

Minutes  
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee  
February 7, 2017

Attendance: Mark Belli, Steve Crowe, Ken Feng, Joe Flaig, Cole Howell, Kurt Johnson, Freeman Jones, Alice Nelson, Andrew Petty, Demi Pullas, and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:30 PM

The January 3, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted with the correction of the spelling for Camp Olmsted.

Training courses (within 100 miles from the council) for the next two months are included in our Shooting Sports Committee Calendar located on the NCAC website. This list will be updated and included in each months Shooting Sports Calendar.

We are setting up two course dates (one in the spring and the other in the fall) for 2017. Both these sessions will be a joint USA Archery Level 1 and Level 2 course. The minimum course for camp staff and merit badge counselors is USA Archery Level 1. These courses will probably not be held on NCAC property as the Camp Snyder schedule is full.

Two RSO courses are scheduled at the Berwyn Rod and Gun Club. The scheduled dates are March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each course will be \$25 per participant.

BSA National camping school for Shooting Sports Directors will again in 2017 require that all NRA certifications (except for RSO and Muzzle loading) be completed before attending NCS session. This year we will not be able to do any, last minute, training sessions for one or two people, due to NRA restrictions. The council must recruit new NCS Shooting Sports Directors several months prior to start of 2017 camping season (i.e. by mid-April).

The Area VOA moved the Area 6 Venturing Conference to Baltimore Council. We are no longer required to support this activity. We have also been asked to support the OA Fall Fellowship on March 25<sup>th</sup> with Archery instructors.

It was suggested that our next Venturing shooting sports activity be a shotgun shoot – possible at Prince Georges Skeet and Trap. John Wolfgang has request help from the Berwyn Road and Gun Club shotgun chairman in arranging this activity at PG Trap and Skeet.

John Wolfgang reported that all shooting sports events at the Goshen 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary camporee will be managed by the council shooting sports committee. We expect to have archery, shotgun small bore rifle, small bore pistol and Cub Scout BB and archery ranges. WE will not have high power shooting at the Goshen 50<sup>th</sup>. Ranges at Marriott, Olmstead and Bowman will be used. We will provide pistol shooting for Venturers and Explorers only. Cub Scout family camp BB and archery shooting activities will be held in their camping area. Webelos shooting sports activities will be held at Camp Ross and will include BB gun and archery. Recruiting of shooting sports staff is underway. We are in the process of contacting current certified NRA instructors from Camp Stall, Merit Badge Counsels, Range Masters and NRA identified BSA associated NRA instructors. All shooting sports logistics will be performed by members of the shooting sports committee. Several committee members suggested that we look for a shotgun rabbit thrower for use during the camporee. A topic of discussion for our February committee meeting will be the Shooting Sports operation plan for the Goshen 50<sup>th</sup> camporee.

A Discussion was held on obtaining ammunition for event as part of Goshen summer camp buy. This would include shotgun clays, and shotgun and small bore ammunition. It was also recommended that Camp Airy ammunition purchases be added to this buy. Phil Barbash the Goshen Reservation has been contacted. He ordered ammunition as part of the national BSA bulk order.

We have now started the annual equipment maintenance cycle at Goshen and Snyder. We have everything cleaned and winterized at Goshen at end of January. During the holidays in December we held an archery repair sessions at Camp Snyder. Over 400 arrows were re-fletched and points and nocks replaced as necessary. We still have another 400 to repair for Goshen. These are scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2017. During 2017 all Genesis compound bow have been re-cabled and re-strung at both Snyder and Goshen.

John Wolfgang reported on the three break-ins at Snyder during 2016. The last one in December 2016 resulted in 6 Daisy BB guns be taken by a troop from the NCAC. We are working with the troop to recover these guns. We have searched he camp twice (once with metal detectors) and have not located the rifles. Apparently, the troop removed the rifles from BSA property. It is also obvious that the root cause of this incident is inadequate supervision of the scouts by troop adult leaders. This led to much discussion by the shooting sports committee member. Final decision on this topic is on hold until the investigation of the incident has been completed. The camping committee will issue a memo to all unit leaders in the council reminding them of their obligation to maintain adequate supervision of their unit members.

Work on the Special Use Permit update for the rifle and shotgun ranges at Snyder is still suspended pending approval of the NCAC Board of Directors and cognizant council committees. Risk management analysis for the new ranges and presentation materials for the proposed ranges has been developed. The risk management analysis is currently under review. Copies of the risk analysis will be sent to shooting sports committee members for comments.

We cannot proceed with the Special Use Permit modification submission until we have developed a Plat drawing for the new range locations. This requires a land survey. The approval to proceed with the engineering contract for range surveying, from the Chairman of the Camping Committee has been received. We are now waiting for a response to our updated Statement of Work from the engineering firm before having the professional staff sign the contract. The shooting sports committee team working on this activity is reviewing the final package for submission

John Wolfgang reported that only 4 out of 48 Archery Merit Badge Counselors (8.3 %) are qualified (to BSA standards) for range operations. Similarly, 9 out of 58 Rifle Merit Badge Counselors (15.5%) are qualified and 3 out of 32 Shotgun Merit Badge Counselors (9.3%) are qualified. The National Advancement Committee set standards for merit badge counselors. However; the shooting sports range operating standards as specified in the **Guide to Safe Scouting**, and **BSA Shooting Sports Manual** still must be met for all range instruction activities. In addition, we having trouble identifying all shooting sports related counsels in the council. John Wolfgang is to discuss these concerns with the council Advancement Chairman and Merit Badge Coordinator.

The 2017 University of Scouting will include three shooting sports sessions (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing). Steve Crowe has asked to have all three session be two hours in duration to permit presentations on the various changes in shooting sports released during 2016. Currently the Cub Scout and Boy Scout sessions are only scheduled for one hour each.

Brian Suddeth and John Wolfgang are to review the materials for inclusion in the council website. Items we are considering for inclusion as part of the website and district roundtable presence are:

- NCAC "How to" Shooting Sports manual (Approved by committee)
- Event help request form for shooting sports (developed)
- Firearm and Archery Instructors List (being developed. Have received NRA/BSA list and USA Archery list – Not To Be Posted on Website)
- NCAC Shooting Sports Merit Badge Counselor List (updated every month) Must be password protected (under development)
- University of Scouting Shooting Sports Presentations (developed)
- Where to Shoot information for council troops, teams and crews (BSA council camps have been added. Version 1 ready for posting on website))
- Shooting Sports Committee Minutes (developed provided each month)
- Pointers to various national BSA Shooting Sports Manuals (developed provided each month)
- NCAC Shooting Sports Standard Operating Procedures (under final review)
- NCAC shooting Sports Pistol Permission Slip (developed, under review)

Brian Suddeth is to investigate how to provide a committee membership contact list on the Shooting Sports section of the NCAC website.

Kurt Johnson agreed to update shooting sports display for use at district roundtables.

FYI the Walkersville property now has permanent archery and BB ranges managed by the city of Walkersville, MD.

Action item list was reviewed and updated.

Next Shooting Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2017, Marriott Scout Service Center from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM.

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

John Wolfgang  
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman