

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 11/3/15*

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

#### In attendance:

John Brautigam	Paula Cuomo	Monica Pavlidis	Yuri Aguiar
Kevin Ryan	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	Lynn Aguiar
Nick Koutsoftas	Mike Russo		

### **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.

We are looking for additional volunteers in all areas.

We are continuing work on rechartering the Troop. All registered adults must complete Youth Protection Training. **This needs to be done immediately if the YPT expires before March 1, 2016.** There was discussion on the large number on inactive adults currently carried on the Charter. We will be contacting them before completing the rechartering process.

**C. Troop Secretary:** There are 74 Scouts in the Troop.

There was a discussion around the email contact list. We will be synchronizing the hand maintained contact list with the list in the TroopMaster program. To clean up the email list, we will be sending out a Contact update form to be filled out and returned.

**D. Scoutmaster:** Mr Giustino reported:

- We will be participating in the Pack inspection meetings for both Pack 201 and Pack 202.

- The four Scouts that recently joined our Troop will be assigned to Patrols this month.

- We will participate again in JLOW on November 7. Two of our Scouts will be Trainers and eight of our Scouts will be trained. Mr. Giustino will also attend.

**E. Troop Treasurer:** The Troop had a balance of \$ as of November 1. Popcorn money received so far is \$. Dues have been collected from all but 10 Scouts so far.

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:** Only 2 Scouts had not turned in their Popcorn orders. We have ordered 1260 wreaths. Wreath and Popcorn pickup will be on Saturday, 11/21.

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

**Camp Alpine:** Oct 16-18. 28. The site was good: close to parking. The Troop did the Rock Scramble. Concerning food, it was noted that given the wide diversity of Scouts in the Troop, we might have to take more time to confirm what individual Scouts are permitted to eat so that we have the correct amounts of the appropriate food.

**Harriman Hike:** Nov 14-15. 31 Scouts, 11 Adults registered. We are planning ½ mile in to the campsite and then a 4 mile day hike.

**Camp Durland:** Dec 4-6. We have reserved one 40 person cabin. No other cabins are available. This is the advancement weekend trip.

**Camp Minsi:** Jan 22-24. This will be the annual Ski trip. We have five heated tents reserved – 8 people per tent. There is a building where we can prepare and eat meals. There are four ski areas nearby, including Jack Frost.

**Camp Tyrell:** Feb 26-28; 28 person cabin reserved. We will look into snowshoe rental.

**Ten Mile River:** March 18-20. Two cabins reserved. There is the possibility of working on the Horsemanship merit badge and maybe going ice fishing.

**Summer Camp:** We have reserved a spot in the first week at Camp Trexler. This would be from June 26 until July 2.

**2016 High Adventure:** There will be a trip to the Northern Tier camp starting July 17. There is the possibility of a second crew. Mr. Koutsoftas will be gauging interest in the second crew.

A second trip involving a series of Troop specific activities for older Scouts is being organized by Mr. Marcy for late Summer. This would involve a few days of high adventure activities in the Gunks. These activities would include zip line, mountain biking and climbing.

It was noted that all adults attending a High Adventure trip need to complete the Wilderness First Aid course. CPR training is a prerequisite to the Wilderness First Aid training.

**H. Training Coordinator:** All parents and adult Scouters are urged to renew their Youth Protection training before it expires.

**I. Advancement Coordinator:** There is one Eagle Scout application in process. There are no formal Eagle Scout project proposals working through the approval process right now.

We will be setting up a proof of concept of parent access to their son's records using the TroopMaster app.

**J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** 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.

We bought the 10 new tents.

**L. Website Coordinator:** Dave Martin has been updating the Troop's website at [www.troop201ny.com](http://www.troop201ny.com). The calendar has been updated. Articles from "This Old Scout" are up on the website – including tent care. Everyone is encouraged to read and take this good advice.

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!
- There was a discussion around the Troop's holiday party location, date, and total cost of the holiday party.
- It was noted that Jan 9 is the Pinewood Derby and June 4-5 will be the Pack 202 moving up ceremony.

*Log on to the troop website at [www.troop201ny.com](http://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](http://www.trcbsa.org) for links to adult training, and information on programs offered by Shelter Rock District and the Theodore Roosevelt Council.*