

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 12/1/15

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

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| John Brautigam | Paula Cuomo | Monica Pavlidis | Yuri Aguiar |
| Kevin Ryan | Anthony Giustino | David Martin | Rose Chase |
| Nick Koutsoftas | | | |

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.

The committee approved spending up to \$ for rechartering. The actual amount spent was \$ for the charter and \$ for the Troop accident and liability insurance.

C. Troop Secretary: There are 70 Scouts in the Troop.

The committee decided to send out a reminder to everyone to complete the contact update form. It is important for parents to update the Troop with any changes to their contact information.

D. Scoutmaster: Mr Giustino reported:

- He has completed four more Scoutmaster Conferences.
- He made changes to the Patrol Structure almost 2 years ago. They are now “Mixed Age Patrols”. The new structure has worked really well as older boys have taught scout skills to younger boys but within their own patrol. This has led to more boys advancing at a faster pace. Also, with mixed age patrols, as older boys leave scouting (age out), new boys simply take their place. Therefore, Patrol names will now exist long into the future. Many Troops have had Patrol names in existence for many decades.
- There was a discussion concerning Patrol cooking on trips. This included cooks and food preparation in general on trips.

- There was a discussion on the number of Webelos that we might expect to be moving up in the Spring.

E. Troop Treasurer: The Troop had a balance of \$ as of December 1.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: The total for popcorn sold this year was \$. This matched last year's total.

There was a discussion about the quality of the wreaths. Some of the wreaths were very poor. The vendor is requiring us to physically return the poor quality wreaths to get replacements.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Harriman Hike: Nov 14-15. 31 Scouts, 11 Adults registered. Some comments:

- ½ mile hike in.
- Very windy – some problems setting up the tents because of the wind.
- The camp was a bit too spread out. We need to set up the tents closer to each other in the future. The shelter was being used.
- We did have a campfire.
- It was a cold night. The new tents allowed wind in so they were a bit cold inside.
- It was suggested that next time we could hike in further.

Camp Durland: Dec 4-6. We have reserved one 40 person cabin. No other cabins are available. This is the advancement weekend trip. We have 33 Scouts and 7 adults registered.

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 log cabin reserved. We will look into adding a second cabin for an additional 24 spots. 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. We will have one full crew of 8 attending.

Mr. Marcy is organizing a second trip involving a series of Troop specific activities for older Scouts 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 are two Eagle Scouts active in the troop. We have an Eagle Scout board of review scheduled for January 14. There are about 5 Eagle projects in the planning stages. None have been brought forward for boards of review yet.

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 ordered a new grill to use over a campfire. We are continuing to evaluate new sets of stackable cooking pots. Given the Troop's size, we estimate needing three sets of pots.

L. Website Coordinator: Dave Martin has been updating the Troop's website at www.troop201ny.com. The calendar has been updated and new photos added. Articles from "This Old Scout" are up on the website. 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!
- The Holiday party will be at Garden City Bowl from 6:30 to 8:30 on 12/21. Pizza and desert will be provided.
- It was recommended that time be set aside during a Troop meeting for "Lost in the Woods" training.

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.