

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 12/5/17

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

In attendance:

Lynn Aguiar	Yuri Aguiar	Rose Chase	Paula Cuomo
Anthony Giustino	Michael Keating	Danny Kim	Nick Koutsoftas
Monica Pavlidis	Mark Polanski	Mark Pollack	Michael Russo
Kevin Ryan	Henry Zanetti		

II. **Reading of Reports:**

A. Head of Charter Organization: No Report.

B. Troop Committee Chair: Visit from Frederick Frohnhoefer, Assistant Council Commissioner. Raised the following:

- Generally very positive feedback about our troop
- An area for concern is that there is a long list of adult committee members who do not have the required training for their position. He strongly recommended that all committee members get trained for their position.
- This visit will be twice a year and he asked us to pick a reasonable time for him to return. We initially indicated in the June timeframe.
- Reminded us that Roundtable participation is being tracked and required.
- We have a few committee members whose YPT is expiring soon; the YPT recertification will become yearly in the near future

We are looking for additional volunteers in all areas.

C. Troop Secretary:

- There are 79 scouts in the Troop who have paid dues. There was one additional joiner at yesterday's meeting. He recently moved into the area and was highly involved in Cub Scouts at his prior location.
- The following scouts still have not respond to repeated efforts to contact them and have been removed from the active roster:
 - Darr, Tercynski, Hirsch, Cornacchia (x3)
- We are ready to launch Troop Master (not all scouts have emails so we will not be 100% on email addresses). Agreed to launch over the break and start the new year using Troopmaster for communicating with parents/scouts
 - M. Ryan tested successfully the email functionality as well as the mobile app. The mobile app sent using an unexpected source email address (Mr. Ryan's work email) and there is no way to send to a bcc'd group via the mobile app.

D. Scoutmaster: M. Russo reported:

- Eagle Projects:
 - In Progress:
 - 3 in planning phase: Chris S, Nick R, and Michael M
- Eagle Court of Honor – Jan 7th:
 - Confirmed Jan 7th ECOH at Am. Legion
 - 4 of 4 requested walking sticks - ordered
 - Ms. Marafino volunteered to coordinate refreshments
 - Mr. Russo needs to request photos from scouts and work on personal invitations (invitations to elected officials have already been sent)
- Eagle Court of Honor – May 20th:
 - Confirmed date at Am. Legion
- Seabase 2018:
 - 6 adventures: 45 out of 48 slots are filled - no change
 - Check for the most recent installment was sent to Seabase - a few scouts are still outstanding payments
 - 1 Feb crew has already paid for their airplane tickets, 2 Feb crews will finalize their their travel shortly
 - 2 Jul crews have made their deposit and 1 Aug crew has paid
 - Agreed it makes sense to normalize costs of flights and ground transportation across the crews going to Seabase in the same time period (eg., 3 Feb crews and 2 Jul crews). Since the different adventures though are inherently different prices, those prices will not be normalized. Although this approach isn't required, it is fair and easier for the person coordinating the arrangements. Note that multiple travel agencies were pursued but all declined or were cost prohibitive. Note that the number of scouts attending this year's Seabase is the highest ever.
- Philmont 2019 registration has opened
 - We were awarded slots for 2 crews (each 14 to 24 kids in total).
 - Philmont requires a \$100 per person for a minimum of 7 in each crew - approved submitting deposit for 14 spots
 - Council approval is necessary to attend Philmont
 - M. Russo will solicit interest in the next weekly scout meeting
- Cub Pack 201/202 pack inspection night both went well. At the 202 inspection night, the scout leaders managed the event and demonstrated leadership
- Patrol Challenges are going well - 4 so far

E. Troop Treasurer: H. Zanetti reported that the current account balance is approximately \$18,800, which includes popcorn profit of \$2,736.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Popcorn and wreaths receipt of funds is still continuing. There are 12 people who are outstanding their wreath payments.
- St. Aidan's was the site on Dec 3rd for additional wreath sales. Most of the scouts' wreaths were sold.
- Dec 7th at 6:30pm is the parent teacher conference at each of the Herricks elementary school as another opportunity to sell wreaths (2-3 boys at each school)
- Discussed Chipotle fundraiser where 50% of sales is provided to the organization. Restrictions: during the week from 4-8 or 5-9pm, must reserve in advance.

Organizations can utilize this fundraiser once yearly.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Durland: 12/8-12/10; 57 registered scouts and adults, less 2 that had to drop out, plus another 6 scouts who have submitted forms but not payment. The priority will be to scouts who are fully paid. The Sunday pickup time is at 8AM.

Harriman: The weather was very cold on this trip. There were 2 crews, divided into a faster and slower group.

Holiday Party: 12/18 - agreed on Island Rock. Asking scouts for \$5pp to pay for Chipotle. The annual gifts have arrived and the Aguiars just need help transporting them to the event.

January Ski Trip: Cancelled bus; this trip requires any adults driving to stay over

February Cabin Trip: no update

March Cabin Trip: M. Pavlidis informed that the lady who conducts Eagle's Nest will be available for our Troop at Alamuchy.

H. Training Coordinator:

Wilderness Survival: Because of the Seabase requirement, this training session will be provided for new and refresher certifications. New certifications will require 1.5 days and refreshers will require 1 day's worth of training. For the Feb Seabase crews, the training must be documented by Jan 1.

For the Feb trip adults, 2 are refreshers and 4 are new. For the Summer trip adults, 3 are referrals and 3 are new.

Youth Protection Training: Agreed that YPT status will confirmed at trips

New Training Coordinator: We need to recruit a new Training Coordinator

JLOW: Nov 4th - 8 scouts attended (~50 from the district), 2 scout leaders (Alex B. and Dan R.), and 2 adult leaders (M. Russo and J. Beacco). This training is required for scouts to hold the position of SPL and ASPL.

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- No update

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:

New Religious Emblem Coordinator: We need to recruit a new Religious Emblem Coordinator

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- Cutting boards approved in the last meeting were purchased.
- There are tents that still have not been returned since Harriman

L. Website Coordinator: D. Martin has updated the website with the updated 2017-2018 calendar and Eagle scouts. Please visit the troop website at: www.troop201ny.com.

M. New Business:

- Mr. Marcy's Northern Lights trip proposal was canceled due to lack of scouts signing up
- N. Koutsoftas announced the Klondike Derby (1/27) at the Monday meeting. There may be enough interest to field 2 sledges. The plan is to use the Durland trip as a chance to practice the Klondike skills - e.g., orienteering, lashings, first aid.
- Y. Aguiar reported that \$472 was spent to replenish troop t-shirts
- Y. Aguiar reported that 125 units of the holiday gifts were purchased but the shipping charges could not be waived
- Y. Aguiar noted that the Philmont video should get posted to a more permanent solution. He will send a link to its current location via email to the committee members.
- Y. Aguiar requested approval for 20 High Adventure jackets @ \$34 each - committee approved

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.