

Council of Chiefs Meeting
March 21, 2004
Four Seagate Conference Center, Fifth Floor

1. *Opening – 12.48 pm*
 - A. *Obligation*
 - B. *Amendments to the Agenda*

Split Forum moved to item 6. Section Committee Reports moved to item 7.
New item – ‘Section Lifetime Achievement Award’ added between items 6 and 7.
 - C. *Roster Verifications*

Roster passed around for corrections.
Mark Rosiet, Jr. introduced as One Day of Service Chairman.

2. *Officer reports*
 - A. *Chief – Earl Blackburn III*

Earl just got back from Ames, IA, where NOAC will be held. It will be one of best NOACs in a while.
 - B. *Vice Chief – Brendan Zanitsch*

Brendan did not travel anywhere. A visitation is planned for April 4 with Mawat Woakus at 2 pm. Anyone interested in helping should contact him. A visit with Manitous will be planned this year. The date is not yet decided.
 - C. *Secretary – Ethan Rein*

The minutes went out after the last meeting and the minutes from this meeting will have the updated roster.

3. *Section Conclave Lodge reports*
 - A. *Migisi Opawgan – Saturday Carnival*

James White reported that they are planning a ring toss game, darts, and prizes. Between 10 and 20 tables picnic tables were requested. Tinduechen requested that all items be requested in writing.
 - B. *Chippewa – Ultimate Frisbee*

Jason Ciaramitro reported that ultimate Frisbee will be 10 members each, with 6 on the field at all times. Games will consist of 7 to 10 minute periods. A tournament will be organized by Chippewa by Saturday morning at Breakfast. Teams must be turned into Chippewa at the Friday night meeting. Jason requested that the tournament go on all day, but was decided that it cannot interfere with training in the morning. The tournament will go on throughout the afternoon. Chippewa will provide a penalty box, announcers and referees for the games. An adviser from Tinduechen relayed that there must be written rules for the game, due to an accident in a Frisbee game that happened at the camp earlier this year. Adult teams will be allowed to play after the tournament is finished.
 - C. *Manitous – F5*

Josh Green reported that the lodge is planning big and small things. There will be Karaoke. Josh needs to know if the lodge can provide a machine and power chords. If they cannot, Manitous will look to provide one. A cracker-barrel will be served. Tinduechen clarified that cracker-barrel is part of the menu and not Manitous’s responsibility. Basketball will be played. Josh requested 12 markers from Tinduechen. Scouting approved rules will be emailed out to lodge chiefs based on the *Basketball* movie. Teams consist of 3 to 6 arrowmen.
 - D. *Chickagami – Afternoon Activities*

Nick Pitlosh reported that the games will be the same as was reported in January. He might send the rules for specific activities. An ‘Am I Superman’ obstacle course will also be available. He requested one 2 by 4, three nails and a piece of string from Tinduechen.
 - E. *Cuwe – Training*

Mr. Mark Kenworthy reported on behalf of the lodge that six training sessions available. The sessions are the Strategic Plan, Brotherhood Conversions, Youth Protection, Panic Control, Membership Retention, and Lodge Publications. Tables and chairs for all trainings were requested and a TV is needed for youth protection.
 - F. *Mawat Woakus – Saturday Night Show*

No report.
 - G. *Tinduechen – Host/Service*

Chance Smith passed around a *Leader’s Guide* draft version. Any changes to the book are requested by Friday April 15 to Mr. Ryan Grant. Tinduechen is working on cleaning up the camp for Conclave. Equipment request forms must be sent to Mr. Ryan Grant or Chance Smith by Friday, March 26. The agenda for the weekend is in the *Leader’s Guide*, and Tinduechen would like everyone to arrive between 5.30 and 6.30. A ‘Section Conclave Staff’ application was passed around. Mr. Robert Sturza asked if the *Leader’s Guide* would be offered to everyone and

that a scorecard for the participation award be included. Mr. Ryan Grant said that the guide was for lodge advisers. Chance Smith will include the scorecard in the participant book.

