

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 11/5/14*

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

#### In attendance:

John Brautigam	Anthony Giustino	Rose Chase	Paula Cuomo
Monica Pavlidis	Lynn Aguiar	Michael Trietsch	Susanne Schultz
Joe Beacco			

### **II. Submission of Minutes, previous meeting:** Read and accepted with corrections.

### **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 likely do this project in the Spring.

**B. Troop Committee Chair:** Review of minutes from last meeting. The minutes were accepted. It was noted that Tuesdays seem to be better days for Committee meetings. The day will not be changed for the time being.

It was noted that during Boards of Review, Scouts are mentioning that they would like more time in the gym during meetings. The November 3 Troop meeting was nearly entirely a gym night.

**C. Troop Secretary:** There are 62 Scouts in the Troop.

**D. Scoutmaster:** Mr. Giustino noted that a Path to Eagle day will be held at the Community Church of East Williston on Saturday, December 6. An email containing the flyer will be emailed shortly to the parents of the Eagle Scouts. All the Scouts that joined recently have been placed into patrols. Mr. Giustino continued his meetings with the Star and Life Scouts concerning the process to reach Eagle Scout.

**E. Troop Treasurer:** Current balance as of 11/5 was \$.

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:** Popcorn orders are due. Wreaths and popcorn will be distributed at the back of the Herricks Community Center on Saturday, 11/22. Wreaths will again be sold for \$10 each. The same awards as last year were agreed to for top sellers.

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

**Philmont 2015:** Scouts continue to prepare. Parents meeting has been held.

**November:** Hiking at Harriman State Park 11/1-2. The trip was enjoyable. There was no rain, but it was cold and windy. The hike was along a different part of the park and there were nice views of the Manhattan skyline. This was the first backpacking trip for four Scouts.

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

**Sporting Clays:** Sporting clays shotgun trip will take place on Saturday, December 13. This trip is only available to Scouts who sold more than \$125 in popcorn. There will be no charge for the trip for those Scouts. There will be a \$20 charge for Adults.

**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.

**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:** There are a series of Eagle projects at various points in the approval process. Scouts should do their best to help out the Eagle candidates with their projects. There will be boards of review held at the 11/24 meeting.

**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:** We still have two unused tents. It was noted that we need bins for paper goods storage in the container. Scouts are reminded that if they bring home Troop equipment to clean, they should do their best to clean the equipment correctly and completely.

The Committee approved buying 36 size large T-shirts. The price for T-shirts will be raised from \$7 to \$8 to cover the cost for the shirts.

**L. Website Coordinator:** Dave Martin has updated the Troop's website at [www.troop201ny.com](http://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:**

- There was a discussion about where to hold the Holiday party. A decision was made to let the Scouts vote between Island Rocks rock climbing and bowling.
- Michael Trietsch proposed creating a series of articles for our web site entitled "Tips from the Old Scout". He showed an example about "Ticks and Insects". The committee approved and thanked him for the great idea.

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