

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 5/6/14*

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

#### In attendance:

John Brautigam	Mike Delio	Tim Farrell	Suzanne Schultz
Monica Pavlidis	Mike Trietsch	Kevin Ryan	Christine Giunta
Paula Cuomo	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	

### **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. The minutes were accepted with a spelling mistake corrected.

There are now 63 Scouts in the Troop. One Scout aged out. Four new Scouts joined.

**D. Scoutmaster:** Meetings are being held with the Scouts whose attendance is below 50%. There have been discussions with Summer Camp attendance with Scouts whose attendance is below 50%.

There was a discussion about the Troop's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November, including discussion about involving alumni in the Troop. Should we have an annual alumni night? No decisions were reached.

Scouts will be making their merit badge selections and filling out the blue cards in May rather than June in preparation for this year's Summer Camp.

**E. Troop Treasurer:** Current balance as of 5/5 was \$.

The \$50 fee to Herricks for use of the facilities has been paid. The \$500 donation to Friends of Scouting will be paid soon.

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:** No additional fundraising is currently scheduled.

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

*Harriman hike.* 4/5-6. This trip went well. The hike with daypacks was good.

**West Point Camporee:** 5/2-4. This was a good trip. The ground was very wet from the recent rains. Tim Farrell will watch for the application in September and apply for us for next year. It was noted that a Troop usually needs a Cadet to sponsor them for the Troop to participate in the Camporee.

**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. 37 Scouts and 10 adults are going. Eight are driving on Friday night. It was noted that we need at least two people with the Safety afloat training to go.

**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. Roger Cocchi is handling the programs

**Pack 202 Moving Up:** June 7. Sands Point.

**Pack 201 Moving Up:** June 14. Christopher Morley Park.

**Memorial Day Parade:** The Troop will be marching. We will be meeting at the American Legion Hall at 8:30 a.m.

**Flag pickup:** The troop will be picking up flags at Pinlawn memorial cemetery on Saturday, May 31. An email will be sent with details.

**Summer camp swim test:** The swim test will be at Tully park at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 1. An email will be sent with details.

**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. June 14 will be an orientation for leaders at Camp Minsi for leaders of troops attending this summer.

**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.

**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 requesting a \$100 deposit. This is needed early so we can decide if the interest requires us to request a second crew. 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.

There was a discussion on the Troop Adults' dinner. The discussion included whether to make the dinner an annual event. How much to charge. Where to hold the dinner. And should we shift the date of the dinner (especially in light of the Troop's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary).

**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:** 35 Scouts have completed their blue cards for Summer camp. We will be holding boards of review at the June 2 Troop meeting.

**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. The availability of a Hindu religious emblem was noted at the Roundtable.

**K. Equipment Coordinator:** We are starting work on cleaning out and reorganizing the container. It was noted that we need to replenish our supply of XXL Troop shirts and Neckerchiefs. We will also be purchasing high adventure jackets for those Scouts and adults who have recently qualified, including the Seabase participants.

**L. 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. 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.

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