

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
July 11, 2017

Attendance: Steve Crowe, Ken Feng, Joe Flaig, Kurt Johnson, Alice Nelson, Andrew Petty, Demi Pulas. Brian Suddeth, William Swarm, and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:29 PM. The June 8, 2017 meeting minutes were accepted as submitted.

BSA National camping school for Shooting Sports Directors again requires that all NRA certifications (except for RSO and Muzzle loading) be completed before attending NCS session. This means that the basic NCS Shooting Sports Director training is no longer sufficient to perform basic camp operations in the shooting sports. Again, this year both camps failed to recruit enough senior positions in a timely manner. This has required waivers to use staff personnel who are not yet 21 to fill key positions. In addition, Goshen sent staff personnel without the required prerequisite NRA certifications to National Camping School (NCS) for certification as Shooting Sports Directors. The National BSA office refused to permit these individuals to attend NCS. We will provide NRA Shotgun Instructor and NRA Rifle Instructor courses for four Goshen Staff members. Goshen during the 2017 camping season is operating under 5 waivers for senior positions due to age of staff or lack of full certification (3 of these positions were for NCS Shooting Sports Directors). Snyder is operating under 1 waiver (program director). This situation gets worse each year.

The BSA will no longer include Pistol Instructor as part of the NCS Shooting Sports Director Program. The NRA previously last year combined all Muzzle Loading Instructors courses into a single Muzzle loading instructors course. BSA associated instructors who were previously certified as Muzzle Loading Rifle instructors will now be certified as Cooperative Muzzle Loading Rifle Instructors.

Steve Crowe has located a USA archery Level 3 instructor that we can contact to setup USA Archery Level 1 and Level 2 courses for NCAC scouts.

We are continuing the annual equipment maintenance cycle at Goshen and Snyder. We still have another 400 to repair for the camps, and need to schedule additional maintenance sessions. Our big maintenance thrust will be in late September when Goshen has closed activities for the year.

Two issues exist at Snyder. First there is a lack of security for over 50% of the time due to the decision of the council management not to hire a fulltime ranger for Snyder. This leaves the camp wide open after normal work hours. The second issue is increase break-ins and vandalism on BB range. This finally led to the theft of 5 BB guns by scouts from our council. Camp Snyder is increasingly being subject to units using the camp where their adult leader failed to provide adequate supervision of the scouts.

In addition, Snyder needs written proves on how to mothball the facilities during the winter months.

Steve Crowe reported the need for additional Archery instructor support August 10-14, 2017

Work on the Special Use Permit update for the rifle and shotgun ranges at Snyder is still pending approval of the NCAC Board of Directors and cognizant council committees. Board approve presentation materials are under development following approval by the Chairs of Camping and Outdoor Adventuring committees for our committee to present to the Board at the September 2017 Board meeting.

The majority of this month's committee meeting involved a review of the conditions and operations at

Goshen Scout reservation. Note the Goshen 50th Camporee was the first use of the camp since October 2016. What the camp staff would normally do as part of camp setup was not done prior to the camporee.

Based on our staffing of the Goshen 50th Anniversary camporee the following observations were made by the Shooting Sports committee members

- All shooting sports facilities (except new archery pavilion at Ross) were over 40 years old and suffering from a general lack of maintenance
 - Fences broken
 - Steps missing or broken
 - Facilities need painting
 - Shooting pavilions raised off the ground and made of wood resulting in the floor needing “tightening up” to prevent shaking scouts, while they are shooting. All the pavilions should have been built on a on grade concrete slab rather than wood and cinderblock piers
- No rifle range in camp meets the BSA standers for Target and Side berm heights
- Target holder need rebuilding
- Roads in general need maintenance (every camp road had mud holes). Beltway needs regrading. Parking lot at new Olmsted dining hall need compacting and lawn regraded
- Some addition equipment maintenance needs to be performed. (archery rounds, bows and stands) We did however find one of the missing rifle bolts at Marriott
- Storage sheds mouse infected and sitting directly ground with no supporting concrete slabs. This has led to building failures in the sheds
- Many archery and shotgun shooting locations were flooded (drainage issues combine with 8” of rain the week prior to the camporee. Since there were no concrete pads the scouts were forced to shoot from mud flats.
- The new archery pavilion was built directly on ground with no concrete pad.
- Camp signage not installed
- Standard equipment missing from range (range flags, first aid kits, etc.)
- Staff camp area had faulty miss-wired and code violation electric system
- Still have problems with centerfire shooting on Marriott range (note this is old problem that still has brass remains on the Marriott range.

Thanks to Hal Noer for his excellent summary report of the Goshen 50th shooting sport findings. The shooting sports committee will issue a report by the end of August on the condition of shooting sports in the NCAC including both Goshen and Snyder issues. The draft of this report will be ready for review at the August 1st shooting sports committee meeting.

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

Our next Shooting Sports Committee meeting is a telecon scheduled for July 11, 2017, from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM.



John Wolfgang
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman