

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 2/6/18

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

In attendance:

Yuri Aguiar	Michael Baranello	Joseph Beacco	Juleigh Chin
Paula Cuomo	Anthony Giustino	Danny Kim	David Martin
Monica Pavlidis	Paula Cuomo	Mark Pollack	Michael Russo
Kevin Ryan	Henry Zanetti		

II. **Reading of Reports:**

A. Head of Charter Organization: No Report.

B. Troop Committee Chair: Troop rechartering is complete. YPT is rumored to be going annual (instead of biannual) and that the new YPT will require all adult leaders to renew in April.

C. Troop Secretary:

- There are 81 scouts in the Troop who have paid dues.
- The conversion to using Troopmaster for Troop communications is complete. Authorized senders include P. Cuomo, M Russo, and K Ryan.

D. Scoutmaster: M. Russo reported:

- Eagle Projects:
 - In BOR: James R.
 - In Progress:
 - 1 nearing completion: Michael M.
 - 5 in planning phase: Nick R., Chris S., Ben C., Brandon A., Jordan C.
- Eagle Court of Honor – Jan 7th:
 - Positive feedback
 - Sufficient food
- Eagle Court of Honor – May 20th:
 - Anticipating James R. and James B.
- Seabase 2018:
 - 6 adventures: 45 out of 48 slots are filled - no change since December
 - All Feb trips fully paid
 - Seabase recently changed their policy to allow for vans to be kept onsite
 - Summer crew payments have not been finalized yet
 - Swim test will be held on Thursday 7pm at Eisenhower Aquatic Center. Required participants are all the adult leaders in the Spring and Summer and the scouts for the Spring trip. Scouts for the summer adventure can take the test as part of summer camp.

- Philmont 2019
 - Agreed to await until after Seabase before mobilizing further on Philmont
- Webelos Night
 - Need to schedule. Target March 19th

E. Troop Treasurer: H. Zanetti reported that the current balance is over \$. The \$ expenditure on High Adventure jackets need to be allocated to “awards/gifts”. H. Zanetti still needs receipts from the ski trip as well as from rechartering.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- M. Baranello circulated a calendar with the availability of Chipotle and Panera; Rex and Luigi’s are flexible.
- Chipotle requires a minimum of \$ before receiving funds; Panera requires a minimum of \$
- Given that the % is significantly higher for Chipotle, the committee agreed to focus efforts on the Chipotle fundraiser. The proposed date for the fundraiser is 4/15 (Sunday).

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

January Ski Trip: The ski trip was successful; 4 scouts participated in the merit badge. Having the scoutmaster go early was very positive and helped reduce the delay in getting the scouts ski. Acahela informed M. Pavlidis that for next year, we can request a dining hall for additional money.

February Cabin (Schiff) Trip: currently low signups. The camp indicated that ice fishing and hiking may be available. We are pursuing a potential refund given the lower than expected attendance.

March Cabin Trip: M. Pavlidis is following up on the Eagle’s Nest in terms of size limit and other participation protocols (e.g., do we just show up? Do we need to pre-register?). We will need to identify which Eagle MBs that we will want to make available. An announcement will need to be made for scouts to indicate their interest. Due to the anticipated limitation on number of spots, we will need to consider a rank-based prioritization for participation (e.g., older scouts who need Eagle MBs more urgently may get priority)

April Harriman Trip: no update

May White Water Rafting: typically on Mother’s Day weekend

June Summer Camp: Deposit is due Mar 1st so we need to collect deposits at the Feb 26th meeting. Note that we can perform the swimmer test prior to arriving at camp (within 30 days).

H. Training Coordinator:

Wilderness Survival: All completed and cards have been distributed. M. Pollack suggested that we establish a set annual time since we’re always sending crews to high adventure trips every year - initial proposal is for June.

M. Pollack volunteered to serve as Troop Training Coordinator. The committee approved the appointment.

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- New Life Scout: Anthony G.
- New Star Scout: Andrew C.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: We need to recruit a new Religious Emblem Coordinator

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- J. Beacco reported that there is 1 tent missing - he is attempting to locate

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:

- M. Pollack suggested looking into the troop procuring our own AED (Public Access Defibrillator). Searingtown school has one onsite so we don't need it for the Monday meetings. Trips to Boy Scout campsites typically already have one. The only time one would be needed is when we are at a long hike like Harriman. But in those instances, it becomes impractical for someone to have to carry one. Committee agreed to consider further.
- M. Pollack suggested a central place for providing helpful information to new scout families. The website provides helpful information but it is not well known. Agreed to continue to raise awareness of the website as a resource.
- Y. Aguiar requested feedback on the Christmas gift (portable seat from Cabelas) - the general feedback was positive.
- M. Pavlidis raised the point that there are many used scout clothing available. Committee agreed to make an announcement.
- Committee agreed to waive the participation fee for the upcoming March trip for a scout on the basis of financial difficulty.

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.