

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 1/5/16*

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

#### In attendance:

John Brautigam	Mike Russo	Monica Pavlidis	Michael Trietsch
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 training report associated with the Charter renewal was discussed. Committee members were asked to complete any online training that they might be missing.

The actual amount spent for rechartering was \$ for the charter and \$ for the Troop "Accident and Liability Insurance". The rechartered list included 70 Scouts and 31 adults.

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

We are still waiting for some parents to complete and return the "Contact Update" forms.

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

- Four Eagle Scout potential projects are currently in the initial approval process stage. The 4 Life Scouts have been instructed to only use the latest Eagle Project Workbook forms.
- Some of our Scouts have volunteered to assist at both the Cub Pack 201 and the Cub Pack 202 (January 9<sup>th</sup>) Pinewood Derbies. These scouts will earn Service Hours towards advancement.
- The Klondike Derby is scheduled for Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Koutsoftas will lead approximately 16 Scouts and 7 adults to this year's competition. We currently have two crews scheduled to attend

**E. Troop Treasurer:** The Troop had a balance of \$ as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Committee is in favor of making a \$ contribution to “Friends of Scouting”.

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:** The total for popcorn sold this year was \$. This is the gross amount. The Troop will earn approximately 1/3 of this amount.

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

**Holiday Party:** The Scouts had a good time at the Holiday bowling party. It was noted that we should have a dedicated server at future parties. Also, we need to monitor the amount of food that is actually being ordered at future parties.

**Camp Durland:** Dec 4-6. The trip went very well. The food was very good. The hike was shorter than hoped due to the later start. On future advancement trips, hikes should probably start earlier to avoid running out of daylight. However, doing more of the advancements in the morning resulted in a record 142 advancements completed by the younger scouts.

There was also a discussion on reserving a second cabin for future advancement trips due to the popularity of this overnight 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.

We will be taking an additional tent for a total of 6 tents due to interest in the trip. Interested Scouts will be working on their winter sports merit badge.

It was noted that a shuttle service is available from the camp to the ski area for \$120 per 15 people in case we do not have enough drivers actually staying.

**Camp Turrell:** Feb 26-28; 28 person log cabin reserved. We have also reserved a second cabin for an additional 24 spots. We will also consider renting snowshoes.

**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.

**Sporting Clays:** 4/2. For Scouts who exceeded \$125 in popcorn sales.

**Harriman Hike:** 4/16-17.

**Whitewater Rafting:** 5/7-8.

**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. The target dates for this will be during the first two weeks in August.

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.

There was a discussion about holding a Pancake breakfast to help support the high adventure trips. The firehouse availability will be confirmed for either 3/6 or 3/13.

**2017 High Adventure:** Mr. Russo will call about adding us to the lottery for a crew slot for Philmont 2017.

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

**I. Advancement Coordinator:** There were two Boards of Review: one Tenderfoot and one Second Class were completed successfully. It was noted that the Cradle of Aviation museum and the Council itself offer merit badge mini-camps during school breaks.

**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.

**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 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:**

- The Alumni dinner is scheduled for 5/25. There was a discussion of possible locations.
- The Eagle Court of Honor is scheduled for 5/22 at the American Legion Hall. We expect to be honoring two new Eagle Scouts.
- The location and costs of Wilderness First Aid training required for adults on high adventure trips was discussed.

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