

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 8/24/2021

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Tin Doan, Consuelo Gomez, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Mike Keating, Stephanie Keating, Danny Kim, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Beatriz Rapa, Mike Russo, Kevin Ryan

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair:

- Although fees from BSA National increased and we still don't know what Council fees will be, the committee has decided to keep Troop 201 membership dues as is.
- Returning scouts pay \$175 and \$160 for each additional scout in the same family.
- New scouts to Troop 201 will pay an additional one time charge of \$45 for the Class B uniform (hooded sweatshirt, t-shirt) and Class A Neckerchief.
- BSA national retained its \$25 registration surcharge for new youths who join the scouts for the first time remains. Returning scouts, scouts moving up from cub scouts, or scouts transferring from another Troop will not be required to pay the \$25 surcharge.
- We will continue to hold parent meetings via Zoom for now.

C. Troop Secretary:

- We are planning on 46 scouts returning from last year and hope for a few more boys to join in September.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Still no approval from the Board of Ed to hold our meeting indoors at Searingtown, but we are looking to see if we can be outdoors on school property. We will plan outdoor meetings at Searingtown if possible so we can be closer to our Troop container since we'll need access to our gear. We'll make adjustments as needed during the year.
- Both high adventure trips this summer were incredible. Youth leadership at both Philmont and Summit was very strong. The scouts all had a very positive experience.
- Summer Camp at Nobebosco was very successful. 26 boys attended. The camp was very well prepared to make sure everyone was safe. Unvaccinated boys had to get a negative COVID test prior to arrival and they were retested mid-week at the camp. The entire process went very smoothly. A lot of boys earned merit badges and they found it very rewarding to be back to a normal summer camping routine. Troop elections were held and a Senior Patrol Leader was chosen. He has picked 2 Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. 4 Patrol Leaders were also chosen.
- Of the 46 scouts we expect to return this year we have at least 11 who will age out this year. Because of the decreased number of scouts we are reducing the number of patrols from six to four. At the second scout meeting in September we plan on re-shifting the boys and having them choose new patrol names. We are hopefully that new boys will continue to join our troop.
- A Greenbar meeting was held on 8/23 and the boys want to get back to more overnight trips, including Zip Lining in September and Alpine in October. They want to have the Minsi tent trip, 10 Mile River, white water rafting, and horsemanship trips during the year. Camp sites look to be open for overnight trips so we are hoping for an active year.
- Justin Chin and Jesse Ryan will be having their Eagle Board of Review next week. Chris Kim is filing his

paperwork for his review. We expect all 3 boys will be done and we can celebrate their accomplishments at a January Eagle Court of Honor.

- Scoutmaster has been working with Life scouts on their Eagle projects and they have been making progress. Actively discussing projects with Life Scouts: Naman C., Aiden J., Ryan D., Costa K., Luke C., Michael B., Chris Z., Jack Z., Devon G, and Leo G. We should have several project to help with this fall.
- We will participate in the September 11th ceremony at Kelleher Field.
- Our 2021/2022 Scouting calendar was reviewed and will be shared shortly. We will make adjustments as needed due to any COVID changes.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Summary of the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of \$. All deposits and invoices have been paid.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Hicks has been contacted to give us a price on the wreaths and we will price out the wreath accessories. More to come at the next meeting regarding our wreath fundraiser
- Suggestions of other fundraisers are being reviewed since we will no longer be selling popcorn. One suggestion is a car wash.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- We'll be looking into different hiking/camping trips, new locations for adventure course and white water rafting trips as needed

H. Training Coordinator: No Update

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- Many badges were earned this summer and will be handed out at the September awards ceremony
- Several boys will need Board of Review meeting to advance to next rank
- Need to find a new cyber chip coordinator for next year

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator: We will plan a day where the Troop can clean out the container and reorganize it. Will look to the Quartermasters to organize this project.

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

M. New Business:

- None at this time

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.