

Boy Scout Troop 201

Minutes of Committee Meeting 09/02/2025

Meeting Held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Opening of Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Stephanie Helgeson, Jeff Helgeson, Jet Chen, Richard Martin, Kristen Nolan, Julie Martin, Andrew Maiman, Raymond Lie, David Martin, Tim Rolston, Rachel Lefkof, Teddy Tong, Tripti Joy, Michael Lee, Danny Chen, May Guo, Arvind Makhijani

II. Reading of Reports:

A. Head of Charter Organization: No update

B. Troop Committee Chair: No updates.

C. Troop Secretary:

- 53 boys currently on list
- 4-5 might not return
- 1 new boy, may be some other new scouts

D. Scoutmaster:

- Cub Scout Moving up ceremony
 - At Christopher Morley park
 - 2 boys walked, 1 was absent – so potentially 3 scouts moving up
- Summer Camp @ Ockanickon
 - Campsite with lean-tos
 - Staff, pool, activities and mess hall were good
 - Scouts with food restrictions were accommodated
 - Bathrooms were clean, but smelled really bad
 - Behavior issues were addressed immediately – bullying needs to be addressed.
- Sept 23 – Advancement Ceremony
 - Mile Swim – 2 boys
 - Paddleboarding – 1 boy
 - Adult Merit badges
 - Some boys worked on merit badges independently over the summer
 - Slideshow with pics
- Eagle Projects
 - Niko – got sign off over the summer, waiting on council to process
 - Arther Chen finished his project, needs to finish some merit badges and get book signed off. Will age out in March.
 - Ian Shaw – worked on write up over the summer. Try to get it to council for the October meeting.
- Williston Times (online only)
 - Any interest in purchasing advertising for the street fair booth?
 - Not interested in booth/advertising for Sept
 - Ad for pre-sales for wreaths in October.
- Philmont 2026
 - 8-12 scouts & adults in 1 crew
 - First payment due in Oct

- Cost: \$2800-3000 per scout + cost for personal equipment
 - Crew can do additional fundraising if they want
- Need to select trek when it opens after payment
- Troop 200 has not had a meeting yet – waiting to see how many scouts are interested.
- 9/11 Ceremony @ Kelleher Field
 - Starts at 7:30, should last about an hour
 - Scouts should be there at 7:00

E. Troop Treasurer:

- Raymond Lee needs to be added as a signatory at the bank.
- Zelle setup – if the funds can go directly to the troop account, without going through a personal account.

F. Fundraiser Coordinator:

- Cost for troop per wreath increases by about \$1
 - Wreaths will cost \$12
 - Poinsettia 50 pack increased by \$7
 - Pinecone and bow prices are the same
- Sell price for wreath to cover increase in cost, and increase profit margin.
 - Last year \$20
 - This year \$25
 - 1 for \$25 or 2 for \$45?

G. Outdoor Activities Coordinator:

- Shotgun Trip w/ Camping @ Schiff/Baiting Hollow
 - Will not be a day trip
 - Adding tent camping for the weekend
 - Plan B is kayaking
- Alpine (Oct)
 - Some scouts will be taking the PSAT that weekend.
- Harriman (Nov)
 - Will not cancel to prep for Philmont
- Wreath pickup (11/22)
- Baiting Hollow – Cabin Trip (Dec)
- Some events are TBD on the calendar
- Summer Camp 2026
 - Narrow down options and have green bar decide where to go within the next few months.
 - Ask for 2026 summer costs

H. Training Coordinator:

- Need to check YPT for adult leaders
 - Oct 11-12 next training for IOLS
 - Wood badge: September, might be too late to register
- Wilderness, First Aid for Philmont needs to be completed.
- Committee Members cannot go camping
- Adults who go camping should be listed as “Reserve Scouter” or “Assistant Scoutmasters”

I. Registration Coordinator:

- Auto-renewal only applies on the day membership expires.

J. Advancement Coordinator:

- Boards of review during summer camp
- Lots of merit badges were earned during summer camp

K. Religious Emblem Coordinator: No update.

L. Equipment Coordinator:

- Clean and reorganize container in Sept. Set date on Monday.
- Solar panel on container needs to be replaced.
- Philmont
 - Need to put together gear and ship it out in June.
- First Aid Kits
 - Sea Base kit needs to be reviewed, cleaned out and organized. Dry bag has a hole.

M. Website Coordinator: No updates

N. New Business:

- New Leadership
 - SPL: Richard M.
 - Assistant SPL: Arthur, Ian, Aiden, Niko, Jack
 - Patrol Leaders: Ryan K, Tedrick T., Alex G., Nathan C., Austin L.
 - Patrol assignments are TBD
 - Junior Assistant Scoutmaster: Alex H.
- Flickr Access, need to upload:
 - Summer camp pictures
 - Sea Base pictures

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.