

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 10/7/14

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Mike Delio	Kevin Ryan	Anthony Giustino
David Martin	Mike Russo	Rose Chase	Paula Cuomo
Shalu Agrawal	Monica Pavlidis	Lynn Aguiar	Michael Trietsch
Susanne Schultz	Nick Koutsoftas		

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. This was discussed. Mr. Giustino will work out a time and place with the American Legion.

B. Troop Committee Chair: Review of minutes from last meeting. The minutes were accepted. There was a discussion on whether to change the day of the week to hold the Committee meeting on. It was noted that November's meeting is to be held on a Wednesday because of Election Day. We will note the attendance and continue the discussion.

C. Troop Secretary: There are 65 Scouts in the Troop. This includes six new Scouts. We are currently updating the Troop contact list and email distribution list.

D. Scoutmaster: Mr. Giustino has been contacting Scouts who have not been active to find out whether or not they intend to participate. We have had 50 Scouts pay their annual dues so far. There was a discussion as to whether to allow Scouts who have not paid their dues to attend Outings. The consensus was that the Harriman Trip would be the cutoff for non-payment.

E. Troop Treasurer: Current balance as of 10/4 was \$. There was a Philmont payment check for \$ sent out. That money is currently being collected from the Philmont participants.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: Popcorn order forms have been distributed. Scouts are required to sell \$75 worth of popcorn. A Scout selling \$125 or more worth of popcorn will be invited to attend a no-cost shotgun clay shooting trip in December. Popcorn orders are due on 10/27.

We are reviewing the price we will be charging for the wreaths during this year's fundraiser. There was further discussion on this topic. It was noted that if we keep the price at \$10 per wreath, our profit will be about \$3.50 per wreath. This is about \$2 less profit than we had seen when we started selling wreaths.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Philmont 2015: Next payment checks for \$500 are now due. Almost all have been received.

November: Hiking at Harriman State Park 11/1-2.

December: Advancement weekend in cabins and Lean-tos at Baiting Hollow. 12/5-7

January: Camp Kaufman, tentatively scheduled as the ski weekend at Thunder Ridge.

February: Camp Allamuchy, NJ. Alternate date for skiing. Has other activities including Eagle advancement and zip line.

March: Cabin at Ten Mile River is reserved.

Summer Camp: We have made a deposit for Camp Workcoeman in Connecticut. We will try to visit the camp.

Additional: The Scouts reported liking the September fishing trip. A lot of fish were caught; the weather was calm. The Scouts reported that they would want to do that kind of trip again.

H. Training Coordinator: All parents and adult Scouters are urged to renew their Youth Protection training before it expires. This is particularly important as we reach the end of calendar year 2014 and renew our Charter from national Boy Scouts.

I. Advancement Coordinator: All except one of the first year Scouts have had their requirements completed at summer camp signed off in their handbooks. There were successful boards of review for two new First Class Scouts. There are a series of Eagle projects at various points in the approval process.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: There are six Scouts working on their Ad Altare Dei religious emblem. There are three Scouts working on their Pope Pius XII (ages 14 and older) religious emblem. There are religious emblems available for many different faiths. Please contact Ms. Schultz for information.

K. Equipment Coordinator: It was noted that it is time to purchase new tents as the older ones are becoming not repairable. It is expected that we will have to purchase at least five more tents.

L. Website Coordinator: Dave Martin has updated the Troop's website at www.troop201ny.com. There are new equipment lists. The calendar has been updated. 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:

- Ms. Agrawal initiated a discussion about Scouts participating in Robotics competitions
 - If the Troop would put up \$1000 for a Robotics kit, we would get a second kit at no cost.
 - Up to 6 Scouts would participate in each kit. They would build the robot and attend two or three competitions.
 - The Robotics teams must be sponsored. A Scout Troop would be an appropriate sponsoring organization.
 - The committee did not approve spending the \$1000.
- There was a discussion about the Holiday party and Holiday gift. A decision was made about the Holiday gift.
- There was a discussion about a Troop hat that would be made available to the Scouts for purchase.
- There was a discussion about raising the prices for class B shirts, sweatshirts, and neckerchiefs. The prices we are charging do not cover the cost of the items.

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.