

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 2/2/16

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Mike Russo	Monica Pavlidis	Yuri Aguiar
Kevin Ryan	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	Rose Chase
Nick Koutsoftas	Sharon Sullivan		

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.

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

D. Scoutmaster: Mr Giustino reported:

- The Troop Guidelines are in need of an update. Anthony Giustino and John Brautigam will begin to review the Guidelines.
- The Scout Greenbar meeting is continuing to move toward being completely run by the Scouts under the leadership of the SPL
- One Scoutmaster Conference was completed and there are more to follow this month.
- There are four Life Scouts preparing their project proposals for presentation and approval.
- Mr. Martin will be listing any relevant activities available through the Theodore Roosevelt Council, including Merit Badge classes, to our website.

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

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: The wreath and popcorn sales fundraising totals were reported:

- Popcorn: Gross: \$; Costs: \$; Retained by the Troop: \$
- Wreaths: Gross: \$; Costs: \$; Retained by the Troop: \$

- It was noted that all Scouts are expected to take and sell 20 wreaths and sell a minimum of \$75 worth of Popcorn as part of the Troop's fundraising goals. (Note: There are different Wreath minimum requirements for scouts that have siblings in the Troop).

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Camp Minsi: Jan 22-24. This trip was cancelled because of the snowstorm. We are still negotiating with Camp Minsi for the return of our payment for the cabins. They have offered other facilities on a different weekend instead of a refund.

Klondike Derby: The Troop participated by sending 2 patrols: 12 Scouts and 6 adults in all. Mr. Koutsoftas led our contingent. Weather conditions were perfect. The Scouts had a good time, earning many gold nugget awards as they demonstrated their Scout skills. We stayed through the closing ceremony.

Camp Turrell: Feb 26-28; 28 person log cabin reserved. We added a second cabin for an additional 24 spots. It was decided to make this weekend the ski trip due to the January Camp Minsi trip cancellation.

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. We have two campsites reserved and can accommodate 94 Scouts and adults.

Deposits for Summer Camp are due (\$100). For those who make a deposit February 22, the cost for Summer Camp will be \$350.

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.

There was a discussion about attending a week at the Summit Bechtel High Adventure Base in West Virginia. It would be one week. The dates discussed were July 24 to July 30. The Scout Leaders will gauge interest of the Scouts and the availability of adults to attend.

There will be trip from August 4 through August 7 (tentative dates) for high adventure activities at the Shawangunk Cliffs near New Paltz, NY. Activities will include rock climbing, rappelling, and zip lining. Additional activities may include mountain biking and kayaking.

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. Wilderness First Aid training is a two-day course.

2017 High Adventure: We have requested slots for 2 crews for Philmont for Summer, 2017.

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

I. Advancement Coordinator: The new Scout Handbooks and new advancement requirements are being phased in. There is one Board of Review scheduled to be done.

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.

It was noted that the First Aid kit needs to be updated with new consumable items. We are still evaluating various sets of pots for purchase.

L. Website Coordinator: David 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:

- The Alumni dinner date is moved to Thursday, 5/26. There was a discussion of possible locations. A final decision of the location will be made at the next Troop Committee meeting. Various local restaurants as well as the American Legion hall are under consideration.
- We will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 6, to benefit the High Adventure trips. Duane Marcy will coordinate the Breakfast.
- The Eagle Court of Honor is scheduled for 5/22 at the American Legion Hall. We will be honoring two new Eagle Scouts. Various options as alternatives to the shadow box were discussed.
- There was a discussion concerning the time that we are leaving on our camping trips. All Scouts are encouraged to arrive on time so that we can leave as soon as possible.
- If a Scout did not receive a Holiday gift, they should see one of the adult leaders to receive one.

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.