Boy Scout Troop 201
Minutes of Committee Meeting 05/05/2026
Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

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

In attendance:
Stephanie Helgeson, Jeff Helgeson, Andrew Maiman, Tim Rolston, David Martin, Richard Martin, Danny Chen, Jet Chen, Elizabeth Dinda

II. **Reading of Reports:**

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: No update.

C. Troop Secretary: This year we had a total of 58 boys who paid dues to the Troop. Some faded away during the year, and others will age out soon. We are looking at 45 boys to start with in September. Will also continue to experiment with recording these meetings and getting a transcript to help with the secretary role.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Eagle Projects
    - Alex H. and Aiden C. have proposals under review – hoping for a May approval from Council.
- Harriman trip: we had 2 groups take the two paths up to the campsite – the Philmont crew and non-Philmont group. The non-Philmont group took a wrong turn along the way, so it took them much longer to cover the 4 miles. They had to stop for lunch since it was taking so long. The Philmont crew also did the Lemon squeezer. We need to emphasis the amount of water needed, 2 big bottles filled from home. Some boys ran out of water, but others shared. We need to make sure we are not eating close to the tent; someone spilled their food which is dangerous if it is not all cleaned up – bears are in Harriman. Left a bit early on Sunday due to rain.
- Scoutmaster conferences are taking place; more BOR need to be done so would appreciate adults available to help those along. Need to draw some boundaries on when things are done during a meeting, things can get busy and we all want to be productive and leave by 9:00pm
- Cub Pack was invited to join a meeting. The Den Chiefs need to communicate better so information about our activities is given correctly to the Cub Pack and they are not invited to an evening where we need to get other things done.
- Next year we need to plan for these volunteer opportunities at Herricks Pond or at Cammeron Park for cleanup and scouts will earn service hours if anyone is interested better. We did get 4 of the boys going to the Jamboree and 6 other scouts to volunteer at the food drive, but again communication was at the very last minute.
- ECOH: May 17th, 1:30 – 3:00 for set up, 3:00 – 7:00 for ceremony. All scouts need to attend. The cake is being ordered, food has been taken care of, speeches need to be submitted for review, hoping for several past Eagle Scouts to attend. This is a big event, and we need help from parents, who we are encouraging to attend to see what this is all about.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Current balance is $28,578.97 as of 4/30/2026.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator: No Update

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

Trips have been scheduled as follows:

- May white water rafting: $92/per person with no suit, $9 for a jacket and $22 for full suit. We will 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 second trek to Keys Adventure Islamorda, for 7/23-7/28/2027. We have collected deposits and first payments to Sea Base will be sent.
- Jamboree will be at the end of July, and we will have a small group attending.
- Summer Camp 2026
    - No-Be-Bosco for July 5 – July 11
    - 24 boys and 3 adults have signed up. We have paid for all and are collecting balance payments from scouts due by May 18th.
- For the fall consider a cycling or hiking merit badge opportunity. Riflery will also be an option.

H. Training Coordinator: YPTs expiring May 31st need to be renewed – you should receive emails. Need to consider ILST training once a year, prior to NYLST.

I. Registration Coordinator: Renewals due for those expiring in May.

J. Advancement Coordinator:

- Gave out more badges and will keep giving them out as they are earned. Everything is up to date in Scoutbook.
- Need to finish cooking badge for a few kids who have partials.

K. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update

L. Equipment Coordinator: Will schedule another weekend over the summer for container organization. Need a quartermaster who will pay more attention and be on hand. Will discuss this at the Greenbar meeting.

M. Website Coordinator: Our troop historian is doing well. Pictures are being updated. Need to get the admin information for Facebook and Instagram so Mrs. Dinda can help manage those. And will put her in contact with the Williston Times.

N. New Business: Mr. David Martin is taking over as Commissioner in our district. We want to give recognition (knots) for the years adults serve so a form will be circulated to update your information. In the process of ordering 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.