

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
March 7, 2017

Attendance: Ken Feng, Cole Howell, Kurt Johnson, Alice Nelson, Andrew Petty, Ian Plete, Brian Suddeth, Bill Swarm and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:32 PM

The February 7, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted with the correction of adding Brian Suddeth to attendance list.

The 2017 Shooting Sports calendar is ready and will be distributed as soon as training dates are verified. Each printing will include NRA and USA archery courses within 100 miles of the council.

We are setting up USA Archery course dates for August or September. This session will be a joint Level 1 and Level 2 course. The minimum course for camp staff and merit badge counselors is Level 1.

Two RSO courses are scheduled at the Berwyn Rod and Gun Club. The scheduled dates are March 19th and April 23rd. Each course will be \$25 per participant. Hal Noer is holding a CRSO course on March 26th, and RSO courses on March 11, 16 and 23rd.

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). John Wolfgang has notified Phil Barbash of this issue.

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 50th 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 50th. 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 April committee meeting will be the Shooting Sports operation plan for the Goshen 50th 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 are continuing the annual equipment maintenance cycle at Goshen and Snyder. We had 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, and arrow rests replaced at both Snyder and Goshen.

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. The engineering firm (Pinnoni) is currently developing survey land plat for the new ranges. Completion for this item is end of March 2017.

After discussion with the council merit badge dean, the issue with contact information on merit badge counselors was identified. Apparently for those counselors prior to 2015 information was not entered in the council data base as to which badges they were counselors for. This information only resides with each district's merit badge deans. The council Merit Badge Dean has requested the district deans provide to the shooting sports committee a list of their districts shooting sports related merit badge counselors along with contact information

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 proved 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 and develop a handout for use at district roundtables.

Action item list was reviewed and updated. This list is now distributed with each months meeting agenda

Next Shooting Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2017, Marriott Scout Service Center from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Telecon adjourned 8:57 PM.

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

John Wolfgang
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman