

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 5/2/17

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

In attendance:

Yuri Aguilar	John Brautigam	Paula Cuomo	Anthony Giustino
Danny Kim	David Martin	Monica Pavlidis	Michael Russo
Kevin Ryan	Henry Zanetti		

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. Due to the new Arrow of Light requirement by the Cub Scouts, new 5th graders are becoming eligible later in the year.
- We need to maintain an alumni mailing list:
 - There was an estimated \$ cost for a physical mailing to potential alumni
 - D. Martin to investigate adding a “join our mailing list” functionality to the website

D. Scoutmaster: M. Russo reported :

- Philmont:
 - M. Marcy remitted the outstanding \$ for Philmont. P. Choudhary is still outstanding the \$ payment due to lack of participation in the breakfast fundraiser.
 - Next Philmont payment is due May 22nd
 - Confirmed that there are 6 dads and 12 scouts who will participate
- Harriman Recap:
 - 2 separate hikes in (experienced hike - 9 miles; easier hike - 6 miles) in addition to the day hike
 - No problems with the tent setups
 - More of the older scouts were showing responsibilities during the trip
 - 8 boys cancelled prior to the trip - as agreed in the last meeting, we will refund these payments since the troop changed the trip logistics
 - Boys must be reminded about preparing the 10 essentials (e.g., scouts should not use drawstring bags for day packs).
- Outdoor Code:
 - Adoption is in progress and is recited at each Monday meeting
- Cyber Chip:
 - The troop is still missing signed acknowledgement forms from boys who

- o completed the training
 - o The suggestion was made to circulate the tracking spreadsheet in advance of the meetings to ensure scouts remember to get their acknowledgement forms signed.
- Eagle Projects:
 - o Completed:
 - 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.
 - o In Progress:
 - Keith D. - needs to be scheduled
 - James B. - met with Gulotta for the initial review
 - James R. - meeting with Gulotta to be scheduled
 - o Note that Gulotta is kicking back project requests without the fundraising form included
- Shotgun Trip - May 6:
 - o The first time scouts for this trip are: A. Jhaveri, N. Lee, L. Christianson, W. Kondkar
 - o Mr. Russo will reach out to Harrison L. to be responsible for the food/drinks in order to satisfy a requirement.
- TRC Centennial Celebration May 19-21
 - o Friday is the deadline to register
 - o Troop 201 will not setup a “home base”
 - o 13-14 boys and 4-5 adults have signed up their interest in attending the event
- Eagle Court of Honor – May 21:
 - o Will produce 100 copies of the program
- Seabase 2018:
 - o The crews have been assigned - the assignments will be sent out shortly

E. Troop Treasurer: H. Zanetti reported that the current account balance is approximately \$, which is high due to fees collected for Philmont & Seabase

- H. Zanetti walked committee through a preliminary analysis of the income and expenses for the past year
- H. Zanetti will perform additional analysis to break out the food cost per trip

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: N/A

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Whitewater Rafting: We have made reservations for 50 participants but only 35 signups so far.

Alumni Dinner: Scheduled for Wednesday, June 21st. La Parma is requesting a \$ deposit to hold the reservation. The committee agreed to invite seniors (~8) to attend for a nominal fee of \$ in order to help ensure continued involvement in the troop even after they age out.

H. Training Coordinator: no update

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- K. Ryan reported that there are currently a large number of senior merit badges coming

through

- Peter L. had his BOR meeting at Harriman for Life Scout rank
- K. Ryan noted that another troop gives out a letter to new Star scouts (in addition to Life scouts), expressing the different focus in progressing to Eagle scout. Furthermore, there was discussion about potentially requiring scouts to complete an Eagle required badge in order to receive Star scout rank. To be determined.

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.

M. New Business:

- Harsh A.'s mother suggested that the troop participate in a robotics event. We advised that anyone who would like to request an event for the troop should prepare a summary and present at the earliest committee meeting.
- Yuri A. reported that all the attendance records for meetings and high adventures have been updated.
- In addition, Yuri A. reported that the new high adventure jackets prices have gone up from \$ to \$ (+\$ for shipping the entire order). Reminder that scouts that have attended a high adventure trip or is a Star scout with 3 Harriman trips qualify.
- Lastly, Yuri A. reported that there is no need at this time to purchase additional shirts. Note that there are 2XLs shirts that are technically imperfect

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.