

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 02/08/2022

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Tin Doan, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Mike Keating, Stephanie Keating, Danny Kim, Nick Koutsoftas, Richard Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Beatriz Rapa

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair:

- Troop recharter process has been completed and fees have been paid.

C. Troop Secretary:

- There are 36 scouts on the roster.

D. Scoutmaster:

- The weekend tabin trip to Minsi was great. All the boys who attended enjoyed themselves, especially the ice fishing. We had a total of 11 boys attend and 5 adults. Due to the fact that we didn't have consecutive in person meetings leading up to the trip, there was some confusion on who was going or not going and patrols needed to be combined at the end.
- The Klondike Derby was rescheduled to February 12th. Unfortunately that is also the day of our Troop ski trip, so we will not be participating in this year's derby.
- Chris Z. completed his project on January 15th and the Troop finished Jared Martin's project that same day. Both project beneficiaries were happy with the results
- Ski trip to Mountain Creek has been scheduled for February 12th. This will be a day trip only. We have 12 scouts and 6 adults scheduled to attend.
- Indoor meetings at Searingtown School are back – thanks to Brian Keating for addressing the Board of Ed at their last meeting and explaining to them why meeting outdoors is a hardship on the Troop. We need to have everyone who will be entering the school building complete a waiver form – even if you are just coming in to drop off or pick someone up.
- Other Eagle Projects in process, with anticipated dates in the spring, include Ryan D., Costa K., Jack Z., Naman C., Aidan J. and Michael B. are working with the troop committee. Justin D. has a preliminary idea and is discussing with his beneficiary.
- Eagle Court of Honor has been confirmed at the Albertson Fire House for May 22nd. We are now looking at possibly having 6 Eagle Scouts at the May ceremony.
- TR Council has new forms to distribute to school districts along with insurance forms from the school. Mrs. Keating will review all the paperwork to understand the legal terms.
- High Adventure
 - Plans for 2022 Florida Sea Base (Out Island Adventure) are underway. We have two full crews. Dates are August 5 – 11. Second payment from participants is now due. 3rd payment due April 4th and final payment on June 6th.
 - We've been awarded two treks to Philmont in 2023. That's up to 24 people, including adults. Initial deposits will be due Jan. 10. Mrs. Joneleit is guiding arrangements. Dates are 7/29/23 to 8/12/23 (with arrival to Philmont on 7/31.)

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Summary of the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of \$. Still have wreath money to collect. Philmont deposit has been sent.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- 3 more boys need to submit payments for wreaths. We'll reach out to them this week
- Plans for the pancake breakfast need to begin. We are looking for March 27th at the Albertson Firehouse. As soon as they confirm that we can use the facility we will send out flyers to scouts/friends and begin to sell tickets. All scouts need to sell 5 tickets and those who are going to Sea Base need to sell 10 in total. Will reach out to parents to contribute for raffle/basket prizes, to bake treats, help that day, etc. It is a large project but any money we raise will help with Sea Base expenses.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- February 12th ski trip will be a day trip only. Group rate was secured.
- March trip to Durland – 1 cabin which accommodates 40 individuals will be booked.
- Need to organize the white water rafting trip for May. We will need a commitment in advance from anyone going since we don't have flexibility with changing numbers with the company that runs the trip. Will call to get prices for the overnight with food package.

H. Training Coordinator: No updates**I. Advancement Coordinator:**

- 4 scouts are in line for committee review on their eagle project this month.
- Giovanni earned both Tenderfoot and 2nd Class.
- Chris Kim was awarded 4 Eagle Palms.
- Summer Camp will be the week after school ends (June 26-July 2) at Trexler Scout Reservation.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator: Looking for a new place to store the sledges for the Klondike Derby. Will see if we can store them at the Herricks Community Center. Light-weight stoves were purchased. Keeping an eye open on dates when we can clean up the container

L. Website Coordinator: The Troop Calendar has been updated along with the minutes. Please visit the troop website at: www.troop201ny.com. Tin Doan agreed to become the backup Website Coordinator for Mr. D. Martin.

M. New Business:

- We need to look for ways to attract new scouts to the Troop. This year about 11 boys will age out. Looking for some creative flyers that we can send out to the district via an email. Will reach out to MS Principal to see how/when we can advertise to incoming 6th graders. Recruitment of new scouts (and parents) is crucial to keep the Troop going in the future.

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.