

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 9/6/16

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Monica Pavlidis	Robert Sullivan	Sharon Sullivan
Kevin Ryan	Anthony Giustino	David Martin	Luis Cornacchia
Mark Polanski	Mike Delio	Nick Koutsoftas	Rebecca Zhang
Rose Chase			

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.

There was a discussion about committing the Scouts to assist at the American Legion Legislative breakfast. Agreement was reached to assist. Mr. Brautigam will call Commander Busa from the Legion post.

Mr. Brautigam committed to producing a document that will detail dues and how those dues are spent. It will also detail the fundraising goals of our Troop. The document will be sent to all parents

There was a discussion about reminding Life Scouts of the process to Eagle rank. There may be a meeting held at the East Williston Community Church for Scouts and Parents that discusses the Eagle Scout advancement process. No meeting has been scheduled as of yet.

We are looking for additional volunteers in all areas.

C. Troop Secretary: There are 74 Scouts in the Troop.

D. Scoutmaster: Mr Giustino reported:

- Approximately 10 to 15 Scouts may be attending JLOW Scout leadership training this year.

- Since becoming Scoutmaster, Mr. Giustino has held Fall and Spring meetings with the Life scouts of the Troop. These meetings occurred during our weekly meetings and focused on how the process to becoming an Eagle Scout works.
- Mr. Giustino will contact the Refreshment Committee regarding the 9-26-16 Awards Night and ask for their assistance.
- The 9/11 memorial ceremony will be at Kelleher Field at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 9/11.

E. Troop Treasurer: The Troop had a balance of \$ as of 9/9. There is a payment of \$ due for 2017 Philmont crews. Payments from the Philmont participants are still being collected.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: We will charge \$12 for wreaths which is the same price as last year. Each Scout is expected to sell 20 wreaths. Each additional scout Scouts in the same family will have to sell 10 additional wreaths. For example, a family with 2 sons in the Troop will have to sell 30 total wreaths, a family with 3 sons in the Troop will have to sell 40 total wreaths.

Also, each Scout must sell a minimum of \$75 worth of popcorn. Scouts selling \$125 or more of popcorn will be invited to attend a sporting clays shotgun trip at no cost. The shotgun trip will be held in the Spring.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Catamount Zip line: 9/17-18. Scouts will meet by 6 a.m. We will overnight at a campsite near the activity. We will have the activity vendor provide lunch for the Troop.

Fishing: Scheduled for 10/1 and rescheduled for 10/9. This is a day trip. Meet at Searingtown School at 7 a.m.

Camp Alpine: 10/21-23. Overnight tent camping with a day hike.

Harriman Hike: 11/12-13. Backpacking trip

Advancement weekend: 12/9-11. Camp Durland. We have two 30 person adjacent cabins.

Ski Trip: 1/20-21. Jack Frost skiing.

Cabin Camping Trip: 2/10-12

2017 High Adventure: We have reservations for two crews to attend Philmont in Summer 2017. The trip would start 8/2/17. There are still slots open. Scouts who are interested and will be 14 years old (or 13 and finished 8th grade) should contact Mr. Russo to reserve a slot.

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

I. Advancement Coordinator: Scouts completed 181 merit badges at Summer Camp. Scouts also completed nine Boards of Review at Summer camp.

The Troopmaster app will now be entirely web based. Adult leaders were urged to install the app on their phones.

We will be confirming and updating email and other contact information with the Scouts' Parents, primarily in person at Troop meetings.

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 must clean and dry the equipment correctly and completely.

L. Website Coordinator: David Martin has been updating the Troop's website at www.troop201ny.com.

Please frequent the website for announcements and general information. There is a facebook page available also: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/troop201ny/>.

The Troop Guidelines have been updated on the website.

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:

A refreshment committee was formed for the Softball Game and Awards Night. The Council's merit badge weekends were discussed. It was mentioned that prior registration is required. Eagle required merit badges are also offered.

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.