Council of Chiefs Meeting Minutes

Section SR-9, Order of the Arrow

August 28th, 2021

1. Pledge and Obligation
2. Roll Call
   1. Section Chief- Present
   2. Section Vice Chief - Present
   3. Section Vice Chief of Conclave - Present
   4. Alibamu - Present
   5. Aracoma - Present
   6. Chattahoochee - Present
   7. Coosa - Present
   8. Echeconnee - Present
   9. Egwa Tawa Dee – Absent
   10. Ini-To - Absent
   11. I-Tsu-La - Present
   12. Mowogo – Present
   13. Waguli – Present
   14. Withlacoochee – Present
   15. AIA - Absent
   16. Ceremonies – Present
   17. Conclave Expo - Absent
   18. Fellowship - Present
   19. OAHA - Present
   20. Quest – Present
   21. Shows – Present
   22. Special Events - Absent
   23. Tailypo – Present
   24. Training - Absent
3. Introduction and Minutes
4. Officer Reports
5. Lodge Reports
6. National Updates
   1. National Council of Chiefs
      1. The biggest take away the section officers got from the 2021 NCOC was that we must be prepared to adapt and change in order to remain a successful organization.
      2. NOAC 2022
         1. The theme for NOAC 2022 is Tomorrow Begins Today.
         2. Individuals will be able to register for $925, as long as they are over the age of 21.
         3. Each lodge will receive $575 from the section to distribute for NOAC scholarships.
      3. Admonition Team
         1. The Admonition Team is a national initiative that focuses on inclusion and diversity. Lodges should expect to hear more about that in the coming months
      4. Polestar
         1. Polestar is an induction leadership training designed to help each lodge provide successful inductions that encourages membership retention. It’s highly encouraged that each lodge host a training for their LEC’s, either through the section trainers (contact Joey or Jacob for more information) or through the online portal (<https://oa-bsa.org/resources/inductions/polestar>)
      5. Project Magellan
         1. First proposed at the NCOC, Project Magellan is a proposal in regards to restructuring the OA. If approved by the National OA Committee, there would be two regions instead of four. Sections would remain relatively the same, and would still host conclaves each year. For more information, please visit <https://oa-bsa.org/magellan>.
7. Old Business
   1. 2021 Conclave Closeout
      1. It was originally budgeted for 455 people, however there was an actual attendance of 557 people, with a total revenue for the event being $7452.
      2. As a result, each lodge will be reimbursed $6.25 per conclave delegate, with checks being sent out soon.
      3. For more detail, please see the attached PDF “2021 SR-9 Conclave Budget – COC Approved.”
      4. The Section Chief motioned to approve the 2021 Conclave actual Budget, I-Tsu-La seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
         1. Alibamu - Y
         2. Aracoma - Y
         3. Chattahoochee - Y
         4. Coosa - Y
         5. Echeconnee - Y
         6. I-Tsu-La - Y
         7. Mowogo – Y
         8. Waguli – Y
         9. Withlacoochee - Y
8. New Business
   1. Indian Winter: January 7-9 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins
      1. Program Presentation -- James Chalmers
         1. At Indian Winter, lodges will be able to enjoy a variety of new and similar activities to that of previous Indian Winters. These items include, but are not limited to, a Friday night Carnival (think a southern barbeque minus the food), Unit elections team evaluation, American Indian Activities, Leadership Development trainings, Mock Ceremony Evaluations, a lunch COC, and an afternoon Pow Wow. For more details about these events, see the attached PDF “Indian Winter Plan.”
      2. Budget -- James Chalmers
         1. The proposal budgeted for 250 people attending. The on-time registration price is $25 per person, while the late registration price is $35 per person. For more detail, please see the attached PDF “2022 SR-9 Indian Winter Budget COC Approved.”
      3. Service Presentation -- Jonah Overland
         1. Camp Benjamin Hawkins has two sections: Indian Winter will be held on the Main Side, Bus/RV parking will be on the lake side, trailer parking will be in a separate lot. Registration will be done near the main parking lot. The nearest hospital is 5 miles away.
         2. The COVID Plan for Indian Winter and Conclave will be to follow BSA and Council Policy. They are asking everyone to wear masks and to be extra aware of hygiene.
         3. There are a multitude of pavilions, most having power, that should fit any AIA activities requested to be done. Every campsite has a pavilion and an outhouse. There are two arenas for services and shows, however the OA arena has no power or lights, but does have a building that can house electrical materials as needed. There is a large field with a volleyball net that should be good for any quest or other activities. Coffee and water will be provided all day at both events for free.
