

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 4/1/14

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Duane Marcy	Tim Farrell	Suzanne Schultz
Monica Pavlidis	Mike Trietsch	Kevin Ryan	Mike Russo
Paula Cuomo	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	Garrett Chase

II. Submission of Minutes, previous meeting: Read and accepted.

III. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No report.

B. Troop Committee Chair: Action to contact John Zseller from the Council concerning John Graffigna's Youth Protection training and ability to create Tour Permits.

C. Troop Secretary: Review of minutes from last meeting. The minutes were accepted.

There are now 61 Scouts in the Troop. One Scout aged out. One Scout left the Troop. Two new Scouts joined.

D. Scoutmaster: Meetings are being held with the Scouts whose attendance is below 50%.

E. Troop Treasurer: Current balance as of 3/4 was \$. There is about \$ owed to the Troop from the participants in the SeaBase Trip. Summer camp payments versus money fronted to the camp are even.

We will be paying the \$50 fee that Herricks charges to organizations for use of the buildings. Note that there was some confusion related to Troop 201 being charged the total amount for the Troop and the two Cub Scout packs. This will be worked out.

It was noted that it was time to send in the Friends of Scouting donation that the Committee had approved earlier in the year.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: No additional fundraising is currently scheduled. A resolution with payment was reached with the one Scout still owing money for wreaths.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Shotgun shooting: Scheduled for 3/22. This was a success. The Club was very impressed with our Scouts. The older Scouts shot about 100 shells each. The younger Scouts about 45 shells each.

Harriman hike. 4/5-6. There are 30 Scouts and 6 adults scheduled for the trip.

West Point Camporee: 5/2-4. Must be at West Point no later than 6 p.m. Expect to meet by 2:30 p.m. at American Legion Hall. Scouts will backpack in. Expect to leave from the American Legion Hall no later than 3 p.m. Five adults and 24 Scouts have signed up.

White Water Rafting: 5/9-10. This is a scheduled dam release weekend. We will travel to there on Friday evening and return after dinner on Saturday.

Eagle Court of Honor: Sunday, 5/18, at American Legion Hall. There will be four new Eagle Scouts honored. Mike Russo will Chair the Court of Honor. Monica Pavlidis is chairing the refreshment committee. Rosemarie Brautigam is the Eagle Parent coordinator.

Pack 202 Moving Up: June 7

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Summer Camp: 6/29 – 7/5. Camp Minsi, PA. Fifty Scouts are signed up to attend Summer Camp. We are still discussing the fees and availability to use Tully pool for the swim test.

Seabase 2014: We are sending two crews: Florida Fishing Adventure, 7/13-19, 3 adults, 4 Scouts; Out Island Adventure, 8/7-13, 2 adults, 6 Scouts. The Troop will front the deposits and be paid back as the payments from the participants come in.

All the flights are booked and paid for. We are looking into the best method to get from the airport to Seabase and back again: rent a van or use a transport company. The crews will begin their swimming workouts in preparation for attending Seabase.

Philmont 2015: Duane Marcy has volunteered to chair the Troops Philmont 2015 preparations. We will be sending out requests for Scouts who are interested in attending in April. We would be arriving August 1, 2015 and departing on August 13.

Additional: Cabin trips for 2014-2015 were discussed. The tentative list is Baiting Hollow or Resica Falls for Dec 2014; Minsi for January 2015; Camp Kaufmann for Feb, 2015; Ten Mike River for March, 2015.

We will be holding our adults dinner on April 30.

H. Training Coordinator: The requirements for adult training to lead the various types of camping trips were discussed. For general camping we need adult leaders with first aid training and weather hazards training. There is additional safety afloat training required for kayaking and white water rafting trips (safe swim defense and safety afloat).

All parents and adult Scouters are urged to renew their Youth Protection training before it expires.

I. Advancement Coordinator: We have seen an increase in boards of review especially for the early ranks.

J. 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.

K. Equipment Coordinator: We are starting work on cleaning out and reorganizing the container.

L. 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. Dave Martin has volunteered to manage the website.

M. Old Business:

- **Eagle Scout Plaque:** The Plaques have been put in place in the Community Center. There were many favorable comments about how good the display cases in the Community center housing the Eagle Plaques look.

N. New Business:

- The names of the four new Eagle Scouts have been engraved on the Eagle Scout Plaque.
- Mike Russo is working at setting up a bow hunter safety class and will make it available to the Scouts. There is both a practical and classroom part to the training.
- We will be sending a gift to the rifle range supervisor at Camp Durland who worked so well on short notice with our Scouts.
- We will be updating the photo release forms as we do the medical forms for summer camp.
- There was a discussion on Troop Leadership Training
 - Anthony Giustino will follow up
 - Is JLOW training a better forum for leadership training?

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.