At check-in, a camp vehicle will be made available to move equipment into camp from the parking lot. If any lodge needs to move equipment in a trailer, they may do so the weekend before the Conclave, or some day during the week. Lodges should let Mr. Ryan Grant know before this is done. Also at check in, the lodge contingents will receive wrist bands that must be worn throughout the weekend.

The gates to get into camp passed the parking lot will be closed at 4 pm on Friday of the conclave. Protestant, Catholic, LDS, and Jewish services will be available for at the Conclave. The Jewish service will take place at a Synagogue two blocks from the Camp. The tentative menu was given by Chance Smith. Special requests regarding dietary needs must be emailed to Chance ASAP.

Other questions should be sent to either Mr. Ryan Grant or Chance Smith. Contact information is listed on the *Leader's Guide*.

Tinduechen requests that all people be checked out of their cabins at 9 am, before the business meeting.

Boy Scout Class 1 physical is required. There is no specific color necessary. At this point, Earl asked the lodges if there were any ideas about what to do on Saturday night, because we are not sure if Mawat Woakus has a plan for the show. Jason Ciaramitro suggested that we create a large slip-n-slide. Josh Green suggested that we move ceremony and dance competition to the evening. A large inflatable moonwalk was suggested was suggested. Earl said that he will try to find out what Mawat Woakus is planning then make a decision based on this input. Mr. Robert Sturza informed the council that that Mawat Woakus is planning to beat the drums to create a large turnout, but he is not sure of their plans. Moving training to the evening to allow more time for daytime activities was suggested. Mr. Robert Sturza said moving activist to the evening would be good if they don't have a plan. Mr. Ryan Grant asked who is responsible for the schedule for the weekend. Mr. Sturza informed him that the COC makes changes to the schedule. Jason Ciaramitro asked if a physical was mandatory. Mr. Ryan Grant said that a Boy Scout Class 1 physical is necessary. No color is required. Mr. Sturza noted that lodge delegations should be made aware of this. Camp Miakonda does have a fax machine, but all forms should be brought to Camp. The word 'physical' will be taken out of the *Leader's Guide*.

4 *Section Conclave 2004*

A. *Estimated Participation Numbers (The numbers are listed as First time, Returning, Total):*

Chippewa same as January (30, 40, 70)

Manitous same as January (30, 30, 60)

Migisi Opawgan 40, 20, 60

Chickagami same as January (12, 18, 30)

Cuwe same as January (15, 25, 40)

Mawat Woakus no report given

Tinduechen same as January (20, 30, 50)

New total – 335, which is 20 more than was reported in January

B. *Cost*

The cost remains about the same, at 34.16 per person. We will still charge \$32 with a \$5 late fee, beginning 2 weeks before the Conclave.

Mr. Robert Sturza pointed out that we will loose money with the estimated participants and that we should try to get more to break even. Also, some money is in the budget that might not need to be spent. Please be thrifty. Mr. Amos Grissett said that we have money left to take a loss because of some patch sales that happen after the Conclave.

C. *Patch Design Presentation*

The patches were shown. Red borders are for first timers, blue borders are for returnees and silver mylar border is for the Council of Chiefs.

Mr. Wayne Dukes said that there are 1200 spots available for NOAC, and that lodges can still use their own numbers, but the national committee does not use them.

5. *Roundtable Discussion*

Brendan Zanitsch began by passing out Little Debbie snack cakes. He then asks who at the meeting was had a seat on the COC and who was there as a visitor. He then showed everyone present his binder that he made for the section vice chief position. This binder contains lots of useful information for his job. He didn't know exactly what to do or have copies of some of the most important reference material for his job. The notebook also includes explanations for the duties of his job, new ideas, past examples, and discussions. Similar notebooks could contain pictures or images, and many things that can help. Committees like Dan Ling or Historian could be helped by these notebooks. Nick Pitlosh suggested that all of the

