

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 10/6/2020*

*Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom*

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

#### In attendance:

Lynn Aguiar, Yuri Aguiar, Mike Baranello, Alex Gomez, Consuelo Gomez, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Michael Keating, Danny Kim, Nick Koustoftas, 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:**

- Troop membership fees are \$175 for all returning scouts, scouts moving up from cub scouts, or scouts transferring from another troop. There is a \$15 discount to the fee for a 2<sup>nd</sup> child who joins the Troop. The charge for the start kit for new scouts is \$45. Any boys new to scouting will pay \$200 which includes the \$25 registration surcharge BSA national is imposing.

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

- There are 61 potential scouts for this year. Many have paid their dues, including 7 new scouts. Scoutmaster will reach out to those who haven't come to a meeting yet to see if they are rejoining for this year. We'll have a better idea of total scouts at the next committee meeting.

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

- Our first outing was a day hike at the Muttontown Preserve on 9/26. We followed our "Before We Gather" protocols at Searingtown which include temperature checks, answering a COVID questionnaire, wearing face masks, maintaining social distance and participants bringing their own hand sanitizer. Parents drove their own child to Muttontown and picked them up at the end of the hike.
- Our next two outings will be to Alpine (rock scramble) on 10/24 and Harriman State Park on 11/14. Parents will need to drive their scout to these outings, unless they are comfortable with the option to carpool with other scouts. More information will be on the permission slips for these trips and there will be a limit to the number of scouts allowed in each car.
- The American Legion Hall is allowing us to conduct our Troop and Greenbar meetings in their rear courtyard. Due to limited daylight we will now start meetings at 5:00pm. In a few weeks even 5:00 will not give us enough light outside and the weather will start getting colder. We will be discussing with the Legion the option to go inside and what our capacity limitations would be.
- Scoutmaster has been working with 8 Life scouts on their Eagle projects: 5 scouts with proposals including Jesse R., Chris K., Michael B., Ken T., Chris Z. 2 scouts – Jared M and Prerit C. – need to complete their project but they are away at college so they have a few challenges ahead. Michael R. completed his project day.
- Scoutmaster Conferences and BOR meetings have been happening so that advancements can keep moving along.
- 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:
  - 2021 Philmont: Deposit has been made and confirmed for 8/2/2021. 11 participants have confirmed for Philmont so far. There is 1 more spot open.

- There was a discussion to run a second High Adventure trip during 2021 to Summit. Philmont is our priority trip and boys who committed to Philmont would have the option of adding Summit as an additional trip on a different week over the summer, but they can't swap out of the Philmont trip. More to investigate and gage if there is interest in a Summit trip among the scouts.

**E. Troop Treasurer:**

- Treasurer provided a summary of the latest troop financials
  - Currently carrying a balance of approximately \$.
  - Almost finished setting up Zelle for easy (contactless) payments of events this year. This option of payment will roll out soon.

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:**

- The pre-order for wreaths went in with Hicks. Scouts will need to sell 18 wreaths at \$15 each (second scout in the family will need to sell 12 wreaths).
- Considering other fundraisers during the fall or spring if needed

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

- We will not be reimbursing parents for driving scouts to the day hiking trips this year

**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, the camp out will be virtual and then a day trip to Schiff Camp on 11/7. We have 2 adults and 6 boys who were voted into OA and hopefully they can all participate.

**I. Advancement Coordinator:**

- Planning to give out summer camp badges at the 10/19 meeting as well as sign off on requirements that have been completed.

**J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** Teddy K. finished his religious emblem requirements. All others on hold for now.

**K. Equipment Coordinator:** No update. Mr. Trietsch generously offered to help the Troop by suppling single person tents to the Troop if needed.

**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:**

- Holiday gifts – ideas were presented including hats, face masks and multi-tools. Suggestions were made to look into headlamps and neck gaiters.
- Cub Scout Troop 201 and 202 are trying to plan their year. We will plan a Saturday afternoon with them for an outdoor uniform inspection events

*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.*