

# ***Boy Scout Troop 201***

## ***Minutes of Committee Meeting 1/6/2025***

***Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom***

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

#### In attendance:

Jeff Helgeson, Andrew Maiman, David Martin, Richard Martin, Danny Chen, Mike Lee, Jet Chen, May Guo, Tim Rolston, Stephanie Keating, Beatriz Rapa

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

**A. Head of Charter Organization:** Re-chartering will start. Adults who are not going on trips (Rapa, Keating) do not need to reregister. Some members have been dropped from the charter, David Martin will investigate why this is happening. All adult leaders, going on trips, need to be registered with YPT up-to-date. Many boys expiring on 1/31/2025 so make sure parents reregister.

**B. Troop Committee Chair:** No update.

**C. Troop Secretary:** 51 boys registered.

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

- Online registration system: Teddy Tong has volunteered as registration chairperson. He will be sending reminders to boys/parents regarding their registration as it is set to expire.
- Eagle Board of Reviews for Matt Rapa and Jeff Polanski scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. ECOH will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at Archangel Michael Church.
- Our advancement trip to Baiting Hollow was well attended. We needed to turn some parents away for the weekend since the cabins were at capacity – some adults/boys volunteered to sleep outside so there was room indoors. Not many requirements were signed off on – it took a long time (3-4 hours) for lunch and then dinner. Suggestions have been made on being more efficient, better meal planning etc. There is an age gap and our younger scouts will eventually learn how to be better camping chefs.
- Holiday party at Bowlero was fun. We had a nice section to ourselves, food was good, they gave the boys video cards and we gave out the holiday gift (inflatable pillow).
- First time we had Winter Camp at Alpine. Mr. Maiman & Mr. Lee took the lead. 13 boys attended each earning 3 merit badges (some which are Eagle required). It was a great experience but of course we still had phone issues at winter camp.
- Klondike Derby – will push for interest at the next few meetings, but not many boys are interested. Taking place on 1/25 at Schiff.
- Pinewood Derby has been postponed. TBD
- High Adventure Trip – Northern Tier
  - Wilderness first aid for leaders going to Northern Tier and other leaders who are interested in the training will be 6pm January 14<sup>th</sup> at the East Williston Town Hall.
  - High adventure shirts for Northern Tier were distributed, the roster to Northern Tier uploaded and medicals and waivers can be completed. Will have a meeting for parents/scouts if needed
  - Rachel Lefkoff will take leave on organizing Sea Base trip (book airfare, car, shirts etc.).

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

- Balance of \$20,540.02. Wreath money mostly collected (waiting for 2 more scouts) and all expenses have been paid. Harriman showing an income because freeze dried meals were posted against troop supplies since shelf life is long and will be used on future trips.

#### **F. Fundraiser Coordinator:**

- Pancake breakfast: Albertson firehouse confirmed for March 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussed ticket prices: keep them at \$5.00/\$7.00 at the door. Scouts need to sell 5 tickets and those going on high adventure trips need to sell 10 tickets. No bake sale this year. Set up SignUp Genius for donation of all supplies. Sell ticks at St. Aidan's the week before and at parent/teacher conference night. Will start soliciting for raffle donations. Decided to keep the 50/50 raffle at \$5.00 a ticket.

#### **G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:**

- January we were not able to get Acahela for a ski weekend so we will turn this into a day trip to Mountain Creek. Have 20 boys, 2 siblings and 4 dads skiing so far. 3 other parents offered to drive. Will confirm car pool at next meeting.
- February we are looking for ice fishing/snow shoeing at Minsi, reserved 5 tabins each holding 8 people so we'll limit participation on this trip. We do lose 5 of the older boys who will be at Northern Tier that weekend. Nico & Ian are the older boys available to oversee that weekend and teach the younger ones to keep the stove going for heat.
- March a trip to Durland – large cabin has been reserved. More to follow
- April – back to Harriman as usual. Any other suggestions? Would be nice to find a day long merit badge activity.
- Shot gun trip – possible for later on. Will reach out to Mr. Russo.
- Deposit for Philmont Summer 2026 was made. Now we need a crew to go. Must be 14 years old and mentally and physically prepared. Not an easy trip.

**H. Training Coordinator:** No update.

**I. Registration Coordinator:** January renewals are starting. Will have more information at next meeting.

**J. Advancement Coordinator:** Nothing too productive to report on advancement of scout ranks.

**K. Religious Emblem Coordinator:** No update

**L. Equipment Coordinator:** Patrol boxes are about \$100 and we need one more. New quartermaster will be Zyad.

**M. Website Coordinator:** No update

#### **N. New Business:**

- Summer camp – looking at other ideas if not at No-Be-Bosco. There is a limited selection of merit badges, counselors are young, but the food is good, there is the Mile Swim option and Lifeguard BSA badge. Older scouts can make it work. There is a camp in PA that is cheaper and may offer more merit badges. The week will need to be the same since school doesn't end until June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Christine Liu reached out to see if scouts would be interested in shoveling snow to elderly in her district. A scout would be assigned a specific person within walking distance of the scout's home. Will need specifics on timing and area to dig out. If this project doesn't happen in Christine's district, maybe in our district this can be someone's Eagle project to organize.

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