

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 11/07/2023

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Danny Chen, Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Chris Joneleit, Tripti Joy, Mike Keating, Stephanie Keating, Beatriz Rapa

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: No update.

C. Troop Secretary: 40 boys registered – waiting for 3 to pay dues.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Cub Pack Inspection night was on 11/3. It was well attended and the Cub Scouts were very well behaved and attentive – loved being carried in the stretcher. There was great involvement from the boys and their parents so we look forward to having them join our Troop when they are older. We had 5 of our Scouts showing them different things.
- Our trip to Harriman was 11/4-11/5. The weather was good – a little rain overnight but nothing much and everyone stayed dry. We had a successful day hike. Some of the younger scouts did struggle getting to the campsite, but that is to be expected. Everyone learned how to pack better next time and not hold things in their hands if they can tie them to their packs.
- Naman passed his Eagle BOR. We are not waiting for approval from the Firehouse to host our Eagle COH there on 3/10/2024.
- We had 17 boys who came to Mr. Ryan's service along with many former scouts and parents. It has been hard on our Scouting family but our boys have been great and would have made Mr. Ryan proud.
- High Adventure Trip – Northern Tier
 - Payments have been received from all participants and more information regarding the trip has been distributed to them. Much of the gear they have from Philmont can be reused, just need better base layers.
 - The Summit Experience will be booked for 8/1 -8/9/2024. Deposits have been collected – we have 7 scouts and 3 adults. Will figure out the total cost and what the payment schedule will be.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Balance of \$17,553.86 which includes deposits from dues.
- Alumni Dinner: Will contact Clinton G. Martin to reserve the room for end of May.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- All materials have been ordered and received. Wreath pickup will be on November 18th at the Legion parking lot at 8:00am. We will sell wreaths that day also, will be looking for boys to volunteer to assemble wreaths that morning. 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. Prices per wreath at \$20.00.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Kayak trip that was October 21st weekend had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Will see if Baiting Hollow gives us a credit for our deposit but it isn't likely
- December will be Schiff and an advancement weekend. We need to change the weekend to 12/15-12/17 in order to get 2 cabins at Schiff to accommodate all of us. They did not have both available for our original weekend. Also will use our credit to pay for the cabins.
- January we are looking for ice fishing at Minsi, February skiing at Jack Frost with camping at Acahela, and March a trip to Durland. For April we are investigating a Horsemanship Merit badge program on Long Island if possible, otherwise it will be Harriman.
- Boys voted to have their holiday party at Bounce. Will work on booking the date and time.

H. Training Coordinator: No update.

I. Advancement Coordinator: No update

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

K. Equipment Coordinator: There is still some leaking in the front of the container so will look to fix that spot too. The stoves worked OK during the Harriman trip – mostly due to Ian Shaw knowing how to fix/clean and work them. We'll need to be more careful in the care of the stoves and train others on how to handle them. Still want to go thru all the tents to see what is good and discard any bad ones. We think we have about 10 that are good and may need to purchase a few more.

L. Website Coordinator: No update

M. New Business:

- We will book NoBeBoSco for summer camp from 6/30 – 7/6
- Discussed holiday gifts for the boys – considering giving the dry bags to the younger scouts who don't have them yet and ordering knit hats for the older boys.

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.