

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 3/7/17

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

In attendance:

John Brautigam	Monica Pavlidis	Kevin Ryan	Mark Polansky
David Martin	Danny Kim	Mike Russo	Nick Koutsoftas
Henry Zanetti	Yuri Aguilar	Paula Cuomo	Anthony Giustino

II. **Reading of Reports:**

A. Head of Charter Organization: No Report.

B. Troop Committee Chair: No Report.

We are looking for additional volunteers in all areas.

C. Troop Secretary: There are 84 Scouts in the Troop.

D. Scoutmaster: M. Russo reported:

- Allamuchy Recap: the scouts went on the challenge trail. There was no geocaching as planned due to the weather. This camp offers many more activities during the warmer weather
- High Adventure - Philmont:
 - The next payment of \$ (for 16 participants) was made
 - 2 scouts are behind on their payments
 - 2 boys are not 1st class rank yet (Ryan L and Jeff C). We will need to make sure that they attain the necessary rank prior to the trip
- High Adventure - Sea Base (2018):
 - We won the lottery for 2 fishing crews on July 24-30 (8 total, including up to 2 adults)
 - A deposit of \$ is required by the end of the month in order to secure our spots. This will require collecting \$ from each participant by the end of the month.
- High Adventure - we need to order high adventure jackets by April 1st

E. Troop Treasurer: H. Zanetti reported that the current account balance is approximately \$, net of the the Philmont deposit (above) and additional receipts from yesterday's scout meeting. Upcoming outlays include:

- Deposit for the whitewater rafting trip
- Additional funds for an additional cabin for the TMR trip in March
- Eagle court of honor (3 shadow boxes for the Eagle scouts at \$ each)
- Previously approved purchase of 5 new tents at \$ per tent

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: Update provided by D. Martin. The preparations for the pancake breakfast on Mar 26 are well under way. Tickets have been distributed and signs have been posted.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Whitewater: May. The reservations have been made. The cost is the same as last year. The checkin is at 9:40, which is 1 hour later than last year's check in time. There was some concerns about the reduced time in the water as a result.

Shotgun Trip: The original date of April 22nd is not available at the gun club so a new date is required. The three options are March 26, May 6 (1st choice), and Jun 17 (2nd choice). M. Russo to find out which days work.

Summer Camp: Camp Onteora reached out to us, inviting us to return. Unfortunately, their dates did not align with our availability.

Theodore Roosevelt Council Centennial: A. Giustino provided the followup update. The centennial overlaps with our troop's Eagle court of honor weekend. However, we can participate in part of the program if we would like to attend. We could either go on Friday evening and setup tents and our area or just join on Saturday. The cost is \$20 per person for the whole weekend and \$10 per person for just 1 day. We were asked to register as a troop rather than have scouts and parents attend individually. There will be 80 booths (target 120 booths including Army, archery, tomahawk throwing, climbing wall, etc.) The food situation is unclear. The target start time on Saturday will be 8AM. In 2010, we camped Friday to Sunday. On Saturday evening, there is usually some kind of show. The registration deadline is May 4 and the council would like for us to RSVP by April 15th for planning purposes. The committee agreed to make the final decision in the April committee meeting.

H. Training Coordinator: no update

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- K. Ryan reported that the troop conducted one Board of Review since the last meeting (Jared M. for Star Scout)
- Eagle preparations: there have been many weekly meetings and a significant number of scouts in the wings for Eagle projects. The scouts have to coordinate with M. Russo for dates in April for their projects.
 - Ben C: ready
 - Keith D, Kyle S, and James R have project proposals that have been submitted to council
 - James B: on deck to review project proposal
 - Nic R, Chris S: still conferring with M Russo
 - Peter L: is nearly ready
 - Daniel L: nearly done with the post project administration
- Troopmaster software:
 - emails to some parent email addresses have been sent
 - responses have been received

- the scout's emails are not all in the system and must be loaded

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- D. Martin informed the committee that upon a review of the patrol boxes, some of them contained perishables (scouts are instructed to remove these) and some of the included stoves were dirty. Scouts will need to be reminded of these points in terms of maintaining their patrol boxes.

L. Website Coordinator: D. Martin has updated the website with the updated calendar, additional photos from prior events, and the 2 eagle scouts. Please visit the troop website at: www.troop201ny.com.

M. New Business:

- K. Ryan reported that 14 Webelos attending the welcome last night. No one has signed up yet. There was representation from Pack 8, 201, and 202.

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.