

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
February 5, 2016

Attendance: Mark Belli, Steve Crowe, Don Durbin, Ken Feng, Joe Flaig, Freeman Jones, Alice Nelson, Hal Noer, Jerry Sagers, Brian Suddeth and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:36 PM

The January 5, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted as distributed.

The chairman introduced Ken Feng the new Powhattan District shooting sports committee representative.

Joe Flaig is working with the Fairfax Rod and Gun Club to schedule a pistol shooting event as part of the Venturing Shooting Sports and Ranger Award Program for the March/April 2016. We would need to provide a First Steps Pistol course as part of this activity. Fairfax liaison noted that he may need additional trained instructors for the range portion of this activity.

The committee began firearm and archery maintenance of councils shooting equipment in October at Goshen. As of October 30th three modern inline black powder guns were added to the Goshen inventory. Thanks to Robert Brandel for locating three additional Hawken Black Powder Rifles for the Lenhoc'sin program at Goshen. We have procured these rifles and they will be delivered to Goshen next summer during staff week. We still need to procure an additional nine shotguns for Goshen before the 2106 summer camp program.

Additional maintenance activities are need for the Archery equipment (Genesis bow strings on order). and small bore rifles (front sight globes on order) at Goshen. The continuing saga of archery repair at Snyder continues. We have refletched 350 arrows for the camps (still have 700 to go). The shooting sports committee members participating in this activity agreed that we should schedule an equipment maintenance day quarterly during the calendar year. We are in the process of going over the BB guns and bows at Snyder (will need BB gun servicing and Genesis bow restringing.) The repair party at Snyder during the 2015 holiday break worked out with good results. We delivered 350 arrows to Goshen for their summer camp program. In addition we are kitting 4 new sets of rental arrows for use in the Snyder equipment rental program. (our goal is to separate the rental equipment from the summer camp program equipment, in the same way that Day Camp program \equipment is separated.)

A new set of shooting sports SOPs have been completed and are in review by Camp Professional stall and relevant safety committees in the council.

The special use permit (SUP) update to include shotgun and small bore ranges for Snyder has been presented to the council Camping Committee. Meeting was help with Pennoni Engineering to provide engineering and surveying support for SUP submittal. Pennoni will provide bid within two weeks. We are scheduling a meeting with the camp Snyder neighbors to show them our future shooting sports plans in January or February 2016. We still need to present SUP modification request to the Council Board of Directors for approval.

John Wolfgang reported that he is soliciting the district chairmen to recruit district representatives to the shooting sports committee. The requirement for a district representative that they hold at least one shooting sport instructors certificate or Range Safety Officer certificate, that they attend committee

meetings and participate in council shooting activities. We have identified three additional district representative, but, his activity is still in progress.

Mark Belli reported that the NCS Shooting Sports Directors course will be handled differently In 2016. In the future the course will not include rifle and shotgun instructors certification. These two certifications will have to be completed prior to the NCS session. Full information for this training is available on the national BSA website at <https://www.ncsbsa.org/resources/ncs/>. Future NCS Shooting Sports Directors will have to complete NRA Rifle and NRA Pistol certification before attending National Camping School. Special BSA weekend courses are being offered at reduced cost for completion of the NRA course requirements have been scheduled. Further information and schedule is available at <https://www.ncsbsa.org/calendar/?showsection=42>. This change permits additional "best Proactices" information to be presented at the NCS Shooting Sports Director sessions. In addition yhr NRA is in the process of developing new Blended Pistol training. This change and concerns of the National BSA office about the results of the Boy Scout Pistol pilot program may result in additional training being required and further restrictions on Venturing pistol shooting.

Mark also requested that we have all of our BSA related NRA instructors indicate on their instructors profile that they are BSA related. This will permit handling certification for BSA associated activities more effectively. This includes correct qualification for muzzle loading rifles, when used in the BSA program.

Nationally BSA has been piloting new shooting sports programs. These include

- Sporting Arrows
 - Program is currently available
 - Requires application to National to provide program
 - Requires special Laporte thrower and targets
 - Requires USA Archery Level 2 instructors
 - Program documents are available
- Chalk Ball
 - Chalk ball manual under review. Program expected to be released or council use first quarter of 2016.
- 3 Gun Air Soft
 - Manual has been completed and is available.
 - Council need to apply for permission to use program
 - Restricted set of air soft equipment allowed
- Cowboy Action Shooting
 - Program test completed and documentation being developed. Not yet available for council use.
- Pistols in Boy Scouting
 - Preliminary trials completed. These trials indicated that the council instructors were unsafely running the event. Additional training above NRA Pistol will needed to run pistol shooting for both Boy Scouts and Venturers in the local council.
- Crossbow
 - Test underway, not available to councils yet.
- Scholastic Pistol
 - NRA/SSP program is available for council use with Venturers.

Program materials for these new programs should be released by this spring. Sporting Arrows and airsoft three gun program materials are now available.

The committee discussed our presence on the council website. We will not be able to change website until new council website is brought online in January 2016. Brian Suddeth will look into the new website and report. The following items were discussed as part of the website and district roundtable presence:

- NCAC "How to" Shooting Sports manual
- NCAC Standard Operating Procedures
- Event help request form for shooting sports
- Firearm and Archery Instructors List
- NCAC Shooting Sports Merit badge Counselor List
- University of Scouting Shooting Sports Presentations
- Roundtable Presentation
- Where to Shoot information for council troops, teams and crews
- Scouter Digest Shooting Sports Articles
- Shooting Sports Committee Minutes

Our 2016 Shooting Sports Calendar has been released and will be updated monthly and placed on the council shooting sports website page.

Next Shooting Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2016 via telecom from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wolfgang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Wolfgang".

John Wolfgang

NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman