

# **Nampa-Tsi Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Notes 16 February 2008, Boone Electric Cooperative**

## **Chapter reports**

Gawi (represented by adviser) has been working on ScoutReach, ceremonies, and camp promotions/unit elections.

Sisilija has been working on crossover ceremonies, has a spaghetti dinner forthcoming, and will also be conducting unit elections.

Taleka is also working on crossovers, both already conducted and forthcoming. Unit elections are in progress. There will be a chapter camping trip to Camp Hohn to work on the OA ceremonial grounds.

Wiechcheu's dance team has been active and working with crossovers. It has also been doing work days at Camp Hohn.

All other chapters did not have representation or submit reports.

## **Banquet review**

Members made favorable comments about the banquet, training sessions (still could have been better), exceptional Vigil Honor call-out, door prizes added positively to the session. Several people commented that it might be good for the flow of the meeting to do run-thrus to be sure that technology and other aspects of the function work smoothly. A comment was made in the case of the Vigil Honor ceremony that the name of the called-out candidate be read by the narrator or displayed on the PowerPoint so that everyone can see who has been called.

Promotion of the event needs to be reconsidered. People now expect a lodge banquet, but we end the day-long event with the banquet, despite doing other things such as training.

## **Spring Conclave**

Taleka is going to do Ordeal/Pre-Ordeal, Wiechcheu will do Brotherhood. Amoe may or may not be doing the cooking. Gawi will help with clean-up.

A suggestion was raised for an archery contest. We will need a certified instructor to supervise the event. If we are able to secure one for Spring Conclave, we will be able to stage this.

All chapters are asked to bring funds to the Spring Conclave for a hot-dog fundraiser for the lodge.

The Chief has asked for fun events in the afternoon in order to encourage lodge members to come -- do not make it strictly a service event. Competitions may take place as well. Each chapter is asked to host a game show.

Adult leaders have been invited by Dennis Kerns to display regalia, patches, etc. at Spring Conclave. Some adults have volunteered to make ribbon shirts so that youths who do not have regalia and need it can have something to wear. There has been a request to help fund this effort, either through fees paid by those who are actually getting the regalia or a supplement from the lodge. \$20 per ribbon shirt was suggested as a possible fee. A suggestion was raised to use the lodge headdress fund to help support this. The Chief asked for a motion to use \$150 from the headdress fund to pay for the ribbon shirts, which was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. A suggestion was also raised to get headdresses pre-made and stored safely. A process should also be put in place to protect them from being taken and not returned as well as to protect them from the elements.

### **Summer Camp Call-Out**

Patrick Mahoney is in charge of the ceremony. The ceremony needs to be re-worked to conform to the new National standards. Patrick will choose members of his committee.

Troops are requesting that the lodge do call-out ceremonies, especially those that go out-of-council for summer camp. The Chief noted that participation in a call-out is not required as a part of the election process. The youths favored allowing call-out ceremonies in the event of circumstances beyond the control of an individual or a youth. Those units that do not attend Great Rivers Council summer camp should not be allowed to participate in a Nampa-Tsi call-out ceremony. A motion was made and seconded that unit election teams will make it clear to scoutmasters that they have the option either to announce the election results at the conclusion of the election or to attend a lodge-sponsored call-out ceremony. The team is to make it clear that the unit may not conduct its own ceremony, as doing so would be a violation of national policy.

### **Advancement Vice Chief**

Tony Ramirez has stepped down, leaving the position open. Devin Montgomery and Kevin Doyal volunteered. The Chief will make a decision on who will be named to complete the term.

### **Inventory Report**

The LEC discussed changes needed to the lodge supplied inventory. A motion was made and seconded to allow the inventory to be re-stocked according to the discussion held on subject -- passed without opposition.

### **CoC, 23-24 Feb.**

Dennis Kerns will offer rides to youths who want to attend.

### **Chief Letters**

Letters will be sent to members reminding them that they are eligible to attend events and to encourage them to do so. These will be more personal in nature than a newsletter would be.

### **Lodge Building at Hohn**

Suggestions for lay-out of lodge building will be taken at the Spring Conclave. Fundraisers are a possibility to pay for construction of the building.

**ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>**

We are only one of two councils in the Central Region that has no-one signed up for ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>. We need to get at least one crew to one of the five sites. Chapter chiefs need to ensure that events are getting publicized -- in coordination with the Correspondence Vice Chief -- to be sure that our members are notified of all events.