

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 12/1/2020

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Lynn Aguiar, Yuri Aguiar, Mike Baranello, Juleigh Chin, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, 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:

- The re-chartering packet has arrived. Reminder to all adults who are leaders that your YPT needs to be done. Up-to-date YPTs are needed for re-chartering our Troop. Mr. Kim will reach out to anyone who hasn't updated their YPT in the next few weeks.

C. Troop Secretary:

- There are 48 scouts for this year. We'll be updating the alumni list and a "friends of Troop 201" list to eliminate duplicate records and have a good list to go to whenever we need to reach out to people regarding events such as wreath sales, pancake breakfast etc.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Our third outing was to the Harriman State Park Preserve on 11/14. Once again it was a great trip. We had 25 scouts and 17 adults attend. There was ample parking. The older boys did a longer hike (approx 5+ mi) and the younger scouts stayed on the shorter trail (approx 3mi). Everyone met up at the shelter where camp stove demonstrations were conducted. Water was boiled for soup and hot chocolate, the boys rested, ate and hiked back. Saw some great views. We followed our "Before We Gather" protocols at Seasingtown before leaving for the trip.
- Discussed the criteria for receiving a high adventure jacket given the lack of overnights - normally requires Star rank and 3 HA trips: to be further discussed.
- Our next outing will be to Schiff Camp on 12/12. Parents will need to drive their scout to Schiff, unless they are comfortable with the option to carpool with other scouts. This will be an advancement weekend and the older boys have the option of participating in rifle shooting.
- We will continue holding outdoor meetings and changing to Zoom if the weather turns bad. Still need to coordinate with the Legion to see if we can go inside for meetings. They are facing some budget issues and will accommodate those who rent the room first before making it available for us to use on a Monday night.
- 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 Chris K (going to committee) Justin C. (filing for an extension), Jesse R., Michael B., Ken T., and Chris Z. Jared M. (received an extension – needs to complete his project but is away at college). Prerit C. hasn't responded to any emails so uncertain if he'll get an extension or not.
- Scoutmaster Conferences and BOR meetings have been happening so that advancements can keep moving along.
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor Status:
 - Due to scheduling issues ECOH will be held on 1/2/2021 for all 7 families (Andrew C, Alex B, Corey M, Sebastien G, Teddy K, Brandon M. and Mike R.). 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, no refreshments served afterwards.

- High Adventure:
 - 2021 Philmont: Deposit has been made and confirmed for 8/2/2021. All 12 slots are filled and 1st installment is being paid. The itineraries will be released in December and the scouts will meet to decide which itinerary they want to do.
 - 2021 Summit: looking to schedule a July trip. 15 slots are filled, 1 more to be filled and we can confirm two boats. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is due at the December 7th meeting

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Summary of the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of \$. We are waiting for some more wreath expenses (the wreaths themselves have been paid) and all the money from the sales are due at the December 7th meeting.
 - Finishing setting up Zelle and instructions will be distributed to parents if they wish to use Zelle to pay instead of sending in checks.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- 900 wreaths were ordered with Hicks, 912 were delivered (driver gave us a few extra). The distribution at the Legion went great. Next year we should set up a table and sell from the extra Troop wreaths that day too. Money for the wreaths due December 7th. We will not be selling at St. Aiden's this year since we don't have any extra wreaths still left to sell.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Thinking about a day hike in January and a day ski trip in February. Need to find somewhere in New York that isn't too far for day trips. Don't want to look out-of-state in case travel is restricted again.
- Holiday party on 12/21: Greenbar meeting resulted in the troop youth leadership opting for just Chipotle @ the American Legion parking lot (considered and rejected bowling at Bowlero as an option)

H. Training Coordinator:

- Renew YPT now.

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- Chris K. going to committee for his Eagle project.

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 is in and will look to give the gifts out at some type of holiday gathering. Will look to plan something outside at the Legion and cater Chipotle for the boys.
- 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.

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.