

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 1/5/2021*

*Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom*

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

#### In attendance:

Lynn Aguiar, Yuri Aguiar, Kenneth Chao, Juleigh Chin, Tin Doan, Alex Gomez, Consuelo Gomez, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Mike Keating, Danny Kim, Nick Koutsoftas, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Duane Penfold, Joe Prudenti, Beatriz Rapa, Kevin Ryan, Michael Russo

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

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

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

- The re-chartering process is in progress. Will reach out all adults who are leaders that haven't updated their YPT, final chance to get it done.

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

- There are 48 scouts for this year.

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

- Our outing to Schiff Camp on 12/12 went well. This was an advancement weekend and the older boys were able to participate in rifle shooting. Over 230 requirements were signed off on. Foil packet cooking went well, even for those who prepared their packets at the camp site instead of in advance at home. Once again it was a great trip. There was a little confusion on the fees for those who participated in the shooting portion.
- Next day hike will be on January 9<sup>th</sup> to Bear Mountain which has plenty of trails and parking.
- Discussed the criteria for receiving a high adventure jacket given the lack of overnights - normally requires Life or Star rank and 3 HA trips or 3 Harriman trips: to be further discussed, since no one is being impacted by the lack of overnights this year but may be impacted in the future.
- Holiday party went well. It was held outdoors at the Legion in two shifts because of capacity limitations. The boys enjoyed Chipotle and hot chocolate. The holiday gifts (face mask and neck gaiter) were well received. Coordinating the order and pick up of Chipotle wasn't easy (reduce the # of options in the future) but the boys enjoyed it.
- ECOH was held on 1/2/2021 at the Legion Hall for Andrew C., Alex B., Corey M., Sebastian G., Teddy K., Brandon M. and Mike R. Attendance was limited to the immediate families of the Eagle Scouts and some adult leaders. The ceremony was broadcast via Zoom so other scouts and family members could attend. It was very well executed with 23 scouts participating virtually. Local dignitaries recorded their messages which were played during the event. All the Eagle Scouts made great speeches and shared their scouting experiences. Future Zoom broadcasts should involve a co-host to monitor the chat activities.
- 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. and Chris K (going to committee) Justin C. (received a one month extension), Aiden J. Kosta K., Luke C., Michael B., Ken T., and Chris Z. discussing their ideas. 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 got an extension or not.
- High Adventure:
  - 2021 Philmont: Deposit has been made and confirmed for 8/2/2021. All 12 slots are filled and next installment is due in February (due to Philmont on Mar 1). The itineraries have been announced and the scouts will meet to decide on crew leadership and which itinerary they want to request.
  - 2021 Summit: Trip is scheduled for July 16 – July 23 and a deposit of \$250 has been sent in. 9 scouts and 6 adults are confirmed. There is 1 more slot open.

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

- Summary of the latest troop financials
  - Currently carrying a balance of \$. The wreath fundraiser brought in about \$. We are waiting for some ECOH and Holiday party expenses to be paid.
  - Zelle isn't working with Sterling bank due to limitations as a business account. There are issues with tracking payments and making payments to vendors. Will continue our financial practices as they currently stand but may make exceptions as warranted.

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

- 7 outstanding wreath payments still need to be collected. Overall the process was better this year and hopefully we'll do just as well next year. Committee agreed to consider raising the price and reducing the # of wreaths to sell.

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

- Looking for a day ski trip in February but it seems to be hard to coordinate. Group reservations are not an option at some places. Long lines to get equipment. Discussed looking into snowshoeing or ice fishing. Will reach out the Frost Valley if they have any openings. Due to COVID restrictions we may have to stick with day hikes for now and try to find other places in NY that we haven't explored yet.
- The March trip will most likely be another day hike
- Klondike Derby is on January 30<sup>th</sup>. This year's will be different than usual in that it will not be at Muttontown but at Schiff, it will also not be a competition, and troop participation will be staggered throughout the day. Will present information at the next Greenbar meeting to get input from the boys. N. Koutsoftas will be coordinating; M. Keating volunteered to assist.

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

- Renew YPT now.

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

- Chris K. going to committee for his Eagle project.
- Ben V. and Giovanni H. earned Scout rank

**J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** N. Koutsoftas will follow up with Archangel Michael Church regarding the Alpha Omega program to see if anything will be offered this year.

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

**L. Website Coordinator:** The list of Eagle scouts has been updated as well as the meeting location. D. Martin is looking to update the banner picture with a more recent Troop photo. Please visit the troop website at:

[www.troop201ny.com](http://www.troop201ny.com).

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

- Consider a spring project for the troop – clean out and organize the troop container at Searingtown.

*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.*