

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 2/7/17

I. **Opening of Meeting:** Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Monica Pavlidis	Kevin Ryan	Mark Polansky
David Martin	Danny Kim	Michael Baranello	Mike Russo
Henry Zanetti	Yuri Aguilar	Peter Meyn	Paula Como
Joseph Beacco			

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 85 Scouts in the Troop. One scout had joined in the prior day's Monday Scout meeting

D. Scoutmaster: Mr. Russo reported:

- Eagle Scout candidates in progress:
 - James Brautigam's, James Russo's, and Kyle Schultz's (note: birthday is in May) proposals are underway
 - Keith Dusling's proposal is nearly ready for submission to Mr. Gulotta
 - Nick Ryan and Chris Soo are still formulating their project proposals
 - Michael Chase's project needs to schedule execution of his approved project
 - There may be contention for scout volunteers for Eagle projects due to the number of projects that are being worked on simultaneously in the troop
- Patrol cooking has continued to be good for the most recent trip (Acahela). Points to monitor:
 - Planning the amounts
 - Greater consideration for Vegetarians and Vegetarian preparation guidelines
 - Cleanliness of the food prep
 - The increased number of patrol boxes requires more space when travelling to/from events
 - The food budget vs. actuals need to be reviewed and analyzed by K. Tokar
 - We should start the official Troop 201 cookbook with successful patrol

recipes – to be the responsibility of the Troop Librarian to maintain.

E. Troop Treasurer: The current account balance is approximately \$, of which \$ is allocated for Philmont. From the last ski trip, the expenses were approximately \$. We have already received approximate \$ and we expect another \$.

The handover to Henry Zanetti is expected to be completed in the next Monday meeting.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: The Fundraiser Coordinator was not in attendance. The wreaths sale generated \$ in sales. Popcorn sale generated approximately \$ in sales with a profit of approximately \$.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Ski Trip: 1/20-21. Jack Frost skiing. Camp Acahela proved to be a strong alternative to Camp Minsi in terms of facility and proximity to the ski mountain. Note that Camp Minsi opens for reservation at Aug 16. At Jack Frost, the ski checkout was quick (but getting better each time). There was an additional complexity caused by an additional family member that came on the trip. There was some mixup with the equipment assignment (e.g., helmets). A suggestion to utilize a charter bus was raised. But based on the significant cost increase, the value is questioned.

Cabin Camping Trip: 2/10-12. Camp Allamuchy. We have 2 cabins reserved. Currently 6 adults and 29 boys have signed up to attend. Due to renovations, the camp kept us all together in one cabin that holds 36 beds. We are not expecting any snow so there will be fewer activities for the boys to choose from. This appears to be the slow season for Allamuchy. Lastly, the pickup time of 8AM will be communicated to parents

Summer Camp: We have booked Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco and paid the deposit. Camp starts July 2. Our next payment at the discounted rate is due on April 15. The committee agreed to an additional \$10 to the fee for additional expenses specific to summer camp (e.g., badges, etc.) The deadline for early registration discount will be April 3rd @ \$400. Afterwards, the fee will be \$445

High Adventure Update:

- **Philmont:** M. Russo will send email regarding 6 open slots as well as organizing a fundraiser for the event
- **SeaBase:** The lottery for the 2018 (spring/summer) will be on Feb 16th. We get to sign up for our top 5 adventures and our 10 choices for each adventure. M. Russo to send email this week soliciting interest and notifying of a presentation on Monday for parents. Each crew can consist of 6-8 including adults. The adventures are typically 6 days.
- High Adventure fundraiser breakfast: Currently planned for Mar 26th. An adult coordinator is necessary to kick off the prep work. Duane Marcy volunteered to help. M. Russo will send a followup email. Preparatory activities include creating Ads, tickets, and coordination with the schools.

H. Training Coordinator: no update

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- All scouts needing to be moved over to the new requirements advancement sheets

have been completed. No adult leaders should be signing off requirements in the old handbook

- The new troopmaster web site has been released providing better functionality on the web and mobile. The adults list has been cleaned up but we still need to capture the boy's direct contact information on the site.
- K. Ryan to coordinate with P. Como on synching the charter with Troopmaster
- The troopmaster site should facilitate more easily the mailing lists, scheduling, as well as attendance tracking within the app.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- J. Beacco reported that the troop currently has 13 tents in good working order (10 new ones and 3 old ones). There are 2 tents that may be salvageable. Given the current troop size, 5 additional tents were requested and approved.

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/>.

M. New Business:

- M. Baranello (our Troop's Cyber Chip coordinator) discussed the new Cyber Chip requirements
 - All scouts are required to renew their Cyber Chip annually
 - New scouts are required to earn the badge
 - First class scouts have a teaching element to their Cyber Chip requirement
 - We will use the next Monday troop meeting to perform the Cyber Chip training. Mr. Baranello will involve all the first class troops present in order to satisfy their teaching requirement.

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.