information in the notebook could be kept digitally on a CD that could stay with the book. Ethan Rein said that similar notebooks are in use with the Migisi Opawgan Camp Chief program. Brendan said that notebooks could be used at the lodge level, in addition to the COC level. He showed his Lodge Treasurer notebook, which could be used for all lodge offices. He said that he got artsy with his notebook for the Section Vice Chief, but a very simple notebook could be made. Nick Pitlosh said that these notebooks would be a good way for the general lodge membership to made aware of the big blocks of information that exist on the national Order of the Arrow website, which they might not know is regularly updated. Brendan pointed out that notebooks would get ideas to the people who hold positions, especially those who do not have a consistent adviser from year to year. It would be good to keep old rosters and old agendas in these notebooks. He stressed that the purpose of the notebook was the give new position holders somewhere to start. Mr. Robert Sturza said that past section chiefs have always written a report reflecting on their term at its end. These have been given to lodge chiefs and the new section chief to give them something to use as a resource. Brendan said that these notebooks help keep information together for next year. He said that it can be work for the first person who makes one, but it useful for years to come. Nick Pitlosh said that not every job needed all possible reference material, like the FOG (*Field Operations Guide*). Brendan then passed around his notebooks for people to look at in case they wanted to make one themselves.

6. *Section Lifetime Achievement Award*

Earl Blackburn introduced this award, called the John L. Dyer-Hurdon Lifetime Achievement Award. It is based on the National Order of the Arrow Lifetime Achievement Award. That award is too hard to get for people who work on the section level. A form, listing requirements was passed out to the lodges. Mr. Robert Sturza took over the discussion of the award at this point, because he designed it. He said that we have lots of people who have served lots of time on the section, and this award would be a nice way to recognize them. He read the requirements for the award: 1. Recipients must be an adult, with 25 years of service to the Order of the Arrow, at least 15 of which must be in Section C-2A. 2. The Section can give one award each year. The award is administered by the Dan Ling Service Award Committee. 3. Recipients may be chapter chiefs, lodge officers, section officers or committee chairmen, lodge advisers, section advisers, or the area director. 4. Recipients may not receive the Dan Ling Service Award 5 years before or after they receive this award. Mr. Sturza said that this award would be a good way to continue to recognize people who have continued to serve after they have already been recognized.

The award would be a plaque and may also be a medal that hangs from the pocket. The plaque would read 'John L. Dyer-Hurdon C-2A Lifetime Achievement Award.' Mr. Sturza said we need to say thank to these people, and that Mr. Dyer-Hurdon should be the first to get the award.

Ms. Carroll Terry asked about the 5 year before or after waiting period for the Dan Ling Service Award. Nick Pitlosh said he thought the rule should go unwritten. Mr. Sturza said that some council have mandatory waiting periods between the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. Nick Pitlosh made a motion to accept the award, leaving out requirement 6.

Brendan Zanitsch asked what would happen is someone worthy of the award became very sick in a time when they would deserve one of the awards, but would be ineligible, because of this rule. Mr. Sturza said that the rule could be amended in such a case. Ethan Rein asked if the award must be given out every year. Mr. Sturza said it is not mandatory to give one out each year. Mr. Sturza said that we should have renamed the DeCourcy Award to after Mr. Dyer-Hurdon, who had been its adviser for more than 20 years, and pointed out that Mr. Dyer-Hurdon had done more to promote camping than Mr. DeCourcy had. Jason Ciaramitro made a motion to postpone discussion on this proposal. James White seconded. The voting went as follows:

Migisi Opawgan	yay
Chippewa	yay
Manitous	yay
Chickagami	abstain
Cuwe	yay
Mawat Woakus	no vote
Tinduechen	yay
Vice Chief	yay
Secretary	yay

The motion passed 7-0-1

7. *Split Forum*

Mr. Robert Sturza reported that the adults discussed possible changes in the amount charged by the national committee per lodge member. He advised lodges to plan for this and try to establish a small kitty to pay for this possible new fee. They also discussed changes in the FOG, including the elimination of the Area Coordinator as an official position, but someone

can still fill that role. Also, feathers, talons and claws of protected species (as defined by state and national law) cannot be used in dance or ceremony regalia. Mr. Wayne Dukes said that anything purchased through an Indian Trader distributor would be good to use.

