

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 5/5/15

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam Paula Cuomo Joe Beacco Lynn Aguiar
Monica Pavlidis Michael Trietsch David Martin Kevin Ryan

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

III. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No Report.

B. Troop Committee Chair: Review of minutes from last meeting. The minutes were accepted. The procedure for re-Charter in 2016 was discussed. There will be no grace period. The Troop's charter will lapse if not submitted to Council by January 31, 2016.

It was noted that the Executive Officer and the Chartered Organization Representative will have to be two separate individuals starting in 2016.

Mr Russo has this year's membership cards.

C. Troop Secretary: There are 75 Scouts in the Troop.

D. Scoutmaster: Mr Giustino was not able to attend the Committee meeting due to a home emergency. The Scouts have completed their merit badge selections for Summer Camp. Scoutmaster conferences are continuing. At the Green Bar meeting, the boy leaders will be selecting activities for Summer Camp. We have had many boys joining the Troop in recent weeks and have begun to assign them to Patrols. The new Scouts have already completed several advancements at Monday meetings.

E. Troop Treasurer: A payment of approximately \$ is due for Philmont by 5/15.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: No update.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Harriman: It was a good trip, somewhat windy with nice weather. It was noted that we should add a vegetarian soup choice to the food in addition to the already existing vegetarian main meal choice.

Philmont 2015: Sixteen Scouts and seven adults are registered to attend. There will be two treks. The pre- and post- Philmont travel arrangements have been booked. The next set of payments is due from the attendees.

May: Whitewater rafting. We will camp for one night. Reservations and deposit are in. If new Scouts are going, their parents must attend and go on the river. There are 47 people registered to attend. There was a discussion concerning the cost of the trip and that it accurately reflects the amount charged to the Troop.

June 6-7: Pack 201 and Pack 202 moving up ceremonies. It was noted that 9 Webelos from Pack 202 have moved up to Troop 201 this year.

Summer Camp, 7/5 to 7/11: We have 57 Scouts registered to attend Summer Camp. We will be attending during the first week at Camp Workcoeman. It was noted that Parents should submit two copies of their Scouts medical forms as soon as possible.

Camp will be from Sunday, 7/5, to Saturday, 7/11. Parents are responsible for arranging for their son's transportation to and from camp.

We will be taking the swim test at a local pool before summer camp. All Scouts should attend and take the swim test. Details will be sent out by email.

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 have been 6 Boards of Review over the last few meetings. Life Scout letters have been sent to two recently advanced Life Scouts.

There are four Eagle Scouts ready for the Court of Honor on Sunday, May 17, at the Albertson Fire House meeting room. The plaque is with the engraver and will be ready on May 11.

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.

There was a discussion around the requested purchase of five new tents. The Committee approved the purchase. Mike Trietsch volunteered to research the best tent and price before we make the purchase. The estimated price for the five tents will be approximately \$.

No new equipment is needed for Summer Camp.

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:

- 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 "Rain Gear".
- The Troop's parent's dinner will be on Wednesday, May 20, at Angelina's. It will be \$40 per person.
- There was a discussion of Scouting's guidelines concerning hazing. Singling out Scouts such as singing for lost items was discussed as a hazing situation. In addition, it was mentioned that initiations are prohibited and a reminder discussion with the Scouts will take place before summer camp.
- The new merit badge guidelines were discussed:
 - "Demonstrate" in the requirements should not be just writing down a response in a workbook. The Scout should expect to actually demonstrate the response.
 - One-on-one skype conferences should not be used.
- High Adventure 2016: There are two trips that the Scouts have shown interest in: Hiking and Climbing in Maine, and the Northern Tier Canoe trip in Minnesota. Based on the level of Scout interest and the availability of adults to organize, arrange, and participate in the trips, the Committee is in favor of the trips:
- Based on the level of interest in the High Adventure trips over the last few years, it was suggested that we look for someone to step up as High Adventure Coordinator for the various trips. Please contact a committee member if you are interested in taking on this important role.

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.