

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 9/3/2024

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Jeff Helgeson, Stephanie Helgeson, Beatriz Rapa, Chris Joneleit, Andrew Maiman, Tripti Joy, David Martin, Jet Chen, Rich Martin, Rong Shen, Rachel Lefkof, Michael Lee, Daniel Corporan, Tim Rolston, Seemeen Pathan, Stephanie Keating, May Lam, Kamran Chaudhri, Teddy Tong

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization:

- No updates.

B. Troop Committee Chair:

- No updates

C. Troop Secretary:

- 46 scouts. (8 of the 46 are siblings)

D. Scoutmaster:

- Camp NoBeBosCo
 - Rained on the first day – weather for the rest of the week was fine.
 - Large group of scouts
 - Good participation in Sunrise Hikes and Ultimate Frisbee.
 - Merit badges were run well. There were only a few partial merit badges
 - Tim will enter them in ScoutBook.
 - Food was great.
 - Boys were asking to go back to NoBe next year. Next camp in rotation is not available this year – so need to discuss where to go.
 - Catapult was built well (by Tim).
 - Was not informed in advance, so scout participation was minimal.
 - Overall success.
- Troop elections:
 - Alex H is senior patrol leader, Aiden C. and Ian S. be assistant senior patrol leaders.
 - Youth leadership list will be sent out in a few weeks.
- 5th patrol added
- Summit Trip
 - Extreme sports themed week.
 - Last week of camp – so reduced staff resulted in less opportunity (like no lakefront access).
 - Scavenger hunt (using an app). Arthur Chen took point on this – increased inter-troop communication.
 - Highlights: Ziplining & Rafting.
 - 5 attendees earned triple crown (attended 3 high adventures). Awards will be ordered.
- Greenbar Meeting over the summer
 - Worked on agenda for first few meetings.

- Next Wed: Sept 11 – scouts will participate
 - Starts at 7:30 (flag ceremony)
- Advancement Ceremony
 - Book legion hall
 - Put together slideshow
- Eagles:
 - Brian Keating passed his review
 - Matt Rapa completed his project but still needs to do his fundraiser and finish some required badges before he can submit his paperwork to council for Eagle award Jeffery Polanski will do his project in an upcoming weekend.
 - Need to include them in the next eagle court of honor. (May – when they are back from college).
- Life Scouts – 4 at the moment.

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Ending balance: \$16,668
- All expenses for Summit, NoBe, Car rentals have posted
- High adventures need to be reconciled.
- Need to start collecting:
 - deposits for Sea Base
 - final payments for Northern Tier
- Electronic Banking
 - Tax ID is required
 - Federal ID is difficult to get without a SS#.
 - EIN# is required – which needs charter organization paperwork.
 - The EIN should act as a SS# for the troop.
 - The account also needs a “responsible person” – which is why the SS# is needed.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Called American legion – can use the parking lot on Nov 23
 - Cannot order the wreaths yet - Hicks doesn't have the pricing set
 - Presale is important.
- Cannot order the wreaths yet
- Minimums: Each scout sells 18, siblings sell 12 (total around 850 wreaths)
 - Will order extra to sell in front of St. Aiden's (Dec 1st)
- Need to order the bows & accessories.

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Sept Trip: Ziplining (payment due on meeting sept 9, confirm by the 14th.)
- Northern Tier:
 - Next payment needs to be collected from participants this month
 - Airline flights, transportation from airport to hotel and to base camp, and hotel for first night have all been booked
- Sea Base: Crew of 8 – 6 kids, 2 adults
 - Need parent coordinator: to plan flights, and book car rental.
 - Wilderness, first aid, CPR required
 - Next training through council is in march.
- Rachel Lefkof volunteered to help with Outdoor Activity Coordination.
 - Holiday party.
 - Ideas: Bowling, Ice Skating, Roller Skating, Urban Air, Island Rock
- Oct Trip: Alpine (TBD: Oct 11-13 OR Oct 25-27) – Rock Scramble
- Legion Awards: Oct 7

- Nov Trip: Harriman (Nov 9-10)

H. Training Coordinator:

- Adult based training dates through council will be shared soon.
 - IOLS training for adults – for going out in the field (tent trip) with the scouts.
 - YPT Training.
- Rocketry through the museum for the scouts.

I. Advancement Coordinator:

- Summer camp merit badges need to be entered.
- Lots of scouts on the edge of moving up rank.

J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:

- No update.

K. Equipment Coordinator:

- With 5 patrols, might need another box.
- Troop Quartermaster: Alex Guiliano

L. Website Coordinator:

- No updates

M. New Business:

- Registration
 - All scouts will be getting emails to renew their registration online. Troop needs to set a deadline – after which scouts cannot participate without paying their dues to national and council online.
 - Sept-June schedule in the past. National: Jan-Dec. So new scouts registering in Sept, fee gets pro-rated.
 - Now, the online system bills for council and national dues, but not troop dues.
 - Troop Dues: \$65 per scout for expenses like badges, etc. (approved by committee).
 - Newer scouts are getting emails to renew their registration. Troop needs to set a deadline – after which scouts cannot participate without paying their dues.
 - In the past: Registered adults are covered by the troop – so were reimbursed. (\$65)
 - Should that continue? **(TBD next meeting)**
 - Other option: Meet minimum requirements, get reimbursed.
 - Min requirement possibilities: Do the training, have the uniform, attend committee meetings, go on multiple trips, have a committee position.
 - Need a membership coordinator for adults.

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.