

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 9/8/2020*

*Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom*

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

#### In attendance:

Lynn Aguiar, Yuri Aguiar, Kenneth Chao, Juleigh Chin, Mike Gianakis, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Michael Keating, Danny Kim, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Beatriz Rapa, Kevin Ryan, Michael Russo, Gina Wood

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

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

#### **B. Troop Committee Chair:**

- Troop fees need to be finalized. There were no responses from parents following the August 15<sup>th</sup> email regarding plans for the 2020-2021 scout year. Therefore, it was agreed that Troop membership fees will be \$175 for all returning scouts, scouts moving up from cub scouts, or scouts transferring from another troop. Any boys new to scouting will pay \$200 which includes the \$25 registration surcharge BSA national is imposing.

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

- Will be able to report on number of scouts who join next month after the first meeting.

#### **D. Scoutmaster:**

- Williston Park will hold a 9/11 ceremony at Kelleher Field. We will participate with a limited number of boys. In the past this was a required event for all the boys to attend. This year anyone who is interested should contact the Scoutmaster and they will earn service hours. We will follow our “Before We Gather” protocols which include temperature checks, answering a COVID-19 questionnaire, always wearing face masks, maintaining social distance and participants bringing their own hand sanitizer.
- The American Legion Hall is allowing us to conduct our Troop and Greenbar meetings in their rear courtyard. Due to limited daylight all meetings will start at 6:00 pm. In case of inclement weather and email/remind text will be send and the meeting will be conducted virtually via Zoom
- New troop leaders were elected during the virtual summer camp week. The new leaders are Jesse Ryan (SPL), Michael Baranello, Justin Doan, Chris Kim and Chris Zovko (ASPLs)
- Scoutmaster has been working with Life scouts on their Eagle project and project plans including Jared M, Prerit C., Michael R., Chris K, Justin C., Michael B., Jesse R., Luke C. and Araya A.
- Scoutmaster has been conducting Scoutmaster Conferences and BOR meetings so that advancements can keep moving along. There are about 14-15 BOR to schedule, 9 have been done.
- Eagle Scout Status:
  - May ECOH was postponed – will reach out to the 4 families (Andrew C, Alex B, Corey M, Sebastien G) to see what they would like to do since we will not have the ceremony in October/November as we had hoped
- High Adventure:
  - 2020 Summit: our deposit was refunded. We will reach out to those scouts who had paid for the trip regarding refunding money or rolling it over to next year’s Philmont trip, if they are interested in attending.
  - 2021 Philmont: Deposit has been made and confirmed for 8/2/2021. We will organizing Philmont and asking for payment
- Scoutmaster Russo announced his retirement as Scoutmaster effective January 2021. After 4 years of Scoutmaster service he will be passing on all his knowledge to a new Scoutmaster. Anyone interested in the position please let him know.

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

- Treasurer provided a summary of the latest troop financials
  - Currently carrying a balance of approximately \$.
  - Looking to set up Zelle or Venmo for easy (contactless) payments of events this year

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

- We will not participate in popcorn sale this year
- We will be selling wreaths. Currently looking at using Hicks again this year but will investigate other options. The suggestion is that boys will sell 18 wreaths at \$15 each. More information to come on wreath sales since a lot will depend on the number of scouts who return to the troop, the supply that we can get, increased cost of wreaths/decorations and the possibility of another complete shutdown due to COVID.
- Consider other fundraisers during the fall or spring if needed

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

- Looking to do local day hiking trips for this year since large groups are still forbidden from camping. Parents will need to drive scouts, and pick them up, from these day trips. Any suggestions on good hiking trails that are at least 5 miles long are welcomed. Hoping to have our first trip on 9/26.

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

- Any adults that need to catch up on committee position requirements or renew YPT now is a good time.
- Order of the Arrow (OA) ordeal weekend will be happening virtually. Anyone who was elected should contact the Scoutmaster for more information.

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

- During virtual summer camp the boys were able to earn some advancements. Since we will not have an Awards Ceremony this year, we will give out advancements at regular meetings. We are still waiting to get information from the boys who went to camp and what they earned. Any boys who have their letters of completion should forward them to the Scoutmaster. The Troop Leaders will also reach out to boys to remind them to report their information.

#### **J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** No update

#### **K. Equipment Coordinator:** No update

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

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

- Holiday gifts – still planning on giving out gifts to the scouts. Will begin working on ideas since we should place orders early due to current shipping delays
- Cub Scout Troop 201 and 202 are trying to plan their year. Asked if we can still do some meetings with them, like uniform inspection, as long as the events are held outdoors. We will reach out to help coordinate

*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.*