

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 11/5/13*

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

#### In attendance:

John Brautigam	Sharon Sullivan	Kevin Ryan	Tim Farrell
Monica Pavlidis	Mike Trietsch	Suzanne Schultz	Lynn Aguiar
Paula Cuomo	Anthony Giustino	Yuri Aguiar	

### **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 63 Scouts in the Troop.

We have applied for a single crew for Philmont for August 2015.

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

The possibility of holding a December Planning meeting for Scouts was discussed. This would be a semi-annual meeting to plan general themes and set goals for the Troop for half a year.

The “Scoutmaster Challenge” was discussed. This is a challenge to the Scouts to participate in two programs. The first is a physical fitness program. The second is a “5 to Go” program on eating properly.

Tim Farrell will be transitioning out of the Scoutmaster position. Anthing Giustino will be becoming the Scoutmaster. The transition period will be over the next couple of months with Mr. Giustino becoming Scoutmaster in January.

**E. Troop Treasurer:** Current balance as of 11/1: approximately \$.

An annual donation of \$ to Friends of Scouting was approved.

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:** 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. Wreaths will cost the same as last year: \$10. Each Scout is expected to sell a minimum of 20 wreaths. Additional members of the same family in the Troop will only be required to sell 10 wreaths for each additional family member.

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

**Camp Glen Grey.** 12/6-8. Cabins booked for 40 bunks. There are three cabins (12, 12, and 16 bunks).

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

**Camp Seton.** 2/7-9. Connecticut. 24 bunks in one cabin. On-site activities include bird study, astronomy, rifle shooting. Snow-showing (weather permitted) is also possible.

**Camp Durland.** 3/14-16. 40 bunks in one cabin.

**Harriman hike.** 4/5-6.

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

We have put in a reservation for the first weekend in December, 2014, for a cabin at Baiting Hollow.

**H. Advancement Coordinator:** Three boards of review were completed: one each for Tenderfoot, Star, and Life Scout.

There was a discussion on updating the TroopMaster software that we use to track advancement. The standalone software for a single PC costs \$60 for a three year license. The on-line version costs \$60/year but offers multiple people in the Troop access.

**I. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** There is no current activity. It was noted that many different faiths offer Religious Emblems for the Scouts in those faiths to earn.

**J. Equipment Coordinator:** A checklist created by Mr. Giustino was handed out to the boys assigned to clean tents.

**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:** The Plaques have been put in place in the Community Center.

**M. New Business:**

- The Council and District offer activities and training throughout the year.
- The Holiday Party will be at Island Rock. A decision was made on an appropriate Holiday gift.
- We are still on track to hold the Eagle Court of Honor on January 5.
- We will be putting together a list of Scout cell phone numbers for distribution to the leaders on camping trips.

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