         4. Food will be provided at designated meal times, in clam shells to minimize contact.
         5. Lodges will need to bring tents for both Indian Winter, but all campsites have spots for hammocks.
      4. A motion was made by the Section Chief to approve the Indian Winter Proposal, I-Tsu-La seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
         1. Alibamu - Y
         2. Aracoma - Y
         3. Chattahoochee - Y
         4. Coosa - Y
         5. Echeconnee - Y
         6. I-Tsu-La - Y
         7. Mowogo – Y
         8. Waguli – Y
         9. Withlacoochee - Y
      5. Promotion -- Jacob Ball
         1. Lodges should expect to receive promotion materials, (i.e. Flyers, Letters, Social Media Posts etc.) that they can share within their lodge. Conclave Ambassadors (see below) will also be used to promote both Indian Winter and Conclave.
   2. Conclave: April 1-3 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins
      1. Theme Presentation and Program Overview -- Joey Fletcher
         1. The proposed theme for the 2022 Conclave was Seek to Serve.
         2. A motion was made by the Section Chief to approve the proposed theme, Mowogo seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
            1. Alibamu - Y
            2. Aracoma - Y
            3. Chattahoochee - Y
            4. Coosa - Y
            5. Echeconnee - Y
            6. I-Tsu-La - Y
            7. Mowogo – Y
            8. Waguli – Y
            9. Withlacoochee – Y
      2. Memorabilia and Patch Design -- Joey Fletcher
         1. For more detail, please see the attached Power Point “Conclave Memorabilia and Patch Designs.”
         2. The Coosa Lodge Chief requested that the Coosa Lodge logo on the Super Patch be changed to reflect the current logo of Coosa. Section officer agreed and the Super Patch proposal was changed to reflect that request.
         3. A motion was made by the Section Chief to approve the Conclave Memorabilia and Patch designs, with the proposed change by the Coosa Lodge Chief enacted, Waguli seconded. An amendment was proposed by the Section Secretary that the Section Leadership could work with the Patch Company in regards to the neckerchief design, Echeconnee seconded, and the amendment was approved unanimously.
            1. Alibamu - Y
            2. Aracoma - Y
            3. Chattahoochee - Y
            4. Coosa - Y
            5. Echeconnee - Y
            6. I-Tsu-La - Y
            7. Mowogo – Y
            8. Waguli – Y
            9. Withlacoochee – Y
         4. With the amendment approved, the Section Chief motioned to approve the Conclave Memorabilia and Patch design proposal, Mowogo seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
            1. Alibamu - Y
            2. Aracoma - Y
            3. Chattahoochee - Y
            4. Coosa - Y
            5. Echeconnee - Y
            6. I-Tsu-La - Y
            7. Mowogo – Y
            8. Waguli – Y
            9. Withlacoochee – Y
      3. Promotion and Conclave Ambassador Program -- Jacob Ball
         1. Lodges should expect to receive several promotional materials, similar to Indian Winter, for Conclave. In addition, lodges received customized wristbands to pass out at their events in promotion of Conclave.
         2. The Conclave Ambassador Program is where one individual from each lodge is responsible for inviting participants to, promoting, and encouraging registration for Conclave. Lodges need to have these individuals picked out as soon as possible, and should email their ambassador’s contact information to Jacob.
      4. Registration Portal and Deadlines -- Jacob Ball
         1. Registration for both Indian Winter and Conclave will be located on the section website, under their respective tabs, and will open October 1st. If lodges are to require any additional fees for Indian Winter or Conclave, those need to be sent to section leadership by September 15th.
         2. The deadline to pre-order memorabilia is January 31. This is also the end date of the early bird registration period. The regular fee deadline will be announced at the January COC, and the late fee will begin after that date has passed.
         3. The deadline to register for Indian Winter is December 15th.
      5. Service Presentation -- Jonah Overland
         1. The service presentation is the same as presented for Indian Winter, with the change of using both the main side and the lake side of camp for lodges.
