

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 2/4/20

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Michael Baranello, Christina DePaola, Jeff Hegelson, Howard Hernandez, Danny Kim, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Beatriz Rapa, Kevin Ryan

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: Troop 201 rechartering has been submitted. The deadline has passed to submit rechartering and those who have not risk losing insurance coverage for meetings and trips.

C. Troop Secretary:

- Latest count is 58 scouts (one new scout added last week). A new secretary volunteer is required.

D. Scoutmaster: M. Russo sent offline the SM update:

- Eagle Scout Status:
 - a. Upcoming May ECOH: Andrew C, Alex B, Corey M
 - b. Life scouts awaiting their Eagle BOR (TBC): Sebastien G, Teddy K.
 - c. Life scouts with near Eagle: 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), Justin C. (project in planning).
- High Adventure:
 - 2020 Seabase: no slots are available
 - 2020 Summit: still treks available - Mr. Ryan to followup with M. Russo
 - 2021 Philmont: Deposit has been made and confirmed for 8/2
 - Northern Tier: option for Feb 2021. We are still on the waiting list.
- Klondike Derby (update from D. Martin)
 - The scouts completed 4 cities
 - Due to the rain, the event ended early and the closing ceremony was cancelled
 - The scouts had a good time regardless

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Treasurer Rapa provided a summary of the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of approximately \$
 - Committee approved ordering 600 replacement checks for ~\$

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Mrs. Chin advised that ~14 scouts still owe popcorn money and ~6 scouts still owe for wreaths.
- Need to start pancake breakfast planning - proposing Christianson, Doans, and Mrs. Koutsoftas (for baked goods); Mr. Russo to confirm Firehouse. Reminder that scouts must sell 10 tickets and 20 if they are attending a high adventure trip.
- Discussed selling tickets at the schools during parent teacher night (Mar 5) - Mrs. Chin or Hegelson to confirm with school.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- February trip to Turrell: confirmed 28 scouts and 8 adults. The cabin only has capacity for 30. Another cabin is available but costs \$. Lean-tos are also available and one will be requested. The ranger suggested making a trip to Neversink recreation site but it requires a drive.
- Summer camp: Nobebosco (either Kit Carson or Paul Bunyon campsite) - the early bird discount amount is \$ up to 4/15 and \$ afterwards. We will set our early bird due date as 3/31.
- Herricks Community Fund: Committee agreed to send email to troop parents to purchase tickets for the event.
- March trip is to Camp Minsi and Alaskan tents

H. Training Coordinator:

- D. Martin to coordinate with M. Russo by next meeting on finalizing the WFA training
- Reminder that there will be a Merit badge mini-camp during the Feb break 18-21; D. Martin to send details to M. Russo for distribution to the troop.

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- 1 BoR conducted at yesterday's meeting

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: N. Koutsoftas informed the troop that there are currently a total of 4 scouts who have signed up for the Greek Orthodox religious emblem program. The troop will continue to make announcements at future troop meetings.

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- Some equipment require TLC (e.g., rusted skillets); proper care procedures will be revisited during the Feb trip.
- The LED lights in the container stopped working at some point but have since been repaired

L. Website Coordinator: Please visit the troop website at: www.troop201ny.com. Mr. Martin has updated the calendar and minutes.

M. New Business:

- Our license for TroopMaster was renewed
- D. Martin proposed that due to the lack of snow in January, we swap the January ski trip

with the February cabin trip. We had 37 scouts participate (many younger scouts couldn't participate this year due to conflicts with the Frost Valley trip). Committee agreed to the switch - to be finalized in next year's planning and contingent upon availability of the Acahela dining hall next February 6-7, 2021 (Mrs. Pavlidis to check)

- Committee discussed the topic of moving our bank account to TD bank. Our account is in the name of the BSA, referencing a W9 with an EIN that we are unsure of who exactly it refers to. Further inquiries will be made to clarify who the EIN actually represents as well as discuss possibly moving to TD and retitling the account in the name of our Chartering Organization - the American Legion.

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.