

Lowaneu Allanque Lodge #41
E-Board Minutes
Date: March 16, 2023
Secretary: James Growney

Hybrid Meeting

Executive Board Positions:

Lodge Chief: Ryan Dodd (chief@oa41.org)
Vice Chief of Committees: Neave McConnell (vccom@oa41.org)
Vice Chief of Chapters: Tim Treacy (vcchapt@oa41.org)
Lodge Secretary: James Growney (sec@oa41.org)
Lodge Treasurer: JJ Frazer (treas@oa41.org)
Lodge Quartermaster: Eddie Ouimet (qm@oa41.org)

Call to Order: Ryan called the start of the meeting at 7:34

Reports

Secretary Report: James Growney

- Discussed minutes. Passed unanimously

Treasurer Report: JJ Frazer

- Received 2,022 dollars from brotherhood bash income
- Pay dues
- Postcards will be sent at the end of the month
- The lodge has sufficient funds

Quartermaster report: Eddie Ouimet

- Designed and published the lodge purple flannel
- Designed poll for the 2024 Lodge NOAC flap
- Ran the trading post at BB
- Designing conclave merchandise

Chapter Reports: Tim Treacy

- Nick spilled tim's shake EVERYWHERE
- One month left in elections
 - Keep signing up and promoting elections to get them done

- Invite all arrowmen to do an election
- No need to abide by borders, just do them!!!
- Reports are either not turned in or turned in late
- Ottawa: Liam Connelly
 - Not present
 - 3 outh and 4 adults at chapter
- Potawatomi: Nick Allen
 - Nick is present and decided to use the podium
 - Past chapter meeting had further discussions of a lock in for the chapter and future lodge events
 - Successfully ran all but two remaining elections for the season
 - He's SORRY for SPILLING TIM'S SHAKE
 - Last chapter meeting, they played duck duck goose
- Chippewa: Casey Oliva
 - Slow month doing elections
 - Most of them scheduled and signed up for
 - Strong showing at chapter meeting
 - Excited for conclave and spring fellowship
 - They want to to roller skating

Committee Reports: Neave McConnell

- Starting out the planning for spring fellowship
 - Schedule drafted
- Activities: Austin Mathison
 - HE PULLED KETCHUP FROM BEHIND MY EAR
 - Nicknamed the green goblins
 - Set up nine square (took it down)
 - Prepared board games and bags
 - NO BAGS FOR BAGS
 - Ready to put on an amazing spring fellowship
 - Proposed a riding bull machine for fellowship
 - If goal met for spring fellowship for attendance, pie the key six! And water balloons
 - "Looking for some more fun"
- American Indian Affairs: Lucas Wilson

- Brotherhood ceremony practice a=on mach 4 and executed it at the bash
- Planning practices for ordeal ceremonies
 - Come to eboard at 6 to prepare ceremony
- Getting ready for spring fellowship
- Awards: Dakota Lohman
 - Not here
 - Awards are now open for nominations
 - Still more opportunities to earn FYA
- Brotherhood: Jonathan Hill
 - Had brotherhood bash on the 11th
 - 53 conversions and dozens more attendees
 - Booked for the next brotherhood bash and working on future plans
- Cook Crew: Logan Hockings
 - Cooked hot dogs and burgers for the bash!!
 - THEY WILL COOK AT OTHER EVENT
- Elangomats: Tad Pierski
 - 6 nimats
 - All were adults
 - More youth needed to be nimats, please consider in the future
 - Always need help
 - Setting up sign up information for elangomats for the spring fellowship
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- Grounds: Alexa Czarnecki
 - Couldn't be here
 - Thanked those that helped clean up at bash
 - Invits arrowmen to help with grounds at fellowship
- Inductions: Jordan Landtiser
 - Missing one election to be scheduled
 - Stats:
 - 192 youth candidates elected so far
 - Less than 10 adult nominations
 - Promote adult nominations to units
 - Issues with lodgemaster and adult noms

- Chippewa
- Ottawa
- Potawatomi
- Similar in stats from last year
- Working to create new ordeal schedule to make it more meaningful and increase induction rates/membership loyalty
- Trading cards question
 - At NOAC, there were trading cards where they could track who they all met
 - Members can participate in that to engage community
- Service: Mackenzie Ball
 - There will be a service project on may 13 at bethany lutheran
 - Goal is to get 13 people present, only 7 signed up
 - Sign up is open
- Vigil: Nico Lamb
 - Not present, extensive report
 - Get vigil noms in!

