

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 11/3/2020

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Mike Baranello, Juleigh Chin, Alex Gomez, Consuelo Gomez, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Michael Keating, Danny Kim, Nick Koustoftas, David Martin, Kevin Ryan, Michael Russo, Gina Wood

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair:

- Reminder to all adults who are leaders that your YPT needs to be done. The re-chartering process of the Troop will begin soon and up-to-date YPT is part of the documents that are needed.

C. Troop Secretary:

- There are 48 scouts for this year. There are 13 scouts who dropped out this year but hopefully they'll rejoin in the future. We'll be updating the alumni list and a "friends of Troop 201" list so we can reach out to people regarding events such as wreath sales, pancake breakfast etc.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Our second outing was to the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve where we did a 6 mile hike on the Bull Hill Loop. We had to pivot from our plans to go to Alpine at the last minute due to COVID updates that were released regarding traveling out of state. We had 26 attendees on the trip. Saw some more ruins and great views, including West Point across the river. We followed our "Before We Gather" protocols at Searingtown before leaving for the trip.
- Our next outing will be to Harriman State Park on 11/14. Parents will need to drive their scout to Harriman, unless they are comfortable with the option to carpool with other scouts.
- The American Legion Hall has a capacity limit of 50 people in their upstairs room. We'll continue holding outdoor meetings as long as possible but will coordinate with the Legion to see what dates the room is available for us to use (they do have other organizations scheduled for the room during the week). And when necessary we'll conduct Monday night meetings via Zoom.
- Scoutmaster has been working with Life scouts on their Eagle projects which are in various stages from pre-idea to submission for final approval, including Jesse R., Chris K., Justin C., 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.
- Scoutmaster Conferences and BOR meetings have been happening so that advancements can keep moving along.
- Eagle Scout Status:
 - Reach out to the 4 families (Andrew C, Alex B, Corey M, Sebastien G) who had been scheduled for the May ECOH and they have decided to hold a ceremony in mid-December. It will be limited to the immediate families of the 4 Eagle Scouts and some adult leaders. We'll look into recording messages from some local dignitaries to play at the ceremony. Looking to stream the ceremony so all the scouts can watch from home. Limit number of attendees to 50 and light refreshments served afterwards.
 - Second ECOH to be held a few weeks later (January 3rd) to capture the next group of Eagle Scouts: Teddy K, Brandon M. and Mike R.
- High Adventure:
 - 2021 Philmont: Deposit has been made and confirmed for 8/2/2021. All 12 slots are filled
 - 2021 Summit: looking to schedule a July trip. 8 slots are filled which will confirm one boat. Any

others interested in attending should reach out to Mike Baranello. Wilderness first aid training will need to be completed by all adult participants.

- Succession plan is in place for Scoutmaster Russo's retirement. Kevin Ryan will take over for the following year and be assisted by Chris Joneleit who will then take over after that.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Summary of the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of \$. We deposited \$ from dues and clothing sale and \$ from Philmont participants. A deposit was sent to Philmont of \$ to secure our trip.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- 900 wreaths were ordered with Hicks. Scouts will need to sell 18 wreaths at \$15 each (second scout in the family will need to sell 12 wreaths). If any scout sells all their wreaths and needs more please reach out to Juleigh Chin first to get wreaths from the extras the troop has before reaching out to a fellow scout. Working on the decorations that will go on the wreaths to see how to make the process easy while still having a nice looking wreath. The wreaths are scheduled to arrive and be distributed on November 21st.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Next trip to Harriman will be on 11/14 for a day hike with full packs. Gather at Seasingtown in the morning. Looking at a December trip to Schiff Camp to work on advancements.

H. Training Coordinator:

- Renew YPT now.
- Order of the Arrow (OA) ordeal weekend – one scout will be attending at the camp out (virtual) and then a day trip to Schiff Camp on 11/7.

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- Gave out many badges at the 10/19 meeting as well as signed off on requirements that have been completed.
- BOR meetings have been happening and Aidan J. and Naman C. advanced to Life Scouts and Jack Z. to Star Scout.
- Jeff Helgeson will take over as advancement coordinator in January when Kevin Ryan moves into the Scoutmaster role

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No Updates

K. Equipment Coordinator: No update.

L. Website Coordinator: Please visit the troop website at: www.troop201ny.com.

M. New Business:

- The Troop holiday gift have been ordered and will be distributed in December
- Look for a flyer to pre-order holiday gifts (items that were given out in the past that you want more of). We can distribute them during Troop meetings.
- Planning for a pack inspection of Cub Scout Troop 201 and 202 on November 21st.

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.