctions
 - v) Hopefully will make \$2700
 - vi) Have minimum bid on all patches
 - vii) Will come up with a set of ethics for trading like the ISCA code of ethics
 - viii) Have a Friday night trading area
 - (1) Need to let every one know that there will be lots of trading so they bring more patches
 - ix) Each Lodge will have display in the museum representing their lodge/ lodge history
 - (1) There will be criteria on each booth
 - x) Have participation points for both toward a quality participation award for lodges
 - xi) Will ask individuals to bring displays, they will be recognized
 - xii) Need a locking room away from the elements for museum
- e) Special events, no CVC yet
 - i) Looking for a CVC
 - ii) List of ideas
 - iii) Vigil re-dedication

- iv) Vigil dinner
- v) Ordeal re-dedication
- vi) VIA lunch
- vii) Inter-faith worship service (need a LDS service too)
- viii) Ice Cream social
- ix) Guitar hero
- x) Movie night
- f) Shows, Nathan Young
 - i) Friday night show to introduce theme and conclave
 - ii) Have Saturday night theme show
 - iii) Mix of live action and filmed
 - iv) Showcase dance
 - v) Get people excited for conclave in Fridays show
 - vi) Coordinate with special events
 - vii) Lodges have promotional video, show them on Friday night
 - viii) Keith has section sound system
- g) Indian Affairs, Matt Stoll
 - i) Try to get every lodge to have a dance team
 - ii) Every lodge should have 2 ceremony teams
 - iii) We need classes that work on skills, both making costumes and dancing
 - iv) Have a Pow Wow at conclave in the future
 - v) Have a midway booth
 - vi) Provide kits for sale
 - vii) Have youth judges at both dance and ceremonies
 - viii) Videotape ceremonies to provide feedback
 - ix) Encourage NOAC participation
 - x) Perform a brotherhood ceremony
 - xi) Have knowledgeable and skilled trainers for classes
 - xii) New interesting classes
 - (1) History of Indians, and how it effect the OA
 - (2) How to organize teams
 - (3) Symbolism
 - (4) Drumming and chanting
 - (5) Beginning steps in dancing
- h) Registration, Jeff Forest
 - i) Will be using sectionmaster
 - ii) Need prices and dates for prices to change
 - iii) Need list of classes
 - iv) Need lots of power onsite
 - v) Internet access makes everything faster
- i) Midway, Luke Knudsen
 - i) No adviser yet
 - ii) Promote to local units to come and see what the OA is about
 - iii) Lodge booths
 - (1) Their will be criteria for what you need to have
 - iv) Venturing booth
 - v) Snack bar for peoples “eating pleasures”
 - vi) REI and other business in the area will be contacted to come to conclave

- j) Promotion, Trevor Woodward
 - i) Talked last night about promotion ideas
 - ii) NOAC is
 - iii) August 1-6, 2009
 - iv) NOAC promotional PowerPoint will be online (resource page of website)
 - v) National Jamboree July 26- August 4, 2010
 - vi) Conclave promotion
 - (1) Have drawings for cool stuff to get people to register
 - vii) Have flash games for promotion

14) Budget

- a) Operating budget
 - i) OA high adventure campership
 - (1) National suggest up to \$150
 - (2) Could have 1 per program with different amounts
 - (3) Say it will cover registration fee with a max of \$200
 - (4) Have 3 \$150 scholarships
 - (5) Have \$100 per lodge, if one lodge doesn't use it, then it isn't used
 - (6) If scholarship is awarded at conclave in September, it reimburses the person for the high adventure they when on in the summer before conclave (AKA the same calendar year)
 - ii) Move to create 3 \$150 OA High Adventure scholarships, thus allotting \$450 of the budget for scholarships (moved: Amangi Nacha, seconded: Tannu)
 - (1) 6 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstentions
 - (2) 3 \$150 OA High Adventure Scholarships created
 - iii) Have the OA High adventure scholarship still called the John Mattern Memorial Scholarship
 - (1) Informal vote- unanimously yes
 - iv) Move to approve the 2009 Section W3N operating budget as is (moved: Vice-Chief, Seconded: Amangi Nacha)
 - (1) \$200 for website is very expensive, can someone explain why it is soo much? (Ut-In Sélica)
 - (a) Can not get a hold of Steve Davidek, who would know
 - (2) 6 yeas, 1 nay, 2 abstentions
 - (3) 2009 W3N operating budget approved
- b) Conclave budget
 - i) Add the \$300 sectionmaster fee to registration
 - (1) This is in addition to the per transaction fee
 - ii) Conclave patch- change to \$1.50 per person
 - iii) Special events needs lots more money for ice cream and VIA
 - iv) Midway CVC should have some money for making signs and stuff
 - v) Site cost is undetermined, because there is not a set site yet
 - vi) Can not approve this budget until there is a site cost

