

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 5/3/16

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Monica Pavlidis	Lynn Aguiar	Nick Koutsoftas
Kevin Ryan	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	Paula Cuomo
Mike Russo	Joe Beacco	Yuri Aguiar	Sharon Sullivan
Mike Baranello			

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.

The Wilderness first aid course held at the East Williston Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, 4/9 and 4/10 was successful. All participants passed the class. It was noted that the class was the best of the various Wilderness first aid classes taken so far.

It was noted that there were up to 5 Webelos from Pack 8 showing interest in joining the Troop.

D. Scoutmaster: Mr Giustino reported:

- Two additional Life Scouts are ready to review their project proposals with the Troop Committee.
- Six Scoutmaster Conferences were completed.
- The return time on future sporting clays shooting trips should be updated to reflect an earlier return, suggesting 2 p.m. rather than 4 p.m.
- The softball field has been reserved for the Parent/Son softball game on Monday, 6/13 by Mike Russo. Mr. Giustino was suggested that a refreshment committee be formed for the game.
- Updates to the Troop Guidelines were proposed and accepted. These reflect price changes, changes in fundraising targets, Scout leadership positions qualification

changes, and changes in Troop Committee members. An updated Guidelines will be posted to the troop website.

- At a recent Monday meeting, the Star and the Life Scouts were challenged to step up more frequently on their own initiative during trips. When they see something that needs doing, they should take the lead in organizing to get it done. A very good improvement was seen on the Harriman trip.

E. Troop Treasurer: The Troop had a balance of \$ as of May 3.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: There was \$ net from the Pancake Breakfast. There was a discussion on how to distribute this money to the Scouts and adults attending the two high adventure trips this summer. A decision was made to do an even distribution.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Camp Turrell: All payments have been received for the rescheduled ski trip. We have received \$ of the expected \$ refund from Camp Turrell.

Harriman Hike: 4/16-17. It was a great hike with great weather. The Troop separated into two ability groups for the hike up to the campsite. About 50 people attended. We ended up filtering about 150 liters of water during the trip. It was suggested that going on the trip later in the Spring would be better due to typically warmer weather.

Whitewater Rafting: 5/13-14. The dam release date was moved to the weekend of May 13. So the date of the trip was moved to Friday, May 13 to Saturday, May 14. Fifty people are scheduled to attend.

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 48 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.

We can do the swim test before arriving to camp. It is scheduled for Sunday, June 19, at 9 a.m. at the Tully Aquatic Center. More details will be available as the date approaches.

Pack 202 Moving up: 6/4. Sands Point.

Pack 201 Moving up: 6/11. Long Island Science Museum.

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

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: Four boards of review were completed: two 2nd Class, one 1st class, one Tenderfoot.

Most of the work on selecting Summer Camp merit badges has been completed. For older Scouts who would like to do both COPE and the Automotive Maintenance merit badge, we are working with the camp to try to get an additional Automotive Maintenance merit badge session to open.

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.

The solar panel and LED lights for the container have been purchased. We are also ordering a fan. Installation will take place sometime after 5/22.

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 placed back into our display case at 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 was moved to Thursday, 5/26, at 7 p.m.. It will be at the Copperhill restaurant. The committee approved spending up to \$ for decorations and centerpieces.
- The spending authorization for the portable speaker system was raised to \$.
- There was a discussion on the price and source for T-shirts. The committee authorized the purchase of additional shirts from the new source: 20 medium t-shirts, 30 small t-shirts, 5 small sweatshirts, 5 medium sweatshirts, 5 large sweatshirts. Also 20 each of small, medium, large, and extra large for the dry fit t-shirts.
- Additional high adventure jackets will be ordered.
- We are looking for Eagle Scouts to participate in the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony.
- Spending up to \$ for food and supplies for the softball game was authorized via email after the Committee meeting.

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.