

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 10/04/2022

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Danny Chen, Tin Doan, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Christine 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:

- We will keep Mr. Trietsch on the charter as Honorary Member of the Troop

C. Troop Secretary:

- We have 29 scouts on the roster so far. All but one has paid their dues. There are 3 more that showed interest in joining but haven't committed yet.

D. Scoutmaster:

- 9/11 ceremony was well attended and the community thanked us for participating each year
- We've had 2 regular meetings and 1 green bar meeting so far. Patrols have been established
- Our first trip was 9/23 – 9/25, camping and kayaking. The boys kayaked 3 miles, over 2 levies and across 2 roads up the Peconic River. We were out for 6 hours in total (they did take a lunch break.) A few went for a 2 mile hike to the beach before dinner. Everyone had a good time - Greenbar agreed that this was a trip worth repeating. Cost was lower than expected (\$18-20pp) for >4hr rental.
- On 10/3 we had our awards night at the American Legion Hall. Merit badges were distributed, Sea Base participants were recognized, and new leaders were announced. 18 boys attended. Next year we would like to see more boys and parents come to this event. One of the highlights at awards night is a video presentation from summer camp and the high adventure trip. It is great to see everything the boys accomplish and for parents to get a better sense of what happens on these trips.
- The ECOH will be Saturday, January 7th for Costa K., Ryan D., Michael B., and Aidan J.
- Cyber chip update will be presented in November or December. Since parental signoff is required we will consider making a standard form. (Mr. R. Martin to coordinate this year's Cyberchip program)
- The boys asked to move their Monday, October 31st troop meeting to Tuesday, November 1st since they hope to go out for Halloween on the 31st. We will accommodate this request and hold our committee meeting at the same time on November 1st. Hoping more parents join us at the meeting since they will be there dropping off their sons.
- High Adventure
 - We've been awarded two treks to Philmont in 2023. We have 2 crews with 5 adults and 6 boys in each crew at the moment. We are contacting the tour company that will organize our 2 night stay in Colorado before heading to Philmont. The total cost is about \$3,500/person. JetBlue will need to be booked 6 months prior to the trip. We can share a bus to Philmont with another troop. Dates are 7/29/23 to 8/12/23 (with arrival to Philmont on 7/31.) Deposits and first payments have been collected. Payments will be due in December, February, April (\$700 each payment) and depending on final costs and Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, final payment in June will be calculated.
 - We are looking into a high adventure trip to Northern Tier for February 2024, reservations open in January so we will see if we get in, 7 people per crew. It would be a one week trip.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Summary of the latest troop financials
 - Currently carrying a balance of \$18,562.72. The reconciliation from Sea Base has been done and there will be a small refund to each Sea Base participant. The committee agreed that a check will be written for the refund amount rather than net it against an upcoming fee collection to keep the accounting clearer.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- The price of wreaths increased this year but we have decided to keep our selling price as is. The order for the wreaths has been placed. Each scout will be required to sell 18 wreaths @ \$18.00/wreath (siblings will be required to sell 12 wreaths). Many of the supplies for the wreaths have arrived. Wreath pickup will be on 11/19 in the American Legion parking lot from 8:00 – 10:00 am. St. Aiden's will allow us to sell wreaths on Sunday, November 27th. Boys are encouraged to start taking orders now for their wreaths and anyone who wants to pay for their wreaths during pick-up are welcomed to do so.
- Looking to schedule the Pancake breakfast for 3/26 at the Albertson Firehouse. More to come as we get closer to the event.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- October 21-23 trip to Alpine has been booked. We'll be at the Delta site and the hike will include the rock scramble. Permission slips will be due at the 10/17 meeting.
- Working on the November trip to Harriman and the December advancement trip at Schiff.
- January and February trips have been booked. More information to come.
- Summer camp 2023 will be at Onteora. We've reserved for 25 scouts. The early bird price will be \$300/scout for the first week of July.

H. Training Coordinator: No update

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- Many badges were awarded on October 4th.
- Arthur C. advanced to 2nd Class, Ben V. is working on 1st class and he needs a BOR for Tenderfoot.
- Mr. Helgeson will document procedures for his successor

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator: Need to evaluate all tents at an upcoming meeting. We purchased bear bags for our Harriman trips and other adventures.

L. Website Coordinator: The Troop Calendar will be updated along with the minutes. Please visit the troop website at: www.troop201ny.com.

M. New Business:

- Need to start looking at holiday gifts for the scouts. Any suggestions are welcomed.
- Will start working on holiday party.
- Looking for parents to help out at various events and join the committee. We will be approaching parents with specific asks to volunteer whenever we need extra help.

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.