

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 2/3/15

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Nick Koutsoftas	Mike Russo	Joe Beacco
Monica Pavlidis	Michael Trietsch	David Martin	Tim Farrell
Kevin Ryan	Duane Marcy	Anthony Giustino	

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 submitted.

C. Troop Secretary: There are 64 Scouts in the Troop.

D. Scoutmaster: Scoutmaster conferences are continuing. We can expect around eight Scouts to need Boards of Review by 2/23.

E. Troop Treasurer: No update.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: Ten families still owe money for wreaths.

There will be a pancake breakfast to raise money for the Philmont trip happening this summer. The breakfast will be on 3/22 at the Albertson Fire House. The room can hold approximately 80 people and can be reached by elevator. All Scouts will receive tickets to sell. Scouts will also be needed to help cook and serve.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Philmont 2015: Sixteen Scouts and seven adults are registered to attend. There will be two treks. The third payment is due.

February 6-8: Camp Allamuchy, NJ. Two cabins are booked, 20 people in each cabin. Eighteen Scouts and 4 adults are registered to attend. Scouts will be able to work on Eagle merit badges on Saturday evening.

March 13-15: Cabin at Ten Mile River is reserved.

April 18-19: Harriman backpacking trip.

April 24-26: Shelter Rock District Camporee. It was suggested that we invite Webelos to attend with the Troop. Mr. Giustino will follow up.

May: Whitewater rafting. We will camp for one night.

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. A \$50 deposit is now past due. There was a discussion about the availability of afternoon activities for the Troop (merit badges are only offered before Lunch).

Other:

The January ski trip went well. There were no injuries. It was noted that Thunder Ridge is a small place. Trails were not completely open yet due to lack of snow. There were a lot of younger children skiing. This led to a discussion on if February would be better for holding the ski trip; more time for the mountains to build up snow.

The Scouts have chosen to not attend the West Point Camporee this year.

H. Training Coordinator: All parents and adult Scouters are urged to renew their Youth Protection training before it expires. Youth Protection Training is up to date for all adult members of the Troop.

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 on Sunday, May 17, at the American Legion Hall. There may be as many as two more for a total of four.

The Troopmaster software that we use to manage the Scouts' advancements will be reachable through an app.

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: 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 next installment of Tips from the Old Scout is available entitled “Backpacks”.
- We will ask the Scouts if anybody can donate equipment that we can use in the gyms on Troop nights.
- There was a discussion of having a parent dinner. It will likely be on Wednesday, May 20, at Angelina’s.

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.