

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 10/1/13*

### **I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance**

In attendance:

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| John Brautigam  | Cathy Curran     | Kevin Ryan       | Dave Martin |
| Monica Pavlidis | Rose Chase       | Christina Giunta | Peter Meyn  |
| Paula Cuomo     | 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 79 Scouts in the Troop.

Scouts will be setting up, cleaning up, and serving breakfast at the American Legion's Legislative breakfast on Sunday, 10/6.

**D. Scoutmaster:** Nick Koutsoftas and Eugene Azevedo have volunteered as Assistant Scoutmasters.

**E. Troop Treasurer:** Current balance as of 9/1: \$. This only reflects dues received from 10 Scouts.

Yearly dues will be kept at \$75. It was noted that second and additional scouts from the same family have annual dues of \$65. However, in a message from Council, it was noted that the amount that the Troop is to remit back to Council from the Scout dues has gone up by \$9/scout.

The Committee approved purchasing a Herricks Boosters 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary flag for \$245.

**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. Sharon Sullivan is negotiating pricing for our wreath purchase. There was a discussion on pricing for the wreaths and whether we would change any of the decorations on the wreath. No changes were made.

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

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

***Camp Alpine.*** 10/18-20. This is booked. It was noted that the rock scramble has been reopened.

***Harriman Backpacking Trip.*** 11/2-3.

***Camp Glen Grey.*** 12/6-8. Cabins booked for 40 bunks.

***Camp Minsi.*** 1/10-12. Suggested that this become the ski trip rather than February.

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

We are applying for a Philmont crew slot for August, 2015.

We are applying to attend the West Point Camporee on May 2-4.

There was a discussion on a cancellation policy for outdoor activities, especially activities for which the Troop has pre-paid for accommodations or activities for an expected amount of Scouts. It was noted that there were 9 cancellations for the kayaking trip. We will continue to make refunds. However, for some trips, the notice of the trip may note a non-refundable portion.

**H. Advancement Coordinator:** Four boards of review were completed.

**I. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** It was noted that the Pope Pius XII Catholic religious emblem is more geared towards Scouts ages 15 and old. There will not be a class this year.

**J. Equipment Coordinator:** Tents used on the last camping trip were set up, inspected and cleaned.

It was suggested that we recycle water bags more frequently.

Mr. Giustino volunteered to come up with short procedures for properly cleaning the troop equipment that is customarily sent home with Scouts after camping trips, including tents, water bags, utensils. A procedure sheet will be made available to the Scouts.

**K. Website Coordinator:** New website ([www.troop201ny.com](http://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.

*Log on to the troop website at [www.troop201ny.com](http://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](http://www.trcbsa.org) for links to adult training, and information on programs offered by Shelter Rock District and the Theodore Roosevelt Council.*