

Lodge Executive Committee Minutes
March 11, 2012
Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge

- Opening
- Roll call
- Minutes Approved
- Announcements
- Spring Pow-Wow Re-cap: we had a total of 151 people come to Spring Pow-Wow. We had a lot of fun and the service project was completed. The Pow-Wow and crackerbarrel were very well received. Give the Chairman or Lodge Chief any input or feedback through e-mails.
- Brotherhood: we had 28 brothers go through Brotherhood this weekend. This brings us to 18%. Thanks to Chuppecat for doing the ceremony. And also thanks to all the chapters that have already converted over 30% of their eligible brothers.
- Conclave 2012: we have 41 members registered for Conclave, but only 14 are youth. The final deadline is March 29th. We have information about the ceremonies, dancing, and all other competitions. If you'll take part in any of these competitions please e-mail the VCIA right away. Conclave lodge flaps are on sale now. T-shirts are being ordered. The deadline for Admin submissions is April 1st. Please bring over-alls, Mario hats or anything else theme related to Conclave.
- Ordeal: the next Elangomat training will be March 31st at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. We will be sending out more information and promotion through e-mail. There will be no Brotherhood opportunity at this event.
- OA-Days Bert Adams: we have been asked to do a little something different at OA days at camp at BASR. What we really need are some Egwa brothers to work at BASR. If you are 15 or older and need a job this summer, we really need your help.
- NOAC 2012: today is the last day of registration for NOAC, we need 300 Dollars due by the end of today, this will reserve your spot at NOAC as well as transportation to and from NOAC. There will be frequent e-mails sent out to all contingent members, so remember to check regularly.
- Vigil: the deadline to submit nominations is April 15th, the next lodge LEC meeting. Congrats to our new Vigil from this weekend.
- Conclave 2013: over the next few days, we will be working hard to fill in all remaining vacancies for hosting the 2013 conclave. We need to start promoting conclave section wide. You can sign up to help as an individual or chapter. We are welcoming ideas for conclave for everything including theme. The Conclave Planning Seminar will be August 24-26, 2012. This will be the section's first taste of our lodge's hospitality, so we would like a large staff to help out.
- Old Business
- None

- New Business
- SummerFest Chairman: Shawn Tutin will be our SummerFest Chairman. If you have any questions or ideas, feel free to e-mail Shawn.
- VCA vacancy: our VCA ship-out date for the military has been moved up significantly. Our Current VCA will be resigning today; we will have a special election to allow someone else to fulfill this job the nomination period begins today. E-mail the current VCA if you are interested or have questions.
- VCC vacancy: there is a vacancy for the VCC position, if you have any questions or are interested, please e-mail Mr. Chuck Brooks or Alex Leach.

➤ Chapter reports

- Achewon: we had a very busy month, we are working on troop elections and have 75% done. We have done 4 cross-overs. Our tap out is planned. Ceremony team has been practicing for Conclave and got evaluated this weekend. Our drum team is also practicing. We brought 18 youth to Pow-Wow, 12 adults, and had 9 go through brotherhood.
- Etowah: we are working on unit elections are going to have pizza at the next meeting
- Echota: we are starting a ceremony team and we had one go through Brotherhood.
- Cvmpe: we have completed unit elections. We have also completed the camping surveys. We had 20 youth attend Pow-Wow and two go through Brotherhood. We helped out with the National Day of Service. We had ceremony teams go through multiple evaluations this weekend.
- Lokchau: we had two go through Brotherhood this weekend. We have finished our unit elections. We have performed one cross-over and we are planning others.
- Lowanne: our ceremony teams are preparing, we are almost done with election, and we had two go through Brotherhood this weekend.
- Nagatamen: working on unit elections, we have established a mentoring program to help younger scouts.
- Tella Qualla Boundary: we had three go through Brotherhood and one go through Vigil. We held a Bar-B-Q earlier this month to raise money for children's cancer research, it went great. We are working on unit elections.
- Thenneflokee: we have finished all of our unit elections. We had 5 brothers came to Pow-Wow and two went through Brotherhood. We are working on Arrow of Light and cross-over ceremonies
- Watschu: we are planning our district's camporee and have almost completed all ceremonies.
- Wesadicha: had a good turn out this weekend and are working on a ceremony team.