15) OAHA

- a) Adventure.oa-bsa.org
- b) Trail crew \$200
- c) Wilderness Voyage \$150
- d) Ocean Adventure (already full for 2009) \$500

- e) New program called Canadian Odyssey (a part of the Wilderness Voyage program, more information to follow)

16) 2009 Quality Lodge

- a) There are no new requirements for this year
- b) Reviewed all requirements

17) Conclave Patch designs

- a) Need more time than from last night
- b) What about a patch design contest
- c) Have on website and in newsletter
- d) Need criteria for designs
- e) Required
 - i) Theme - "That's what Chief said"
 - ii) Date – September 18-20, 2009
 - iii) Location – TBD
 - iv) WWW
 - v) Fleur de lis (BSA logo)
 - vi) Must be Scouting Appropriate
- f) Suggested to include
 - i) OA Sash
 - ii) Section W3N conclave
 - iii) "a Three North experience"
 - iv) Phoenix
 - v) Lodge (totems)
- g) Need an incentive like whole patch set or conclave free
- h) Designs due by march 1st to:
 - ATTN: Justin Riordan,
 - 800 Ellinwood Way
 - Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
 - Or: justin.riordan@comcast.net
- i) Move to have a patch design contest where designer getting whole patch set (Moved: Amangi Nacha, Seconded: Tannu)
 - i) Amendment to motion: as long as the designer is a youth (proposed by: Secretary (Justin), accepted by Amangi Nacha)
 - (1) Motion amended to include patch set only goes to a youth
 - ii) 8 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention
 - iii) Patch design contest created where if the designer is a youth, they will receive a whole patch set

18) Give conclave a 'tag-line' (item added to agenda by chief)

- a) Add a 'tag-line' to help advertise conclave
- b) For promotion call conclave by this tag line
- c) Ideas
 - i) The 3N experience
 - ii) Three North experience
 - iii) 3 Northapalooza
 - iv) Extravaganza
- d) Move to not have tag line and drop all discussion (moved: Talako, seconded: Vice-Chief)
 - i) 1 yea, 4 nays, 4 abstentions

- ii) Motion is dropped, discussion on conclave tag line may continue
- e) Move to adopted “three North experience” as a continual tag line to describe conclave on patch, promotions, ect (moved: Amangi Nacha, seconded: Orca)
 - i) 5 yeas, 0 nays, 4 abstentions
 - ii) Conclave is to be refereed to on promotional materials, patches, ect. as (the) Three North experience

19) Additional Section event

- a) Conservation project in 2010
- b) A LLD train the Trainer in 2009?
 - i) Would it be helpful in your Lodge?
- c) Sometime in the fall after conclave works best
- d) Ben LeRoy will pursue the idea and training

20) Section Representatives

- a) Each Lodge is to bring two to the next COC
- b) Will have up to 2 votes for reps
- c) Each lodge can have 3 vote
- d) Reps do not have to be set, but it works better if they are
- e) CVC’s can work as reps
- f) Section officers can not be reps
- g) Don’t forget your reps next meeting
- h) If you get your reps contact info to Gabe, they can easily be contacted with COC infomation

21) Adviser’s minute

22) Chief’s Closing words

- a) Next COC is March 9, 2009
- b) We don’t have camp Polluck, but another spot in the Sacramento area will be found
- c) Please look for the communications telling the COC location

23) Sung Song and adjourned