Earl Blackburn reported that youth discussed previous topics from the meeting, including the Saturday night carnival. Chance Smith, the section conclave chairman from Tinduechen asked where the section staff would like to stay for the weekend. Josh Green said that youth should stay with their contingents and adults should be able to stay wherever they like. Mr. Robert Sturza said that the section advisers need their own space, because they come up early and the C-2B adviser, his associate, Area 5 coordinator, and the section adviser of the new section Tinduechen and Mawat Woakus will join.

8. *Section Committee Reports*

A. *Dan Ling Service Award – Sean McGee*

Sean reported that the Dan Ling meeting met during the DeCourcy competition. This year was light on nominations. He urged people to turn in nominations next year.

B. *Planbook – Jeff Neal, Jr.*

Jeff reported that Mr. David Offerman passed out the copies of the planbook. COC members should see him if they need a copy.

C. *Historian – Dan Fick*

Dan reported that he is working on a section history book for the section. He needs a scan of current pocket flap patches from all of the lodges, as well as additions to a short addition to their histories from past book to make them current. Mr. Robert Sturza said that Dan should look to not spend all of his allotted \$300 if he can and email the lodge chiefs who are not present.

D. *Indian Events – Tim Leonard*

Tim reported that the Indian Affairs criteria at Section Conclave will be that in the FOG. Each team must provide one judge. Lodge Chiefs should call or email Mr. Jay Botorff to let him know how many dance, ceremony, or drum teams there will be, as well as the type of dance. Vigil ceremonies will be judged. James White said that Migisi Opawgan will have one Vigil ceremony competitor.

E. *Camp Promotions – Jeff Simmons*

Jeff reported that the DeCourcy competition had taken place before the meeting. There were only two competitors. He urged the lodges to not forget about the competition for next year and to make it a priority. He thanked the judges who volunteered for the event. The judges had discussed items 10, 17, 19, and 21, which discuss over night cub scout camping, and that those items might be changed in the future.

F. *High Adventure – Dan DuChene*

Mr. Robert Sturza said that there are spots open for the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew and Wilderness Voyage programs, and that only 1 person from the section was going to one of these programs. Some of the lodges said that they had people going, and that the information might not be current. It was said there might be a Trail Crew type program at the Florida Sea Base. Earl and Mr. Sturza explained the Section Chief incentive program, which lets section chiefs go to one of the Trail Crews for free if two members from his section go.

G. *Media – James White*

James reported that he is looking to update the 'last changed' dates on the section website (www.sectionc2a.com). He is looking for input on the website. The *Carrier* for this meeting only had three articles, which was disappointing. The deadline for the next issue is the weekend before section conclave. He will also need a room for section conclave. James and the Tinduechen crew will talk about it. Mr. Robert Sturza said that the website should have updated information about the upcoming conclave, because some of the other lodges in Ohio would like to come and would like some information. James will put a registration form online.

H. *Public Relations – Tristan Coomer*

No Report

I. *One Day of Service - Mark Rosiet, Jr.*

Lodge chiefs, or their One Day of Service chairmen, should email Mark about their plans for the One Day of Service. Get those projects planned and executed.

J. *Area Leadership and Training Conference – Ethan Rein*

Ethan stressed the importance of turning in the ALTC forms on time, and explained that the event was almost cancelled. The classes offered will be Running an Awesome Ordeal, Communicating as a Lodge and Section, Extended Elangomats, Brotherhood, the Induction Process, Effective Committees, Summer Camp Program and the Order of the Arrow, National and Regional Programs, Effective Training Strategies, and The Strategic Plan and how to use it. A rough draft of the participant program was passed around the room.

9. *National, Regional, Sectional, and Lodge News*

Earl said that NOAC will have a movie competition. See him for more details.

