Boy Scout Troop 201Minutes of Committee Meeting 9/3/13

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Graffigna Kevin Ryan Tim Farrell Mike Delio Mike Trietsch John Brautigam Mike Russo Cathy Curran Bill Kosel Monica Pavlidis Christina Giunta Rose Chase Beth Dowd Suzanne Schultz Paula Cuomo Monica Lo

Anthony Giustino

- II. Submission of Minutes, previous meeting: Read and accepted.
- III. Reading of Reports:
- A. Head of Charter Organization: No report.
- **B. Troop Committee Chair:** No report.
- C. Troop Secretary: Review of minutes from last meeting...

There are now 77 Scouts in the Troop. Six Scouts will be aging out by November 7.

Paula Cuomo has volunteered to be the Troop Secretary.

D. Scoutmaster: Discussed the Summer's trip to Philmont. Two crews attended, a total of 23 Scouts and adults. Special thanks to the adults who spent two weeks on the treks: Matt Cuomo, Tim Farrell, Pete Meyn, Christina Giunta, and Jim Duggan.

Noted the passing of Frank Askinazy who was active in the Troop for many years. A \$ donation to charity was approved made in his name.

E. Troop Treasurer: Current balance as of 9/1: \$.

Yearly dues will be kept at \$75.

The 2012-13 trips broke even financially.

We made about \$ from selling off excess equipment. We made an additional \$ from selling a pump water filter. The Scouts use a gravity fed filter now.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: We will be participating in Scouting's Popcorn sales again this year. Popcorn order forms will be distributed at the first meeting. Popcorn orders are due back on 10/28. Popcorn will be picked up on Saturday, 11/23. Popcorn money is due back on 11/25. Scouts are required to sell a minimum of \$75 in popcorn. Scouts selling \$125 or more will be invited on a no-fee shotgun clay shooting trip in December. There will also be Troop sponsored prizes for the top sellers in addition to the prizes offered by the Popcorn selling program itself.

Our second major fund raiser will be Holiday wreath sales. Wreaths will be picked up on the same day as popcorn: 11/23.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator: Drivers are always needed to transport Scouts to and from camping weekends, please volunteer!

Kayaking. Sept 20-22. Camping at Baiting Hollow. Permission slips are due back on 9/9.

Manhattan Revolutionary War Trail. 10/5. A hike in northern Manhattan visiting Revolutionary War era landmarks.

Camp Alpine. 10/18-20.

Harriman Backpacking Trip. 11/2-3.

Summer Camp: 6/29 – 7/5. Camp Minsi, PA..

- **H. Advancement Coordinator:** Summer camp resulted in the Scouts completing 214 merit badges. There were 24 partial completions. There were also six rank advancements earned over the Summer
- **I. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** An announcement about the availability of Scouting Religious emblems will be made at the first meeting on 9/9.
- **J. Equipment Coordinator:** A need for new water bags was mentioned.
- **K. Website Coordinator:** New website (www.troop201ny.com) is established and updated. Current meeting minutes will be updated on the website. The new site is linked from the Council website

L. Old Business:

• **Eagle Scout Plaque:** All the Eagle Scout Plaques have been updated: to be placed in an alcove in the Herricks Community Center. Glass covers have been built over the alcoves. The third Plaque has arrived.

M. New Business:

- The Council and District offer activities and training throughout the year. Some are listed below:
 - Ten commandment Hike, Roslyn, Friday, 11/29

- Den Chief Training, Saturday, 12/14
- Youth Protection Training, 10/1, 7:30 p.m.
- Junior Leader Orientation Workshop (JLOW), Saturday, 11/9
- Troop Committee and Scoutmaster Specific training, 10/5 or 3/22/14
- Outdoor Leader Skills Training Weekend, 10/19-20, Preparation session 9/28 or 10/2
- Leave No Trace Trainer Course, 11/1-2
- Pine Tree Training sponsored by Sagamore Service Troop, various weekend throughout the year.
- High Adventure Advanced Cold Weather training, Some evenings Sept to June
- High Adventure Backpack Training. Some evening Sept to June.

Log on to the troop website at www.troop201ny.com for updates on the troop calendar and activities, and photos from recent events. Log on to the council web site at www.trcbsa.org for links to adult training, and information on programs offered by Shelter Rock District and the Theodore Roosevelt Council.