

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 5/2/2023

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Kenneth Chao, Danny Chen, Tin Doan, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Christine Joneleit, Mike Keating, Stephanie Keating, David Martin, Monica Pavlidis, Beatriz Rapa

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: No update

C. Troop Secretary: We have 29 boys registered and 2 new Webelos filling out paperwork. High adventure jackets will be ordered this week. Will be working on creating better email list – download information from Troopmaster – so we can contact past Eagle Scouts, past Scout parents, and past Scouts when we have events.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Our trip to Harriman was an adventure. We had a good early morning and the hike in went well. We made camp and had the hot meals for lunch which worked out great. We were then able to go for a short hike and come back to eat our sandwiches. The rain came hard around 6:30 and did not give up all night. Everyone was very wet and muddy and the hike out on Sunday was tough but everyone made it with only a few slips and falls. We decided to flip the hot meal with the sandwiches due to the weather forecast but the boys thought it worked out so much better that we should always do that. It gives everyone a chance after hiking to the site and setting up to rest, cook, eat and get some energy back before going for a short hike. Then we can have a more relaxing evening around the campfire.
- At the last Greenbar meeting we discussed attendance requirements and the roles of the leaders need to be taken seriously. Leaders need to make sure they have alternates if they can't attend a meeting or trip, scouts need to complete forms, like the tent care form, before returning equipment. We need to remember how the troop ran prior to the pandemic when we only went on day trips and did not use much of our equipment. The boys also voted on the summer 2024 High Adventure trip going to Summit. And there is still hope we'll get Northern Tier in at some winter.
- Eagle projects - Naman and Justin are with council and should have a response back soon if they are approved to start their project. If approved, we'll have some Eagle project work happening Memorial Day weekend.
- Shot gun trip will be scheduled for June 10th. We will cook lunch there. The cost will be about \$40 depending on how many boys attend and the ammunition that needs to be purchased. We will also bring gifts to the instructors (troop dry bags)
- Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 29th and all boys should try to attend if they are home.
- High Adventure Trip – Philmont
 - Each parent/scout can register for trip insurance on their own since it would be cheaper for them to do that rather than register as a group. A link will be sent around if anyone wants to get trip insurance.
 - Philmont shirts will be ordered. A link will go around so you can request the number of shirts you want. Since we did well with fundraising the troop will be able to pay for 2 shirts, anything more that you order you would pay \$17 per shirt. Shirts are dry-fit and come in short and long sleeves. You may want to order one extra to keep as a memento since the ones you wear on the trip can get ruined.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Balance of \$39k but a payment to Philmont needs to be mailed out this week.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Thanks again for a record breaking fundraising year. Both the wreath sales and the pancake breakfast were a huge success. Thanks to everyone who helped out and looking forward to doing better next year.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- White Water Rafting – May 12 – 14. Cost is \$82 for rafting plus \$20 for the wet suit. 15 boys and 8 adults signed up so far.
- Clark Garden is looking for boys to bag and sell dirt on May 21. Boys would get paid. Must be 15+ years old.
- Onteora Summer Camp – we have 21 scouts so far. Anyone who is registering now (and isn't a cub scout) would have a late fee. It will be the week July 9th. Need to confirm adults, so far 4 can go for part or all of the week.
- Mr. Farrell is checking if we can have the Alumni dinner at the firehouse or if we would then need to go to the Legion. We would cater the event and we think we'll have a better turn out than going to a restaurant.

H. Training Coordinator: Wilderness and First Aid training will be given in May if anyone needs it by council

I. Advancement Coordinator: No update

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator: Tents need to be returned with the tent care forms so we know which are in need of any repairs.

L. Website Coordinator: No update

M. New Business: At the next meeting we will start planning the end of the year picnic/kickball game. Need to determine when the moving up ceremonies are for Pack 201 and 202.

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.