

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 4/4/17*

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

#### In attendance:

Monica Pavlidis      Kevin Ryan      Mark Polansky      David Martin  
Danny Kim      Henry Zanetti      Deborah Meyn

### 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 85 Scouts in the Troop who have paid dues. Upcoming fifth graders from cubscouts who have not paid Boy Scout dues are not included.

**D. Scoutmaster:** M. Russo reported via email (additional discussion by committee in **bold**):

- Pancake Breakfast High Adventure Fundraiser
  - Very successful with Council President noting that we were successful in not only fundraising but in bringing the whole community together.
  - Need to make ticket sale data available so the scoutmaster can discuss participation with scouts (all were required to sell tickets and had ample opportunity)
  - **Suggestions for next year:**
    - **Provide butter at the tables**
    - **More frequent announcements (thanks, 50/50, dignitaries)**
    - **If we do a bake sale again, sell in increments of \$1. 50 cents pricing required change.**
    - **Leverage patrol structure to organize responsibilities with patrol leaders organizing**
    - **Better communicate adult leader responsibilities to minimize contradicting instructions to scouts and to prevent overlap**
    - **Provide a structured training on the basics of serving (e.g., don't eat food while serving others; don't cut bagels with your bare hands, etc.)**
    - **Leave the cleanup to the adults due to the danger from the hot stove, etc.**
    - **Ensure that the supply cabinet is checked prior to ordering food - we discovered a large amount of pancake mix from last year that could have been used. J. Chin and L. Aguiar inventoried all the items in the cabinets for ease of future use**

- **Invite local dignitaries more early in the process**
  - **Because this is a fund raiser for high adventure, the high adventure participants should have more prominent roles**
  - **The pancake breakfast resulted in total revenues of nearly \$ with a cost estimate of approximately \$. This includes \$ raised from the bake sale as well as the raffle collection**
  - **Discussed why this is a fundraiser solely for high adventure trip participants**
    - **The average scout trip is relatively inexpensive and the high adventure trips are relatively expensive. This fundraiser is a way to “pay it forward” and encourage more scouts potentially participate in high adventure trips by helping defray the cost of the trip**
- **Outdoor Code:**
  - Important as we spend significant time outdoors camping
  - Has been introduced to troop for Monday meeting recitation (after pledge as directed by scout leadership patrol)
- **Cyber Chip:**
  - Although majority of scouts have attended training only a small percentage of scouts have returned agreement.
  - We are requiring agreement be returned or use of cell phones and/or electronics will not be permitted at scouting events
  - **Mr. Baranello and Mr. Tokar will post a spreadsheet of the outstanding parent signoffs on the board in addition to the attendance tracking**
- **Eagle Projects:**
  - **Scheduled:**
    - Michael C. – Saturday April 8, 11AM – 3 PM, Herricks Community Center
    - Kyle S. – Sat/Sun April 9,10 fundraising, actual project: Sat/Sun April 29-30, time & meeting location TBD.
  - Final Report Submitted to Council: Daniel L. workbook with final report dropped off with T. Gulotta
- **Shotgun Trip - May 6:**
  - Need list of qualifying scouts – requested from R. Chase, not yet received. Need this to determine how many scouts require safety training as Legion is booked for Monday nights.
  - **R. Chase (via M. Pavlidis) indicated that 43 scouts have qualified to attend the trip. This is not necessarily the number of scouts that will attend the trip.**
  - Will need scout to shop for food and drink – suggest scout who needs 2nd or 1st class requirement. Will make announcement at 4/24 and 5/1 meetings
- **TRC Centennial Celebration May 19-21**
  - At 3/20 Green Bar meeting scout leadership indicated they want to go and prefer a day event. Rationale/discussion included:
    - Availability of tents will be questionable as they will have been used the week before for whitewater rafting
    - Saturday is best since Friday night activities are limited and Sunday is ECOH
  - How to handle participation? – check-in/check-out or on-your-own visitation with parents. If the latter is possible (parents can attend?) I suggest we go that way. With size of our troop and anticipated varying arrival/departure times it will be difficult for us to track scouts comings/goings.

- **Participating on Friday will allow us to setup a central meeting spot on Saturday. D. Martin indicated he was willing to camp out on Friday night to hold our spot for Saturday if at least another parent was willing to join him on Friday night. Mr. Martin will reach out to parents to find anyone willing to accompany on Friday night, first among the leaders, then potentially to all the parents. He will determine this in advance of the 4/15 reply deadline requested by the Council. If there is insufficient support by parents for Friday night and thus establishing a central base for our troop on Saturday, the committee agreed that it will be very difficult to manage a troop-wide participation in the Saturday events.**
- **Eagle Court of Honor – May 21:**
  - Legion reserved; ceremony kit reserved; dignitaries invited; looking for volunteer to make and print ceremony booklets (R. Cocchi no longer able)
  - **Mr. Ryan to reach out to Mr. Gianakis about helping produce the booklets (assuming that is Mr. Gianakis' line of business)**
  - **Mr. Cocchi may have a soft copy of the 2016 document that could be leveraged for the 2017 booklet**
  - **Mrs. Marafino volunteered to help coordinate refreshments with the Life Scout moms**
- **Seabase 2018: 6 crews deposited or reserved; should be able to accommodate everyone, if people are flexible as requested. M. Russo to make assignments and send out for confirmation.**
  - Deposited \$ for 3 crews already – 2 crews summer Fishing Adventure (July 24-30) and 1 crew winter Fishing Adventure (Feb 18-24)
  - Reserved 3 others – winter Out Island (Feb 17-23), summer Fishing Adventure (Aug 17-23) and winter Keys Adventure (Feb 18-24). M. Russo will need another signed check to send out deposit.
  - **Note that 28 scouts and 15 adults have signed up for Seabase**

**E. Troop Treasurer:** H. Zanetti reported that the current account balance is approximately \$

- H. Zanetti will produce an analysis to see the revenues vs. expenses per event
- Previously approved purchase of 5 new tents at \$ per tent - must confirm if purchased yet

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:** N/A

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

**Philmont:** Harrison L. signed up for Philmont yesterday. He did not sell 10 tickets. Committee agreed to adjust the fundraiser total amounts accordingly and then equally attribute the funds raised. D. Martin and M. Russo will be submitting their entries for the Philmont lottery tomorrow for the two crews. It is uncertain whether the high adventure jacket orders were made. D. Kim to check status with M. Russo.

**TMR Recap:**

- Due to the weather, the outdoor activities were somewhat limited.
- Use of snowshoes were limited and unless we can procure 10-12 more, it just may not be as necessary
- A limited hike was conducted through waist-high snow.

- The horsemanship merit badge was fine, but we shared the session with another troop which was not ideal. The next time, we should inquire about having a session just for our group.
- Our cabins had no propane the first night and so it was extremely cold without the propane to heat up the cabins - for future trips, we should ensure that there is sufficient propane prior to our arrival.
- We had several last minute cancellations (4). Someone inquired about getting a refund, despite clear language on the form that there are no refunds. The committee discussed this and agreed that the policy should be strictly enforced to save time and ensure that parents/scouts sign up for a trip that they are committed to joining. The only exception will be where the troop decides to reschedule (for example, the upcoming Harriman trip) or materially affect an outing and a registered scout can not attend.

**Harriman:** There are 55 scouts and adults currently registered for Harriman. R. Cocchi confirmed his attendance and we assume he will choose the campsite as he typically does. Due to the last minute change to the date which overlaps with NYSSMA testing that weekend, we may need to consider one additional departure time later on Saturday.

**Summer Camp:** 42 scouts signed up for the early discount. We have made a preliminary reservation for 60 scouts and 10 adults. M. Pavlidis would like to provide a more final count to the camp and so she will reach out to the camp to find out what the deadline is to provide a final headcount. In addition, M. Pavlidis will send an email to all remaining scouts to determine who is interested as well as who is definitely not going. D. Kim suggested that depending upon the camp deadline, we may need to reach out to our local Cub Scouts to confirm if their move-up scouts will attend summer camp.

**Horsemanship:** M. Pavlidis received information related to a trail ride by scouts with the horsemanship MB in Hempstead. The only restriction is that only 4-5 scouts can ride at a time. The owner was willing to provide an hour of instruction in addition to the 1-1.5 hour ride time. The committee agreed that due to the small number of horses, this is probably not the right opportunity for a horsemanship trail ride.

**Alumni Dinner:** D. Meyn volunteered to help M. Pavlidis with the alumni dinner organization. La Parma is charging \$ per person (with a cash bar). Last year we charged \$45pp (Copperhill) and so this year, \$50 doesn't seem unreasonable. La Parma's room holds 85 people. Scheduled for June 1st.

**H. Training Coordinator:** no update

**I. Advancement Coordinator:**

- K. Ryan reported that the past month has been busy with multiple Board of Review meetings.
- Prerit C. and Mike R. both achieved Life Scout rank
- Peter L. will have his BOR meeting at Harriman for Life Scout rank

**J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** No update

**K. Equipment Coordinator:** No update

**L. Website Coordinator:** D. Martin has updated the website with the updated troop history. Please visit the troop website at: [www.troop201ny.com](http://www.troop201ny.com).

**M. New Business:**

- None

Followups:

- Complete pancake breakfast ticket analysis to determine sales by scouts (K. Li)
- Provide the list of scouts who qualified to attend the shotgun trip (M. Pavlidis)
- Reach out to Mr. Gianakis to confirm he can help produce the ECOH booklet (K. Ryan)
- Confirm / obtain the 2016 EGOH booklet from Mr. Cocchi (TBD)
- Solicit adult participation in the TRC centennial on Friday night in order to inform the council of our intended level of participation (D. Martin)
- Assign the proposed Seabase trips (M. Russo)
- Generate cost/revenue analysis of events (H. Zanetti)
- Check status of High Adventure jackets with M. Russo (D. Kim)

*Log on to the troop website at [www.troop201ny.com](http://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](http://www.trcbsa.org) for links to adult training, and information on programs offered by Shelter Rock District and the Theodore Roosevelt Council.*