         2. A motion was made by the section chief to approve the service lodge’s proposal, I-Tsu-La seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
            1. Alibamu - Y
            2. Aracoma - Y
            3. Chattahoochee - Y
            4. Coosa - Y
            5. Echeconnee - Y
            6. I-Tsu-La - Y
            7. Mowogo – Y
            8. Waguli – Y
            9. Withlacoochee - Y
      6. American Indian Activities -- Will Hancock
         1. They plan to offer the same program as in past, however it will be done virtually through the SR-9 AIA Facebook group. Awards will remain the same, as will the standard of judging.
      7. Ceremonies -- Josh Hart
         1. “Looking good”
      8. Expo -- Evan Bryan
         1. Will need tables, chairs, and a field area. Will also need printing, expo signs, vendor gifts, event patches, and other supplies.
      9. Fellowship -- Colton Tucker
         1. No updates, but has met with adviser.
      10. Quest Events -- Nethan Crew
          1. Quest events will be similar to 2021, although tug-o-war or volley ball could change. Each lodge will need to send one adult judge to participate in quest events.
          2. A point was mentioned that some standard of judging needs to occur, either through training or some other means of quality assurance.
      11. OAHA -- Liam Weng
          1. Working with people he met from OAHA for ideas for Conclave and Indian Winter. Will most likely be a showcase/promo, although actual high adventure (climbing tower) could be possible.
          2. If anyone has contacts within OAHA, please send them to Liam Weng.
      12. Shows -- Kate Giles
          1. The show at Conclave will be at the OA Arena. It will most likely last between 45 and 60 minutes. If there are any promotional videos that need to be played at the show (such as OAHA), please send those to Kate Giles.
          2. A request was made to bring back Arrowmen on the Street, and to play a slideshow of conclave at the closing campfire.
      13. Special Events -- Michael Sumner
          1. Special events runs many events, such as the VIA luncheon, Mr. Axe, Sash Cab, and Candy Guess. They also run the patch auction, and are requesting that each lodge donates $300 worth of patches.
      14. Tailypo Festival -- Ellie Moone
          1. Will be conducting a pie eating contest, tailypo booths, and are looking and changing the lip sync contest to a talent show.
      15. Training -- Joseph Ashley
          1. Will be formulating concrete plans soon.
      16. Best All Around Lodge and Awards -- Joey Fletcher
          1. For more detail, please see the attached PDF “2021-2022\_Best All Around Lodge - COC Approved.”
          2. Attendance is calculated by taking the miles from the council headquarters, and multiplying it by the number of conclave delegates, divided by recharter membership.
          3. A motion was made by the section chief to approve the Best All Around Lodge proposal, Echeconnee seconded, and discussion began. After debate regarding the phrase “Conclave participation is defined as entering at least 1/2 of the events in the area, plus providing at least one judge, with the exception of AIA, which will be defined as participating in at least one event plus providing a judge” the Waguli Lodge Chief called the question, leading to the passing of the proposal 7-4.
             1. Alibamu - N
             2. Aracoma - N
             3. Chattahoochee - N
             4. Coosa -N
             5. Echeconnee - Y
             6. I-Tsu-La - Y
             7. Mowogo – Y
             8. Waguli – Y
             9. Withlacoochee – Y
             10. Vice Chief – Y
             11. Secretary – Y
          4. Other awards discussion was tabled to next COC meeting, as some of the awards may change in the coming months.
      17. Budget -- Joey Fletcher
          1. The conclave registration fee has decreased to $39, with late fee of $60. The total expected attendance 648 people. For more detail, please see the attached PDF “2022 SR-9 Conclave Budget COC Approved.”
          2. The section chief made a motion to approve the Hiking Staff Medallion Proposal, Coosa seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
             1. Alibamu - Y
             2. Aracoma - Y
             3. Chattahoochee - Y
             4. Coosa - Y
             5. Echeconnee - Y
             6. I-Tsu-La - Y
             7. Mowogo – Y
             8. Waguli – Y
             9. Withlacoochee – Y
          3. The Legacy Fellowship would be a $1000 donation to the National Endowment in the section’s name, in light of the recent bankruptcy. There would only be 100 Legacy fellowship patches, and they would only be sold on site.
          4. A motion was made by the section chief to approve the 2022 Conclave budget, Waguli seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
             1. Alibamu - Y
             2. Aracoma - Y
             3. Chattahoochee - Y
             4. Coosa - Y
             5. Echeconnee - Y
             6. I-Tsu-La - Y
             7. Mowogo – Y
             8. Waguli – Y
             9. Withlacoochee - Y
9. Adviser’s Minute
10. Closing
    1. Mowogo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Coosa seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.