Migisi Opawgan had their annual Lincoln Pilgrimage, which was a success. They have an Ordeal coming up, then the Conclave, then another Ordeal before NOAC, as well as a service weekend every month.

Chippewa is looking forward to section conclave. Their spring conclave will be May 21-23. On the 23rd, there will be an opening ceremony for the Chippy Trail. Everyone is invited to check it out, eat cake and have a hoot. Chippewa is also developing a trail crew program for their Lost Lake Scout Reservation. It will last 2 weeks in the summer. The dates are to be announced.

Manitous is sending 106 arrowmen to NOAC. They will hold a work day at Camp Teetonka the first weekend in April.

Chickagami will hold a conclave April 16-18. Any experienced arrowmen from the section are invited to attend. They will work with the Garden Club and the St. Clair Library system for their One Day of Service Project. Nick Pitlosh also suggested that we present a special recognition to Mr. Dyer-Hurdon at the Section Conclave.

Cuwe – no report

Mawat Woakus – no report

Tinduechen has an Ordeal this weekend. The lodge officer elections are coming up. There is a work weekend prior to the conclave to prepare. The Summer camp Order of the Arrow program is being worked on. The Vigil Honor Weekend is April 2-3.

Nick Pitlosh makes a motion for a special recognition for Mr. Dyer-Hurdon. James White seconds.

Brendan Zanitsh said that a plaque would be polite.

Dan Fick said that a plaque would not be enough.

Tim Leonard suggested a large plaque.

Brendan suggested a plaque that reads 'For your life time achievement award.' The adults in the room said that a nice OA plaque would cost around \$30.

Chance Smith suggested a afghan.

Brendan said that at the SOS, Jerry McCurley was given an afghan as a gift.

Jash Green offered that Manitous would put up \$125 to put the plaque together they would be reimbursed by the section.

Nick Pitlosh amends his motion to be a special recognition to Mr. Dyer-Hurdon paid for by Manitous up to \$125. The Voting went as follows:

Migisi Opawgan	yay
Chippewa	yay
Manitous	yay
Chickagami	yay
Cuwe	no vote
Mawat Woakus	no vote
Tinduechen	yay
Vice Chief	yay
Secretary	yay

The vote passed 7-0-2

10. *Chief's closing remarks*

Earl said that the NOAC Extreme High Adventure committee still needs staff. Go to www.noacregistration.com to get involved. Mr. Mike Rochowiak said that the High Adventure committee does not get much free time.

11. *Adviser's Minute*

Mr. Robert Sturza requested that each lodge send him a flap for the section officer thank yous. Any youth interested in running for section office must have a signed letter from his scout executive. The letter must not specify the office. The letter may be mailed or brought to the conclave. There will be no accepting of phone calls at the conclave.

Mr. Sturza also said that Mr. Tom Nash is running the Brownsea Island at the Jamboree, and he is looking for youth staff. It is a neat production. He may be contacted through the roster. Interested youth should email him and he'll let them know if he can use them. It and the OA Service Corps are top notch jobs.

Mr. Sturza said that if anyone thinks the High Adventure committee doesn't get a break, they should see the security committee, which does not sleep. Mr. Mike Rochowiak replied that at NOAC 2000, they had no free time on the high adventure staff.

Mr. Sturza said that the DeCourcy Presentations from that morning disappointed him. He was disappointed that only 2 lodges filled out the applications. He is afraid that if the lodges start to slack with COC representation, earning National

Quality Lodge Status might be next. he wants to see everyone work hard. He hopes the DeCourcy award is not a symbol of things to come. If it is, the lodges, and not the section, will suffer.

Mr. Amos Grissett said he wanted to make sure that no hidden costs come up at the conclave. It is important that everyone knows ahead of time, to get them taken care of. He also said that he was impressed to see Ethan Rein in action, his efforts to get people signed up for the ALTC, and how he put his heart and soul into the project.

12. *Closing* – 3.30 pm
The meeting closed with the Order of the Arrow Song