

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
April 5, 2016

Attendance: Mark Belli, Steve Crowe, Ken Feng, Kurt Johnson, Freeman Jones, Alice Nelson, Hal Noir, Andrew Petty, Ian Plete, Demi Pulas, Brian Suddeth and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:35 PM

The March 1, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted as distributed.

The chairman introduced Andrew (Drew) Petty the new shooting sports committee staff adviser.

Staffing of the upcoming Range Master training sessions and the OA Conclave was discussed. The April 16th Range Master training will be supported by Alice Nelson, Demi Pulas and John Wolfgang. The May 21st Range Master training staff will include Alice Nelson, Brain Suddeth and John Wolfgang. Demi Pulas will head the OA Conclave shooting sports activities for our committee. The conclave needs Shotgun Instructors (and probably shotguns).

The scheduling a pistol shooting event as part of the Venturing Shooting Sports and Ranger Award Program for the March/April 2016 has been delayed until NRA pistol course is settled down and we have training materials.. We would need to provide a First Steps Pistol course as part of this activity. Fairfax liaison noted his club is running the new training as soon as possible. He also indicated that his club may need additional trained instructors for the range portion of the Venturing activity.

Extensive discussion occurred about the new shooting sports initiatives in the BSA. These activities are

1. Sporting Arrows
2. Chalk Ball
3. Cowboy Action Shooting
4. Mulltigon Airsoft
5. Boy Scout Pistol and Scholastic Pistol
6. New Cub Scout Shooting Sports Awards

The manuals for these activities may be downloaded from

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/ShootingSports.aspx>

The key item of discussion centered on additional certifications required (above those currently needed) and how they would be obtained. Items 1 thru 5 above involve special approval from the National BSA Office for a council to provide the activity. There are several supply and equipment issues associated with these activities. These are:

1. Sporting arrows requires an expensive thrower and targets
2. Chalk Ball – The only supply for chalk balls is through a Laporte Archery Dealer. Also since supplies are very limited the chalkballs are much more expensive than normal paint balls.
3. Cowboy Action Shooting requires a new range façade and two to four instructors/safety officers to manage the activity (i.e. both staff and cost intensive)
4. Multigon Airsoft equipment is not designed to take the punishment that will be given in a Boy Scout Camp environment. Particularly the gun filling equipment is very fragile.
5. Boy Scout Pistol instructors will require addition staff certification by the National Office before approval for the local council to run the activity.
6. There are new shooting sports awards for each rank in cub scouting. Each rank has a shooting

sports award patch fro level 1 followed by pins for the three Cub Scout approved disciplines (Sling Shot, Archery and BB gun). This is the only approved activity for cubs.

A new Cub Scout Shooting Sports manual is under development and scheduled to be released by this summer.

The current version of the National BSA Shooting Sports Manual is the 2015 printing with the 2016 update. Both items may be downloaded from <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/ShootingSports.aspx>.

The archery equipment for both Goshen and Snyder is 95% completed. We have reworked arrows for both camps and the Day camp programs. In total we have repaired 40 dozen arrows. Additional maintenance activities are need for the Archery equipment include Genesis bow restringing at both camps and acquisition of bow strings.. A new way of handling arrows and bows in the rental program has been developed. We now have 6 rental sets of arrows and 3 sets of bows available for rent (independent of the equipment needed to run the Snyder camp program). We still need to procure an additional nine shotguns for Goshen before the 2106 summer camp program.

A new set of shooting sports SOPs have been completed and are in the approval signature process by Camp Professional stall and relevant committees in the council. The new draft Emergency Action Plan for Camp Snyder is also in the approval process. Our goal is to have both these documents signed off and ready for summer camp opening at both Goshen Scout reservation and Camp William B Snyder.

The special use permit (SUP) update to include shotgun and small bore ranges for Snyder has been presented to the council Camping Committee. Last month we discovered that the NCAC Board of Directors has never approved either the development of new ranges at Snyder or approved any funding to do so. Therefore 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.

John Wolfgang reported that he is continuing the soliciting of 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 representatives, but, his activity is still in progress.

Mark Belli reported that NRA is in the process of developing new Blended Pistol training. This change will also apply to BSA courses. This change takes effect on May 15th and includes an internet training portion and an instructor led portion. In addition the NRA is introducing a new Muzzle loading Instructors certification which will include all muzzle loading venues. BSA personnel who hold the NRA Muzzle Loading Rifle instructors certificate will be certified as a BSA Muzzle Loading Rifle instructor if their NRA profile indicates they are associated with the BSA.

Mark again 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.

Brian Suddeth reported that he now has access to the NCAC website and has begun to populate our page on the website. 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

Several of these items still need to be finalized in form compatible with the website,

Next Shooting Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2016 via teleconference from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 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