Boy Scout Troop 201
Minutes of Committee Meeting 03/31/2026
Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. **Opening of Meeting:** Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:
Stephanie Helgeson, Jeff Helgeson, Kristen Nolan, Andrew Maiman, Tim Rolston, Richard Martin, Danny Chen, Raymond Lie, Kristin Testani, Julie Martin, Elizabeth Dinda, Teddy Tong, Rachel Lefkof

II. **Reading of Reports:**

A. Head of Charter Organization: Council is looking to add a new feeder group to help with future enrollment

B. Troop Committee Chair: No update.

C. Troop Secretary: 1 more Scout just joined and 1 came to a meeting this week and plans to join. Looking at total of 55 boys. Need someone to volunteer to take over as secretary for next year. Also consider recording the committee meetings on Zoom and creating a transcript to help with minute taking. Will experiment over the next few meetings.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Eagle Projects
    - Alex H. and Aiden C. have proposals under review – hoping for a May approval.
- Durland trip was good. A little more snow than wanted on the hike. The cabin was good and boys did cook outside. Several requirements completed. Meal planning is getting better but still need to work on it.
- We have started to collect payments for summer camp. Early bird cost is $605 – we have reserved 30 spots but if we have a larger turnout we need to know ASAP to add spots. So far doesn't look like it will happen. We have 2 dads interested – ideally want at least 1 more.
- We need more parental involvement and will be discussing how to best communicate this. We may need to limit accepting new boys if parents do not get involved. We may need to charge an extra fee for boys that do not have parents attend camping weekends if we need to pay to rent bigger cards. Lots to discuss.
- There is a volunteer opportunity at Herricks Pond or at Cammeron Park for cleanup and scouts will earn service hours if anyone is interested.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Current balance is $25,475.66 as of 3/29/2026.
- We will have some expenses coming out, like the airfare to Philmont and deposits for Sea Base 2027.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Pancake breakfast on March 29th was a huge success.
- Signup Genius was created so parents donate items for the event which reduces Troop expenses. Still need to refine what we are asking for so we don't have so much left over.
- Placemats brought in about $1,500. We printed 350 mats, can reduce this for next year to 300. We had 2 different mats. If more ads are sold you can go to a 3rd or 4th mat also and your cost for printing is the same. Your profits will increase from just the ads.

- Baskets brought in $1,900, even though there were fewer baskets this year, profit was the same as last year. Baskets were of better value and less work wrapping
- We had a lot more money as donations this year, not sure why. Maybe businesses gave small money donations instead of raffle items or business card ads.
- Tried to count how many people actually showed up vs tickets sold. We sold about 400 tickets but only 275 showed up. Still hard to judge how many we actually serve.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Trips have been scheduled for the upcoming year as follows:

- April 18-19 Harriman
- May white water rafting: $92/per person with no suit, $9 for a jacket and $22 for full suit. We'll charge $125/scout and $115/adult to cover the rentals, food, drivers etc.
- Working on June Shotgun Trip w/ Camping at Schiff/Baiting Hollow
- Sea Base 2027 – secured one treks Keys Adventure Islamorda, for 7/23-7/28/2027. Will start collecting deposits in April 2026. If we have a lot of interest will try for a second trek.
- Jamboree will be at the end of July, and we will have a small group attending. There will be meetings and a dry run for camping. There will be food drive with the event.
- Summer Camp 2026
    - No-Be-Bosco for July 5 – July 11
    - 30 slots reserved and we can add more. – start sending in your payment: $605/early bird. Will accept a $300 deposit for now. No discount for siblings.

H. Training Coordinator: No update.

I. Registration Coordinator: 1 new scout accepted. Waiting for another to sign up.

J. Advancement Coordinator:

- Will be awarding more badges at the next meeting. Need to purchase them from the store.

K. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

L. Equipment Coordinator: Need a few more meals and water for Harriman (Oatmeal and cup of noodles)

M. Website Coordinator: Our troop historian will be uploading pictures and working with social to maintain the website. Elizabeth Dinda has offered to help with social media coordination.

N. New Business: Need to order Class B apparel, Philmont High Adventure Jackets, Philmont shirts. Will also look to coordinate a swap meet of hand-me-down clothing.

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.