

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 1/7/20*

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

#### In attendance:

Yuri Aguiar, Kenneth Chao, Juleigh Chin, Stephanie Hegelson, Danny Kim, Nick Koutsoftas, Ying Liu, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Beatriz Rapa, Mike Russo, Kevin Ryan

### **II. Reading of Reports:**

**A. Head of Charter Organization:** No update

**B. Troop Committee Chair:** Confirmed that Duane Penfold is the Chartered Org Rep for Troop 201. Rechartering is in progress and expected to be completed in the next week or so. David Martin has been appointed Unit Chairperson for Troop/Pack 8

### **C. Troop Secretary:**

- Paula Cuomo has officially resigned from her post as Troop Committee Secretary - a new Secretary is needed. Nicholas Lee informed Scoutmaster Russo that he will not be continuing as a scout and so we will not include him in the recharter - the total number of scouts is now 57.

### **D. Scoutmaster:** M. Russo presented the SM update:

- Eagle Scout Status:
  - a. January ECOH (Dan R., Anthony G., Brandon A., Chris S.) - good attendance and there was a lot of food left - the planning template may need to be adjusted.
  - b. Upcoming May ECOH: Andrew C, Alex B, Corey M
  - c. Life scouts awaiting their Eagle BOR (TBC): Sebastien G
  - d. Life scouts with near Eagle: Teddy K. (submitted app), Brandon M. (proj completed, need to submit app), Prerit C. (proj in planning), Michael R. (proj in planning), Jared M. (proj done-need to submit app), Chris K. (project in planning)
- Holiday party feedback: 33 scouts attended; successful event (Island Rock is a perennial favorite) - holiday gifts were positively received
- Advancement weekend feedback: made cooking in a dutch oven mandatory (dinners included lasagna, chili, and desserts); the hike was really good; ~370 advancements signed off; 7 rank advancements; ~12 signoffs for upper-level requirements (like teaching)
- Camporee update: there is a small fee in order to participate - \$ for the troop and \$ per scout to the Kings Point Eagle Scout Association
- High Adventure:
  - 2020 Seabase: summer trek only; 7 scouts indicated interest
  - 2020 Summit: summer rafting trip; Scoutmaster Russo to send communication to boys to determine interest.
  - 2021 Philmont: won spot for 1 crew in Summer 2021 (max 12 including adults); \$ deposit required this month to secure spot

- Northern Tier: option for Feb 2021. This is a true lottery for the dog sled trek for 4 nights

#### **E. Troop Treasurer:**

- Treasurer Rapa provided a summary of the latest troop financials
  - Currently carrying a balance of approximately \$
  - Confirmed that there haven't been issues with receipts being submitted late

#### **F. Fundraiser Coordinator:**

- There was confusion regarding the date that the popcorn was due and so the committee agreed to extend the popcorn deadline to Jan 27th. Juleigh Chin to send an updated flyer to Mr. Russo to disseminate to the scouts
- Leftover pinecones from this year's wreaths will be stored for next year (note these pinecones do not already have an attached pick)
- Need to start pancake breakfast planning - proposing Christianson, Doans, and Mrs. Koutsoftas (for baked goods); Mr. Russo to confirm Firehouse

#### **G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

- Jack Frost: 29 scouts (12 boys signed up for tubing); 12 adults registered (YPT and adult leader required)
- Schiff: we have received our \$ returned check and have been reserved for 12/6/2020
- February trip to Terrell: confirmed
- Summer camp: Nobebosco (either Kit Carson or Paul Bunyon campsite) - deposit is due shortly (camp dates: 6/28-7/4); note that Nobebosco is particular about adults that are allowed to join
- Herricks Community Fund: Reconfirmed that we will provide a troop gift basket for raffle prize. We will also solicit adults to purchase tickets for the event.

#### **H. Training Coordinator:**

- D. Martin agreed to make a training calendar for the rest of the year
- Wilderness FA will be needed. Marc Pollack is willing to teach, just needs advanced notice; Mr. Russo can also reach out to another person who provided the wilderness FA training previously.

#### **I. Advancement Coordinator:**

- No additional updates to the advancement weekend updates

**J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** D. Martin made a 5-minute presentation to the troop at the next scout meeting on achieving the Religious Emblem; Mr. Martin spoke with a few parents. L. Penfold is qualified to lead the Catholic and N. Koutsoftas is researching Greek Orthodox.

#### **K. Equipment Coordinator:**

- Some equipment require some TLC (e.g., rusted skillets - note dutch ovens were cleaned at camp); a demo of the proper procedures will be given at an upcoming meeting in time for the Feb trip.

**L. Website Coordinator:** Please visit the troop website at: [www.troop201ny.com](http://www.troop201ny.com). Mr. Martin has updated the calendar and minutes.

### **M. New Business:**

- Our license for TroopMaster expires in January 2020. K. Ryan compared it to Scoutbook (free). The key comparable functionality is the communications capabilities and the ability to archive. K. Ryan renewed for 3 years
- Eagle Scout J. Russo asked about starting a Troop 201 alumni association - the committee was supportive; J. Chin noted that she started assembling a mailchimp distribution list for friends of scouting
- N. Koutsoftas raised the upcoming Klondike Derby (1/25). Currently, D. Martin, M. Keating, C. Joneleit, and D. Penfold are planning to attend. There should be enough interest from the scouts for at least 1 crew; meeting at next greenbar meeting for prep.

*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.*