

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 6/3/14

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Mike Delio	Duane Marcy	Garrett Chase
Monica Pavlidis	Mike Trietsch	Kevin Ryan	Christine Giunta
Paula Cuomo	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	Rose Chase
Mike Russo			

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

III. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: The American Legion has requested that we repair the grave markers that they use during the Memorial Day service. We will be doing this project in the fall.

B. Troop Committee Chair: No report.

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

There are now 65 Scouts in the Troop. Two new Scouts joined.

D. Scoutmaster: Three former Scouts who are lifeguards helped with the Swim test for summer camp. In the future, we should add in the swimming requirements for the 2nd and 1st class ranks when we hold a summer camp swimming test at a pool.

There was a meeting with the current Star and Life Scouts. This was to discuss Eagle projects. Scouts are being encouraged to take merit badges outside of Summer Camp.

A representative from the Cradle of Aviation museum will be at the 6/9 meeting to discuss the Scouts STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Program and the Nova awards.

E. Troop Treasurer: Current balance as of 6/2 was \$. This includes payments for Summer Camp received. The Summer Camp payment will be sent out within the next few days.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: There was a discussion of fundraising to support the high adventure trips, particularly Philmont 2015. Mr. Marcy suggested running a wilderness first aid class. The class is required for adults on high adventure trips. The costs of the

class vary wildly. We could offer the class twice per year and earmark any funds raised to be used for the high adventure trips.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

White Water Rafting: 5/9-10. Comments included that this was a good trip: “we had fun”. It was noted that the path taken on the water was shorter this year than last year. It was also noted that we need to stress safety consciousness among the Scouts. It is a very popular trip and the consensus was to do the trip again in 2015.

Pack 202 Moving Up: June 7. Sands Point. There are 14 Scouts who have turned in permission slips. Mike Russo is staying. Kevin Ryan will be there with Pack 202.

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

Summer Camp: 6/29 – 7/5. There are five adults scheduled to stay for the entire week. There are other adults who will be staying for part of the week, notably at the beginning and end of the camp.

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. It was noted that any additional training completed for Seabase should be forward to Ms. Giunta for the Troop’s records. Seabase requires that the Scouts have passed the swim test.

Philmont 2015: Duane Marcy has volunteered to chair the Troops Philmont 2015 preparations. We have received enough interest from the Scouts to request a second crew to attend Philmont 2015. There are still some slots open. Scouts who will be 14 by 8/1/2015 or who will be 13 and have completed 8th grade are eligible to attend.

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

The Parent/Scout Softball game will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, 6/16.

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: Blue cards for merit badges are ready for Summer Camp. Most Scouts will be taking six merit badges at summer camp. There was one advancement to Tenderfoot. Committee members met with two Scouts preparing their Eagle Scout project proposals.

Duane Marcy is working with a group of about 11 Scouts on the trips required to complete their Cycling merit badge.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: There is no current activity.

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.

There will be some work done on the container to further weather proof it.

L. Website Coordinator: Dave Martin has updated the Troop's website at www.troop201ny.com. Please frequent the website for announcements and general information.

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 Philmont crews will be planning a hike in August, like the weekend of 8/16 or 8/23.
- We are planning to hold a Committee planning meeting on Tuesday, 8/5

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.