

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 1/6/15

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Nick Koutsoftas	Mike Russo
Monica Pavlidis	Michael Trietsch	David Martin

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 likely do this project in the Spring.

B. Troop Committee Chair: Review of minutes from last meeting. The minutes were accepted. The charter renewal is being worked on. Nearly all adult members on the Charter have renewed their Youth Protection Training. We are reminding the rest.

C. Troop Secretary: There are 63 Scouts in the Troop.

D. Scoutmaster: Nothing new to report.

E. Troop Treasurer: Current balance as of 1/6 was \$. The Holiday party costs totaled \$, including location, gifts, and food. There is still approximately \$ in wreath money to collect.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: \$ in wreath money has been collected to date.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Philmont 2015: All payments are up to date.

Sporting Clays: There were 45 attendees: 34 Scouts, 11 adults. Six groups were out on the range

January: Camp Kaufman, on 1/9-11. This is limited to 40 people. Drivers are needed, both to drive to and from the camp, and to shuttle Scouts from the camp to the skiing. Skiing will be at Thunder Ridge. There is no tubing available.

February 6-8: Camp Allamuchy, NJ. Two cabins are booked, 20 people in each cabin. The camp has other activities including Eagle Scout advancement and zip line.

March: Cabin at Ten Mile River is reserved.

April 18-19: Harriman backpacking trip.

Summer Camp: We have made a deposit for Camp Workcoeman in Connecticut. Camp will be from Sunday, 7/5, to Saturday, 7/11. Parents are responsible for arranging for their son's transportation.

Other: There is a cabin available in Baldwin that might be available for advancement overnights.

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 are two Eagle Scouts ready for the Court of Honor in May. There may be as many as two more for a total of four. There was a discussion on getting the parents of the Eagle Scout honorees more involved in the preparation of the Court of Honor.

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. Scouts are reminded that if they bring home Troop equipment to clean, they should do their best to clean the equipment correctly and completely.

L. Website Coordinator: Dave Martin has been updating the Troop's website at www.troop201ny.com. Please frequent the website for announcements and general information. There is a facebook page available also: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/troop201ny/>

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 drivers for trips. Drivers are needed for every trip. Parents should expect to drive to/from camp sometime during the Scouting year. We have become overly reliant on the same people stepping up each time. The Troop works best when everyone pitches in!
- The third installment of Tips from the Old Scout is available entitled "Hiking Boots".

- There was a discussion about attending the Camporee in April. There was no decision.
- We have been invited to the West Point Camporee. We will poll the Scouts on their interest in attending.
- It was noted that the use of the equipment in the gym requires a request separate from the request to use the gym itself.
- There was a discussion of having a parent dinner in April. This will be the 40th year for the Troop.

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.