Old Business

Merit Badge University

- Less of a disaster than training academy

Spring Brotherhood Bash

- Exceeded goal of 95 members
- Massive success
- A couple troubles, but they were fixed and equaled out
- Ceremonies was a struggle
 - Sign up for ceremonies
- So were nimats
 - Sign up for nimatg

Bylaw Update Discussion

- Tabled the removal discussion of the NLS requirement
- Vote on it next month
- Not fair for members if it's a financial burden
 - Lodge offers 2 people, but whole key six needs to go
- Amend it to have minimum training requirement be a training by the lodge

- Next discussion;
- Create vice chief of inductions role (making it key 7)
- This chief would cover all the way from ordeal to brotherhood, rename inductions committee to elections committee
- VC Comms would no longer have any worry or leadership over the inductions process other than elections
- It would help with clarifications within the process and anything relating to this long and somewhat complex process
- Ease the weight beared by other key 6 members so they may focus on their jobs
- Discussion to not have specific committees
 - VC inductions oversees anything the lodge has to do with inductions rather than oversee specific committees
- Add clause to make VC inductions in charge of appointing and removal of some committee chairs
- Almost everything we do is related to inductions, so would this role have too much power/bear too much responsibility?
- Why bother creating separate committees and complicating it rather than have one larger committee?
- Tabled discussion, will discuss and vote next meeting

New Business

Conclave 2023

- Early bird registration closes this sunday!!
- QR code was displayed on screen
- Prices will be going up, lots of help needed with Host Lodge
- Walk through happened within the past week
- Goal is 64 people (almost there)
- #1 in registration number throughout the section so far!
- We need to put up the circus tent within the next 5 weeks

2023 Service Project

- 7 signed up so far
- QR code displayed on the screen
- 30 count goal
- Might go to lunch as a lodge
- What will we be doing?

- To be determined by those that sign up (in terms of numbers)
- This service project is really important so we can give back to the church
- Service committee has met with the church, sizeable number of projects the church has proposed
 - More people and equipment needed!
 - Wheelbarrows, ladders, saws, hammers, etc.

Spring Fellowship

- Schedule written out and preliminary
 - Planning on changing the ordeal schedule (at least for spring fellowship)
 - Goal: retain membership
 - Will be discussed on a later date
- Meet with the committees within the next week to plan the upcoming fellowship
- Broken Arrow
 - Have not determined the time to do it yet
 - QR code displayed for who to give respects to
 - On the slack

Unit Elections

- Definitely covered it
- Sign up for more!
- Thanks given to the adults who have helped

Council Camporee

- At the forge in Lemont
- Registration open now
- OA will be involved with the meetings to find out what we can do to help
- Theme?
 - "FORGE ON!"
 - Refer to council Instagram

Open Discussion

More election talk

- 40 some elections have been declined
 - Due to things outside of lodge control

- Set up unit visitations to communicate and promote the OA. nothing too much
- Need to establish good relations with our troops so that way we have eligible scouts for the future after promotions
- Problem: we do not have the manpower to do that (it's been discussed in the past)

Key 3 minutes

- Mr. Wentzell - Staff Advisor
 - If anyone needs a job, see Mr. Wentzell
 - We're just so smart omg such smart conversations we're so mature
 - The discussion of manpower is not something new
 - Been struggling with manpower for so long all across the board
 - It's something necessary but almost out of reach
 - Find more people for committees!! Woohoo
 - "Austin Manpower"
 - Thanked jonathan for so many brotherhood conversions
 - Great walkthrough that happened recently for conclave
 - 4:39
- Mr. Stoner - Lodge Advisor
 - Uh oh more inductions talk
 - So many steps throughout inductions
 - We managed to get 25 percent of people to commit to brotherhood from last year's ordeal members
 - Goal for half of the converted ordeal members this year
 - Come up with more ideas and keep up the discussions
 - 2:28
- Ryan Dodd - Lodge Chief
 - Avoided the podium
 - Ryan dodd was in college and couldn't participate in the basj
 - Working on bulletin board for "what's next?"
 - Moving into fellowship
 - Find people who are going to take over our positions, and bring them into the committee to introduce them

- We will be able to keep having these conversations the more we are able to find those willing to continue participating
- 2:48

Meeting adjourned at 9:04