

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 8/11/2020

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Michael Baranello, Danny Chen, Tim Doan, Alex Gomez, Consuelo Gomez, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Mike Keating, Danny Kim, Nick Koutsoftas, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Kevin Ryan, Michael Russo, John Zgombic

II. This meeting was a recap of the summer and planning for the upcoming year:

A. Scoutmaster:

- 2 virtual campouts have been held since Covid-19 shutdown troop activities. There were 35-40 boys who attended between the 2 campouts with over 100 requirements completed. The older scouts did a great job teaching and using virtual technology. We've had several Scoutmaster conferences. 2 Eagle projects have been approved to move ahead by Mr. Gulotta, 4 more boys are working on their project plans. Summer camp was virtual from California for a week, and some boys did an extra week of summer camp virtually in NY. Merit badges were earned.
- Elections were held virtually during the CA summer camp week.
- Summit opened with restrictions. The parents of the boys who were going to attend, along with troop leaders, decided to cancel, felt it was still too risky for our boys. The \$250 deposit will be refunded.
- Brandon Marafino is having his Eagle BOR this week. Still uncertain when ECOH will happen for the 4 boys who were scheduled for May.

B. Planning for 2020-2021 troop year:

- BSA national and local council membership fees have been set at \$108 for returning scouts/\$133 for new scouts. The troop is proposing setting our fees at \$175.
- The troop will not participate in selling popcorn this year.
- The troop will sell wreaths as part of our fundraising this year. The price of the wreaths will be determined in late fall and we would ask scouts to sell 18 wreaths.
- We are investigating holding troop meetings at the American Legion Hall following state guidelines for social distancing, wearing masks, etc. If the troop cannot hold meetings there, we'll resume virtual meetings. First Troop meeting will be Sep 14th.
- Camping: large groups are still forbidden from camping. When restrictions are lifted, we'll face some challenges, for example boys will no longer be sharing Troop tents, they will be required to sleep in individual tents (which they may be required to obtain on their own). We may no longer be able to carpool, and individual parents will need to provide transportation to and from the campsites. We will need to implement specific pre-trip checks (e.g., temperature) in order to clear youths and adults who participate.
- A Troop protocol policy needs to be established in case someone tests positive for Covid-19.
- Physicals need to be reviewed and up-to-date forms provided to the Scoutmaster.
- Troop will most likely not participate in the 9/11 Memorial event (if there is one)
- Committee Chair will email a letter to all parents with a summary of the key points to solicit feedback in advance of the next Committee meeting on 9/1 where the annual dues and other decisions will be finalized
- Reminder – YPT must be updated by any adult who will participate in scout activities.

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.