

**Boy Scouts of America
Order of the Arrow
Amangi Nacha Lodge**

**Council of Chiefs Meeting Minutes
For the Meeting Held September 11, 2010**

Lodge Vice Chief Taylor LaRue called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. at Camp Pollock. Designated Vice Chiefs led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Obligation, and the Invocation.

August 21, 2010 Minutes

Zachary Burgess, Vice Chief of Communications read the minutes of the meeting held August 21.

Chapter Reports

Attendance was taken and all Chapters that were present provided Chapter Reports and submitted them to the Vice Chief of Communications.

Newsletter Report

Zachary gave a brief update on the status of the newsletter and continued to ask for pictures and articles to include in the newsletters.

Induction and Brotherhood Transition Update - Gregg Gerald

Gregg reported that there are still a lot of opportunities to convert our Ordeal members to Brotherhood. If you perform ceremonies with your Chapters make sure that you fill out the paperwork and turn it in right away.

Membership Update - Brent Clark

Brent reported that we have 720 members currently. Out of 198 that are Brotherhood eligible we have 71 that have been gone through a ceremony this year.

Indian Affairs Ceremonies - Josh Gibson

Josh reported that we need a ceremonies team at Conclave and that we will need a Brotherhood Team at the Fall Fellowship and Takachsin.

Indian Affairs - Dance and Drum - Kim Wilkerson for Alex Saldivar

Kim reported that 10 people from the Lodge attended the Pow Wow held at Camp Pollock. He thanked those that attended and encouraged everyone to have the youth get into regalia and try it out. He encouraged the adults to also participate in the dancing sessions.

AIA Breakout - Kim Wilkerson and Ben Whitely

Kim provided a brief introduction on Arrow of Light ceremonies and gave a good background on why "face painting" is not longer permissible in these ceremonies. It use to be an accepted practice, but all Lodges were advised to stop the practice at a NOAC session several years ago. Face painting has a special meaning and is used in Native American religious ceremonies are not appropriate for Order of the Arrow and Arrow of Light ceremonies. It would be respectful to continue the practice. Additionally, a single standing feather is not appropriate on our regalia. A single feather was used by

traditional Native American women. Wigs to make us look like Native Americans are also not acceptable for our regalia.

Ben provided some guidance on the ceremonies and said that there are many acceptable versions that can be found on the Internet. He cautioned leaders not to schedule too many for the Chapters since the Chapter Youth is often very busy with school and other activities. He encouraged everyone to make the ceremonies more meaningful by memorizing their lines. He also said that the term Akelia as a leader is well known in the Cub Scout program and that it should be used rather than leader roles in the Order of the Arrow such as Allowat Sakima.

Breakout Session Reports

Membership, Brotherhood ceremonies, Conclave, Fall Fellowship and Takachsin were covered during the breakout sessions.

New Business

Chris Chinn distributed the Council's new Camp Promotions calendar and brochure that should be distributed to all units.

Taylor reminded everyone about the Conclave and the Lodge is running Monte Carlo night and that the games will start around 7 or 8 p.m.

Josh reminded everyone that he needs Brotherhood teams for Conclave, Fall Fellowship and Takachsin.

Lodge Advisor's Minute

Ken said that with the New Chapter being formed we need to build a good strong program to increase membership.

He reminded everyone that "school comes first" for all of our youth and to make sure that we don't over commit them in any of our activities.

He also reminded everyone that Lodge Elections will be held at the Fall Fellowship and that anyone interested for any position should talk to him and review the roles for the positions that are part of the Lodge Bylaws. All Youth will need a letter of recommendation from their Chapter Advisors.

Submitted by,

Zachary Burgess
Vice Chief Communications