

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 4/7/2020

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Juleigh Chin, Gus Gianakis, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Danny Kim, Nick Koutsoftas, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Beatriz Rapa, Kevin Ryan, Michael Russo

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: BS is encouraging virtual based activities and meetings. We held our first virtual troop meeting on 4/6.

C. Troop Secretary:

- Latest count we still have 58 scouts.

D. Scoutmaster:

- First virtual meeting for the troop went very well. There were 33 boys in attendance and 7 adult leaders (usually have between 30-40 boys at a Monday night meeting). Everyone followed the rules – the meeting is password protected, boys wait for Scoutmaster to “admit” them into the meeting. We started with the pledge and had 8-10 slides that were reviewed. Everyone was very orderly. On 4/13 we’ll have a virtual Greenbar meeting.
- All April outings have been cancelled. The May 3rd shotgun trip will be rescheduled for late summer/early fall
- Eagle Scout Status:
 - a. Upcoming May ECOH will be postponed or will have a smaller ceremony – TBD by the 4 families: Andrew C, Alex B, Corey M, Sebastien G
 - b. Life scouts passing their Eagle BOR: Teddy K.
 - c. Life scouts with near Eagle: Brandon M. (submitted app). Jared M. (proj completed, need to submit app), Prerit C. (proj in planning), Michael R. (had a board review and proj updates are in planning), Chris K. (project in planning), and Justin C. (project in planning).
- High Adventure:
 - 2020 Seabase: no slots are available
 - 2020 Summit: has been scheduled for August 1st – 7th (drive out on July 31st). Have 4 adults and 12 scouts registered and have chosen the New River Rafting Trek. Summit has not changed any of their dates but final payment has been delayed to end of April to see if anything changes due to current situation
 - 2021 Philmont: Deposit has been made and confirmed for 8/2/2021. Start organizing Philmont and asking for payment once Summit is done
 - Northern Tier: option for Feb 2021. We are still on the waiting list.
- Order of Arrow
 - No Order of Arrow ordeals will be done this spring but will need to be done in the fall when things resume to normal activities.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Treasurer Rapa provided a summary of the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of approximately \$

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Will follow up with any scouts who still owe popcorn money and/or wreath money. Will also contact popcorn company to get payment for any online sales
- Pancake breakfast was cancelled. Discussed sending out a message if anyone wants a refund for tickets that were bought at the elementary schools during parent teacher night on March 5th

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- March trip to Minsi: the Alaskan tent trip was great, only a dusting of snow. Boys went on hike but kept it shorter than usual because they wanted to return to work on advancement requirements. Everyone likes the uniqueness of the Alaskan tents. To keep in mind for future trips: Minsi will provide all gear/supplies for ice fishing so if it's an option for next year we should look to do it.
- Whitewater rafting: may need to reschedule – waiting to see what happens in May with current social distancing rules.
- Summer camp: Nobebosco (either Kit Carson or Paul Bunyon campsite) - the early bird discount amount is \$ (extended to 5/1) and \$ afterwards. Waiting to see if deadlines change again and/or if camp is cancelled before reaching out to start collecting payments from parents.

H. Training Coordinator:

- There are virtual online merit badges to boys can sign up for. They **must** contact the Scoutmaster for approval before signing up – same rules apply as they did before with signing up for merit badges, even though they are virtual.
- Any adults that need to catch up on committee position requirements – now is a good time.

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- 3 scouts had BoR for advancement (Michael R. – received feedback on Eagle project plan; Naman and Deven for next rank)

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: N. Koutsoftas informed the troop that the 2nd part of the Alpha Omega award which was scheduled for 3/28 was postponed. For the younger scouts the program will continue into next year.

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- No update

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

M. New Business:

- Suggestion was made that each month the troop “highlights” a charity or community organization, and then at the Monday meetings during that month a good turn is collected for the highlighted organization. The idea will be brought up at a Greenbar meeting so that the boys can start thinking about setting this up for next year.

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.