➤ Officer reports

- LC: I'd like to recognize the chapters who had more youth than adult show up this weekend. This is something we need to improve as a lodge. We have several things we, as a lodge, need to fix. This will require the work of all the chapters. These goals will be put on-line soon. These are high goals, and this is what makes them worth doing. We need every chapter to have a 3:1 youth to adult ratio. We also have a goal of 250 people show up to an event; we had 151 attend this past weekend. If you are a chairman or lodge or chapter officer, we need to communicate more efficiently. E-mails will be the only official communication. Facebook and twitter will be only used for promotions. Phone calls will be to follow up e-mails that haven't been responded to. Send e-mails to the lodge official e-mail addresses so that the adviser also gets a copy of the e-mail. We will work on having chapters more involved. Let me know if you need help or if you have ideas about anything, I want to help out every chapter. Don't be afraid to ask your advisers for help, and use all your resources. We'd like to have feedback from chapters to help improve our events. We can keep this in records so that we have records from year-to-year. Our Lodge needs major fixing, and this requires our lodge, as a whole to work together to improve. For e-mails, please always respond in 3-days or less, even if it is just "I'm out of town this weekend, I can't answer that immediately". More information on the state-of-the-lodge will be coming out when available.
- VCA: We had 151 members show up for the Pow-Wow, we have 11 chapters at this LEC. All Unit elections are due on April 15th, the next LEC. If you are interested or have questions about being the VCA, please contact Jacob Offenbacher.
- VCP: we had a service project at March 3rd that was successful. Thanks to Asher Goodspeed for a great Spring Pow-Wow. Please clean up after yourselves in your campsites and complete the duty

asked of your chapter to clean up around camp. We are starting a program called “Now I’m in the OA, what do I do now?” to help new members understand what the OA is and teach them about Conclave, NOAC, ceremonies, etc. We will have several booths promoting things and events, similar to a small carnival. Don’t forget about the brown bag’s twitter @brownbag-egwa. We had 19 show up for the National Day of Service.

➤VCIA: Thank you to Achewon, Cvmpe and Chuppecat for going through evaluations yesterday. Thank you to the judges as well. Thank you to John Crew for running the dance and drum evaluations. If you are going to have your ceremony team complete at Conclave, you need to register by the 31st of March.

➤VCF: the trading post sold \$567 worth of merchandise, we fell below our projected budget, but we did make a good amount for the campership fund. We raised almost \$300 for NOAC through the patch auction. We are still working on having Lodge pocket knives. We are also working on having a good hat for this year. If you have not paid OA dues for this year, they are needed. They are \$10 for this year. They can be paid on-line, through the mail, or in person at the VSC. The trading post is always accepting new ideas. For conclave, all the lodges are being asked to donate patches for the auction at the Section level. Working as Staff at BASR or WSR is a great way to do service to our camps.

➤Adviser remarks

➤LA: Thank you again to the Spring Pow-Pow chairman. Everyone should go back to their units and tell everyone how much fun they had and promote the OA among your unit. We need more people to sign up for Conclave. Don’t let talk about the Conclave host lodge’s camp turn you away. We need to keep records of all unit elections and how many actually go through Ordeal so that the chapter can keep up with them. An Officer position is more than a title and position, it is a responsibility. If you don’t know what the obligation you’ve committed to is, ask your adviser, they will know. Please make sure to clean up the camp before you leave. Thank you for coming out this weekend and remember to pass the word on. E-mails are needed to help keep every one accountable and to make sure that youth officers and adult advisers are all on the same page.

➤SA: Make sure that everyone pitches in to help cleanup before we leave. We need more summer camp staff than ever at BASR. We also need help at WSR. Don’t let the facilities at Conclave scare you away, as the program will be great. We have 4-6 AAC troops going to the National Scout Jamboree in 2013, it’s going to be a great experience. Sign up is still open. Thanks for a good weekend.

➤Call to Adjourn

➤Closing

Respectfully submitted by:

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