

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 3/1/16

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Monica Pavlidis	Juliegh Chin	Mike Delio
Kevin Ryan	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	Paula Cuomo

CALENDAR UPDATE:

Whitewater Rafting: 5/13-14. The dam release was moved to the weekend of May 13. So the date of the trip has now been moved to Friday, May 13 to Saturday, May 14.

Also, the date of the Alumni Dinner for Adults and past Scouts has been changed to Thursday, May 26th. Location TBD.

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 with changes.

We are looking for additional volunteers in all areas.

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

There was a discussion of moving the Troop's mailing list to Troopmaster as the definitive source. There is still work being done with reconciling the legacy names on the mailing list.

The Wilderness first aid course will be held at the East Williston Village Hall. East Williston has requested a certificate of insurance. We are processing that request through Council.

D. Scoutmaster: Mr Giustino reported:

- There are five Life Scouts preparing their Eagle projects.
- Three Scoutmaster conferences were completed.

- There was a discussion of the new Scout rank and the new requirements for advancement. This included the changes themselves, and when those changes would become effective.

E. Troop Treasurer: The Troop had a balance of \$ as of March 1. We will be sending \$500 to Friends of Scouting.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: No report.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Camp Turrell: Feb 26-28; The trip was moved to Camp Minsi for the ski trip. It was noted that Elk Mountain has a lodge on the ski slopes that they make available to Scout troops. There was also a discussion about whether the ski trip is best as an overnight or as a day trip. The consensus was for an overnight trip.

Ten Mile River: March 18-20. Two cabins reserved. There is the possibility of working on the Horsemanship merit badge and possibly canoeing. Ice fishing is unlikely.

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

Harriman Hike: 4/16-17.

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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. We have received 45 deposits so far. The total cost for Summer Camp will be \$350 for those who made an early deposit.

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 will be a crew attending the Summit Bechtel High Adventure Base in West Virginia. There are spots available for Scouts who are interested. We would be attending from 7/24 until 7/30.

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.

Camp Alamuchy: We have a credit with the camp. The possibility of holding our December advancement weekend here was discussed. There are two cabins: 28 person and 36 person. The Eagle's nest advancement program is also available for working with those Scouts nearing Eagle rank.

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.

Eight Scouts attended the Cradle of Aviation merit badge mini-camp. They earned a total of 28 merit badges

We are continuing to investigate using Troopmaster to automate the blue card merit badge process.

Three boards of review were completed: two Tenderfoot, one First Class.

Six Scouts attended the Health and Wellness night at Denton school. It was a good night with good participation.

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 discussed the lighting problems that we have been having in the storage container. We will be going ahead with installing some LED lighting and a set of solar panels to keep a battery charged.

We approved buying new circular grills and new cooking pot sets.

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 good discussion concerning the pancake breakfast and targeted fund raising, particularly for the high adventure trips. This included a discussion of making sure that the availability of slots for all high adventure trips was distributed as widely and as early as possible.

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.