

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 10/02/2023

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Danny Chen, Ken Chao, May Guo, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Mike Keating, Stephanie Keating, Nick Koutsoftas, Rachel Lefkoff, Raymond Lie, David Martin, Richard Martin, Waqaas Quraishi, Beatriz Rapa, Tim Rolston

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: January will be re-chartering time. We will reach out to any adults that need to update their YPT, especially any adults who will be going on any overnight trips with the troop. We will add Rachel Lefkoff, Tim Rolston and Waqaas Quraishi to our leadership group.

C. Troop Secretary: 22 boys paid dues so far and 12 boys are still pending. There are other boys who have come to see what we are all about and will come back with applications. We think we'll end up at around 40 scouts in the troop this year.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Awards Night will be held on October 3rd and we hope to see a lot of the parents come that night to recognize the boys who earned badges at summer camp and those who accomplished the Philmont High Adventure trip. We will have a Green Bar meeting prior to the 7pm awards presentation, those boys will help set up the room and Mr. R. Martin will bring the laptop and projector.
- Our 1st troop meeting had a good turnout. We had about 6 new scouts join and hope more will come who took an application and wanted to think about it.
- Thanks to all who participated at the 9/11 memorial ceremony. The weather was not good but the boys did well in representing our Troop.
- We were able to upgrade to a cabin for our trip to Alpine due to weather conditions that weekend and the boys were happy that we did. They participated in archery and BB shooting, no hike or rock scramble this year. Some boys were able to complete badge requirements and 2 boys had their board of review. It was a productive weekend.
- Naman has his Eagle BOR in October with council and we will hold the Eagle Court of Honor on March 10th (not in January) due to school scheduling issues with Naman and Justin.
- High Adventure Trip – Northern Tier
 - Payments have been received from all participants and more information regarding the trip will be coming out soon.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Balance of \$14,127.13. All summer expenses have been accounted for and refunds for Philmont have been processed
- Alumni Dinner: The Clinton G. Martin room costs \$40 for a 4 hour rental. We would then cater the event, have scouts serve the food, promote it as Honor Scout Masters so prior Eagle Scouts would attend. Looking to confirm end of May 2024 as the date of the dinner.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- No increase on the price of wreaths from Hicks and they will deliver them on November 18th at the Legion. We'll be able to sell on November 26th at St. Aidan's church but we encourage all scouts to start pre-selling now. Each scout will be responsible to sell 18 wreaths and if there is a sibling, that individual would sell 12 wreaths. Will also sell the day of pick-up at the Legion – will be looking for boys to volunteer to assemble wreaths that morning. Bows, flowers and stems have been ordered, looking for cones. The vendor who provided them last year has retired so searched to new supplier who has big pine cones.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Kayak trip has been scheduled for October 21st weekend – have 10 kayaks on hold so far. Baiting Hollow tent site has been booked (Lakeview site).
- Looking into TMR and horsemanship badge for November. If that doesn't work out, we'll go to Harriman in November.
- December will be Schiff and an advancement weekend. Still need to figure out if we have a credit at Schiff or if it has been applied to our December weekend.

H. Training Coordinator: No update on training. Council had a kickoff meeting but they mostly discussed the consolidation of districts. More to come.

I. Advancement Coordinator: No update

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator: The top of the container has been fixed, we cut back branches that were over the top, cleaned off berries and were then able to seal around the fan to prevent any more leaks. The lights inside the container are now working. We have to clean the lightweight stoves and make sure all tents are good to go.

L. Website Coordinator: No update

M. New Business:

- Need to book Summit for summer 2024. Looks like we'll do the Summit Experience and not the river trip since that has closed out. Need to confirm which boys are going.
- Start thinking about the holiday gift for the boys
- Start planning the holiday party for the boys
- Need to find parents to help with the troop, not just on trip but general activities.

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.