

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 03/04/2025

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Stephanie Helgeson, Beatriz Rapa, Nick Koutsoftas, Jeff Helgeson, Andrew Maiman, Jet Chen, Tripti Joy, Stephanie Keating, Mike Lee, Richard Martin, Tim Rolston, Danny Chen, Rachel Lefkof

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: No update

C. Troop Secretary:

- Christian is officially part of the troop. (Need to check if he is getting the emails).

D. Scoutmaster:

- Northern Tier Trip
 - Went well, accommodation and travel were smooth. It was cold, dog sledding was fun.
- Minsi
 - Went well, everything ran smoothly.
 - Ian Shaw took charge as senior patrol leader.
 - Ice fishing – most scouts did not expect all the waiting, 4 of 7 kids were able to pull up a fish.
 - Other troops were there.
 - Phone rule – one warning was given if phone was seen.
- Eagle Scout Project Review
 - Niko & Arthur
 - Both want to start in April, but they probably won't be able to get to the board until April. Usually first Wednesday of every month, so April 2.
 - Internal reviews can be done virtually.
- Snow Shoveling
 - District 4, Christine Liu contacted us.
 - 3 scouts signed up to help shovel snow for seniors in the district, and were able to help shovel out a few houses.
 - Photos were published in the newsletter, and 2 more seniors signed up.
 - If it gets more popular (next season), we can organize with other troops and maybe the high school.
- Eagle Board of Review
 - All the boys are getting shadow boxes.
 - Materials are being ordered from scout shop. Take a check – save on tax with cash/check.
 - Medicine merit badge was bought via eBay.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Ending balance: \$19,347.65
- Deposits:
 - Sea Base
 - New Membership

- Apparel
- Expenses:
 - Northern Tier
 - Minsi Receipts

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Pancake breakfast
 - Have been collecting prizes. Need baskets as well to set up raffle prizes.
 - Stephanie H. and May set up a sign up sheet for items needed for the breakfast.
 - Every scout must sell 5 tickets. Scouts going on high adventure trips in 2025 must sell 10 tickets & 2 raffle prizes.
 - Will reach out to elementary schools to sell tickets at PTC, and at St. Aiden's the Sunday before.
 - Can put up flyers around the community.
 - Cub scouts who wear their uniform don't need to have a ticket.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Durland (March)
 - 24 boys, 8 adults
 - Large cabin
- Harriman (April 5-6)
 - Leave Saturday morning, come back on Sunday
- Shot gun trip – Mr. Russo
 - Can do clay shooting early June.
 - Need to purchase ammo.
 - Day trip: June 14th. (June 7 is an SAT day and Eid)
 - Yearly alternate with day kayaking trip.
- Philmont 2026 approved, July 27-Aug 8
- Sea Base planning – Rachel Lefkof
 - Will send out google form for flight info. (Via Troop master to a sea base group.)
 - Adult leaders need: Wilderness, first aid, hazardous weather train, BSA membership card, safe swim defense, safety afloat, YPT, medical forms a, b and c for all attendees. Take your own dry bags.
- White water rafting (May)
 - Invite Arrow of light cub scouts.
- Summer Camp:
 - NoBe was booked for the week.
 - Camp in PA with great reviews (O.S.R.), deposit submitted. There's a pool!
 - Lots of activities for scouts and adults.
 - Theme: Greek Mythology
 - Invite Arrow of Light cub scouts to summer camp.

H. Training Coordinator:

- YPT is up to date
- Wilderness & First Aid Certificates is taken care of.

I. Registration Coordinator:

- Upcoming renewals: Charlie & Ben.
- Scout Book does not archive scouts that have aged out. Will they get removed? Should download as a backup once scout has aged out.

J. Advancement Coordinator:

- Two more boys have reached Scout rank: Jace and Hunter.
- Summer & Winter badges need to be picked up and distributed.

K. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update.

L. Equipment Coordinator:

- Ordered a patrol box, it came broken - will return. New patrol box is already purchased and will be ready for this weekend's trip.
- Protect the coffee pot! 😊

M. Website Coordinator: No updates

N. New Business: No updates

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 Theodore Roosevelt Council.