

# *Boy Scout Troop 201*

## *Minutes of Committee Meeting 10/1/2024*

*Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom*

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

#### In attendance:

**Jeff Helgeson, Jet Chen, Tripti Joy, Beatriz Rapa, David Martin, Stephanie Keating, Stephanie Helgeson, Michael Lee, May Lam, Chris Joneleit, Tim Rolston, Rachel Lefkof, Rich Martin**

### **II. Reading of Reports:**

#### **A. Head of Charter Organization:**

- No updates.

#### **B. Troop Committee Chair:**

- No updates

#### **C. Troop Secretary:**

- 52 scouts. (10 sets of siblings)
  - o Another scout coming back. +1
- Still waiting to collect dues from 9 scouts
- 5 patrols were created, some over 10 now. Don't have enough patrol leaders or equipment.
  - o Should we stop accepting scouts?
    - Let's monitor
  - o Troop is skewed very young, so leadership is sparse.

#### **D. Scoutmaster:**

- Ziplining trip in Catamount
  - o New campsite – about 45 min away from catamount, about the same distance as the previously used site. Beautiful, 3 sites at the back – had running water, electricity and bathrooms. Use this campsite when going back to catamount.
  - o Ziplining was a hit.
  - o 12 drivers on Friday night, didn't have 12 leaving, so had to squeeze people and gear in.
  - o Cars were at the site, so scouts were prone to making piles and shoving stuff into cars. Need to build better habits around packing.
  - o Need to revisit menu planning.
- Jeffrey Polanski – Eagle Project
  - o Built mini library at home, then installed at park.
  - o Fundraising occurred this past weekend. Still looking for donations – collecting electronics.
- Matt Rapa - Spin Cycle Fundraiser for Eagle Project
  - o Fundraiser was successful,
  - o He is completing final required badges and will submit final binder to council before end of October.
- 9/11 Ceremony
  - o Well attended: 30 scouts (biggest group at the event)

#### **E. Troop Treasurer:**

- Ending balance: \$3923

- Collected for catamount
  - Pd drivers, pd catamount
  - Need to pay for food and other expenses.
- Expense:
  - Wreaths – 50% deposit to Hicks
  - Reconciled high adventure (from pancake breakfast money)
    - 17 total scouts for both high adventures
    - Summit 2024 was over collected – so refunded
- Deposits pending:
  - Northern Tier
  - Sea base

**F. Fundraiser Coordinator:**

- Wreaths
  - Ordered 852 wreaths – will increase to 948 wreaths due to extra 5 scouts (additional 72 wreaths).
  - Pinecones – some were in bad shape, so need to ask for replacement
    - Choosing “business” delivery saved \$100.
  - Hicks was pd 50% deposit.
    - \$11.25 per wreath this year, ~15% more than last year.
    - Selling for \$20 each
  - American Legion approved pickup location
  - St. Aiden’s approved Dec 1 sale of wreaths
  - Flyers were distributed at last meeting.
  - Total expenditure: \$19000
  - Expected profit: \$5800

**G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

- Sept: Catamount
  - 34 boys, 11 drivers
- Alpine
  - 29 boys, 8 drivers
- Nov Trip: Harriman (Nov 9-10)
  - Backpacking
- December 13<sup>th</sup> weekend: 2 cabins in Baiting Hollow
- Holiday Party (Tuesday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>) – min 40
  - Island Rock for rock climbing
  - Bowlero: won the vote, 2 hrs of bowling & snacks
  - Gift: inflatable camping pillows, voted and passed by committee.
- Awards Ceremony at Legion
  - Date: Tues, Oct 22
  - Need pictures for awards ceremony
  - Need advancement badges by then.
  - Have summer camp materials, and triple crown materials.
- Philmont opened today – have until the 16<sup>th</sup> to request dates for a trek for 2026.

**H. Training Coordinator:**

- IOLS Training email sent out
  - Will repeat in spring – encourage new parents to attend.
- Need wilderness and first aid for high adventure trips (probably in March)
- All adults need YPT training.

## **I. Advancement Coordinator:**

- Advancements from summer camp.
  - \$578 for badges and ranks.
- Patches for adult leaders and SPL/ASPL/etc.
- Parent pins – service stars (1 year)
- Scouts need to follow up to advance to next rank.

## **J. Religious Emblem Coordinator:**

- No update.

## **K. Equipment Coordinator:**

- Reduce patrol boxes by sharing.
- Rent trailer/truck for trips that are close?
  - \$75 for trailer. (for Alpine trip)
  - \$150 for weekend for van. (for Alpine trip)

## **L. Website Coordinator:**

- No updates

## **M. New Business:**

- Service Stars
  - To recognize adult leaders that meet specific requirements
  - Along with possible reimbursement of dues/shirt/etc.
  - Tabled till Nov.
- Amazon account for troop approved, so can order items tax free
- Fitting in scouts and gear in limited car space is challenging.
  - Options:
    - Troop trailer
      - Storage is a problem
    - Hitch attachment
- Monthly reports of registration expiration are being received. Emails are being sent out by national to scouts to renew scout membership.
  - Registration vs dues vs trip money needs to be explained.
- Oct 9 Council meeting: Registration process

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