

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 3/5/2024

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Stephanie Keating, Andrew Maiman, Beatriz Rapa, Chris Joneleit Michael Keating, Tripti Joy, David Martin, Nick Koutsoftas, Tim Rolston, Teddy Tong, Ken Chao, Rachel Lefkof, Danny Chen

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization:

- No update.

B. Troop Committee Chair:

- Some applications for adults must be resubmitted – Wait till the end of March, then might have to reregister, and the troop has already paid for these members.
- As per an email sent, the charter should be updated by the end of March.
- Until the charter is updated, the insurance will not cover anyone not on the charter and all online access doesn't work. Needs to be escalated.

C. Troop Secretary:

- 41 boys in the Troop.

D. Scoutmaster:

- Durland: Most “glamping” trip. The cabin worked out.
 - It rained; tarp was put up for cooking outside. Pancake experiment did not work out – no winners. Other meals worked out. Hiked in the morning before rain.
 - Trail maps and marking at Durland are not great.
 - Kangaroo court was conducted – was entertaining and filled in a couple of hours. One issue brought up was budget for food – scouts would like to increase to \$16/person from \$12/person, supported with evidence.
 - The committee voted on increasing it to \$15/person.
 - Phone policy came up. No change suggested.
- Webinar for Summit trip. Some boys watched it via the link provided.
- Jeff cleaned up the advancements – up to date, pending citizenship badge for some boys.
- Aiden Chen, Jack Penfold, Arthur Chen – advanced to Life Scout. Will need to start thinking about their Eagle projects.
- Horsemanship counselor - Mark Polanski – will conduct the prerequisite training at one of the troop meetings. On the April trip, boys can earn their horsemanship merit badge.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Deposits: Wreath profit: \$5598.37
- Reimbursements due: n/a
- Payment: Ski Trip
- Ending balance: \$17,711.37

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Pancake Breakfast (fundraising for Northern Tier & Summit), Sunday March 24 @ Albertson Fire House.
 - Suggestion – update tickets to individual tickets instead of a page for next year.
 - The flyer is ready.
 - Advanced 50-50 ticket sales. Scouts have the tickets, and presale at St Aidens and PTC.
 - Can sell tickets in front of St. Aiden's the Sunday before until 1pm, coordinate with Center, Denton and Searingtown to sell 50-50 tickets or pancake breakfast tickets at Parent-Teacher Conference Night.
 - Supplies have been replenished.
 - Advance notice for baked goods is appreciated so that space can be arranged.
 - Mr. Martin will help with AV on the day of.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Horseback riding: April
 - Permission slips will be due the first Monday in April.
- White water rafting: May
- Summer camp booked June 30-July 6: \$590 early bird – March 29, \$635 after that.
 - 5 boys signed up so far.
- Summit: Car booked, next payment March 3
 - Shirts need to be ordered.
- Sea Base (Out Island): July 27-Aug 2, 2025
 - Second payment due. Need to start putting a list of boys interested.
- Northern Tier: President's week, 2025
 - Need one adult (with Wilderness, First Aid, CPR)
 - Training is good for two years. Troop will pay for the training.
 - Payment was reimbursed because their page crashed, Mrs. H called and got the weekend back.

H. Training Coordinator:

- There was a wilderness training from the council this past weekend.
- Adults should do YPT training, especially for adults going on trips.
- Trainings are offered through the council.
 - Range Safety Officer Training: March
 - IOLS: Weekend at Schiff – April 13-14
 - Wilderness: June 22-23

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- Next batch of Eagle Scouts
 - 2 scouts actively working on projects. By January, maybe.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update.

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- Equipment for Eagle Court of Honor was pulled from the container for Sunday. Setup starts at 1pm. Ceremony starts at 2:30pm. Should be done by 6:30pm.
 - On Troop Calendar, March 10 – Notes need to be updated with the names of the boys for this year.
 - Is mandatory for all troop members, barring any conflicts.
 - Williston Post will be up and running under new ownership – will have a spread on the court of honor in the next issue.
- A new troop flag was ordered, will be delivered March 11.
- Need to order new tents. (3-person tent max size)
 - One of the troop tents was found in a classroom.

- Flagpole case was purchased to protect the flags and poles.
- Need another cleaning day.
- Need to get a new seal for the door.

L. Website Coordinator:

- No updates

M. New Business:

- Send out a save the date in early April, then send out invitations for May 22.
 - Start pricing catering.
 - Any suggestions for catering place?
 - A new insurance certificate needs to be issued by the council with a rider with the name of the location. The current one will expire before the event.
- For summer camp, the dates and locations are selected by scouts. Vote as a committee on which weeks will be presented to the scouts for their vote.

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.