

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 09/05/2023

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Danny Chen, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Christine Joneleit, Mike Keating, Stephanie Keating, Nick Koutsoftas, David Martin, Richard Martin, Beatriz Rapa, Tim Rolston

II. Reading of Reports:

This was a general preparation meeting to discuss the 2023-2024 activities calendar, dues and succession planning for Troop 201 as well as recap the summer activities.

- A. We had two successful events: Summer Camp at Onteora and High Adventure trip to Philmont**
- Summer Camp: one scout went home sick early and we had a few accidents during the week but the boys did well adjusting to everything. The boys who went for the first time did great. Everyone enjoyed the merit badges they took, less incompletes over other years. One scout completed the one mile swim event. Elections were held and new leadership and patrol leaders were selected. All leaders will need to be present and be prepared to execute their responsibilities at meeting. If they do not perform their responsibilities, the position will NOT count towards advancement and they will not be given a Board of Review. The only complaints boys had about the camp was that it is too big and hard to travel from activity to activity in the given time and that it was a very wet week.
 - Philmont: Two crews went on the trip (total 11 boys and 9 adults). It was a great experience but a difficult one. The boys did an extremely strenuous trek (the totaled over 100 miles each) with 40+ lbs. packs over 12 days. It was a struggle at times but overall they had a great time. They came back home to much needed rest.
- B. Calendar Review:** a few changes and additions were made to the calendar. There will be a few nights where the Green Bar Meeting will happen at 6pm in order for a Troop Meeting to happen the same night at 7pm. Due to holidays we lose some Troop Meetings so this is a way to get them in. The calendar will be sent out to all parents and scouts and will be posted on the Troop website. There can be revisions during the year based on availability of trip locations etc. and we will keep everyone and the website updated.
- C. Dues: National increases dues again for this year**
- Dues went from \$125 to \$135 for returning scouts
 - Recharter fee remains at \$100
 - Adult leader fee increased from \$45 to \$60
 - The committee decided to increase of dues this year since we had absorbed the increases last time. New dues are \$200 for scouts (\$175 for siblings). New scout registration fee remains at \$25 and new scout Class B package is \$50.
- D. Succession Planning**
- Looking for more parents to help out on trips and in committee positions. With parents who are leaving the troop as their sons' age out we are in desperate need for new parents to step up. They would just need to complete the scout safety training online course. Please let us know if you can help.
- E. Northern Tier:** Our winter high adventure trip (dog sledding in Minnesota) will be in February 2024. We have 5 boys and 2 adult leaders attending. We are estimating the cost to be \$2,500. A \$1,200 deposit has been collected from participants and another \$1,300 is due at our first meeting.

F. Fundraising: We need to prepare for the wreath fundraiser by ordering wreaths and accessories in advance, prices increase as get closer to the holidays. We will plan on ordering for 40 boys based on interest shown from new kids wanting to join the troop this year.

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.