

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 4/5/16

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Monica Pavlidis	Juleigh Chin	Nick Koutsoftas
Kevin Ryan	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	Paula Cuomo
Mike Russo	Joe Beacco	Yuri Aguiar	

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 at 7 p.m. Location will be Copperhill Restaurant.

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.

There was a discussion about the Troop supporting the New Hyde Park Runner's Club's 8k race on Sunday, June 5. More details will be forthcoming.

C. Troop Secretary: There are 69 Scouts in the Troop.

We are still working on reconciling the old email contact list with the list in Troopmaster. The committee walked through a list of legacy addresses to clean up the list.

The Wilderness first aid course will be held at the East Williston Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, 4/9 and 4/10. Council is processing our insurance certificate request. We have 6 people attending both days. We have 3 additional people attending as a refresher.

D. Scoutmaster: Mr Giustino reported:

- There are five Life Scouts preparing their Eagle project paperwork. One project is near approval from the District committee.
- Six Scoutmaster Conferences were completed.
- One Eagle Scout application has been submitted to Council for processing.
- We had Webelos from four packs attend our open meeting on Monday, 4/4. Fourteen Cub Scouts attended. The meeting went well. There were many questions from the Cub Scouts and their parents.

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

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: No report.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Camp Turrell: It was noted that we have a \$370 refund coming from Camp Turrell due to not being able to use the camp for the February trip.

Ten Mile River: March 18-20. Two cabins reserved. Comments on the trip included:

- The cabins were nice, but we did fill them completely.
- The main lake was open for fishing.
- The local Council expects us to arrange for Scouts to work on the Horsemanship merit badge through them rather than directly.

Sporting Clays: Rescheduled to 4/23. For Scouts who exceeded \$125 in popcorn sales.

Harriman Hike: 4/16-17. About 40 Scouts are registered for this trip.

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. Permission slips and payment are due by 4/18 (to provide an accurate count to the outfitters). It was noted that the cost to the Troop was increased by the outfitters.

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 46 deposits so far. We currently have reservations for 60. 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 is a meeting with Parents of Scouts attending scheduled for 4/6.

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 are currently 14 Scouts registered. There was a discussion on the best transportation method to use to and from the camp.

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.

There was a discussion on making sure that each high adventure trip has the Troop equipment that it needs available due to the tightness of the schedule.

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 have been phased in.

Two boards of review were completed: one Tenderfoot, one Star.

Seven Scouts completed the Snow Sports merit badge. One additional Scout partially completed the requirements.

Sixteen Horsemanship merit badges were completed on the Ten Mile River trip.

It was noted that we are working with the Scouts to select their merit badges for Summer Camp. We are emphasizing the need to complete the prerequisites, and to start work on prerequisites that must be completed over a length of time.

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. It was noted that the solar panels have arrived.

We are working on better controls for returned equipment: making sure that the equipment is returned in a timely manner and properly cleaned. Scout Quartermasters will be used to track this.

We will be purchasing a portable public address system (approximately \$300).

Fifty new neckerchiefs have arrived.

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, at 7 p.m.. It will be at the Copperhill restaurant. The committee approved spending up to \$200 for decorations and centerpieces.
- There was a decision to move to dry-fit class B shirts from the current cotton ones.
- Everyone driving Scouts back from trips is reminded to make sure the Scouts get into their houses before departing.

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.