

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
September 6, 2016

Attendance: Steve Crowe, Ken Feng, Joe Flaig, Cole Howell, Kurt Johnson, Freeman Jones, Robert Murphy, Alice Nelson, Andrew Petty, Demi Pulas, Brian Suddeth, Bill Swarm and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:32 PM

The August 5, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted as distributed, after adding Brian Suddeth to attendee list.

Robert Murphy from Potomac district joined the committee. We now have shooting sports committee district representatives from each district except Aquia, Goose Creek, Old Dominion, Piedmont, Seneca, Washington DC, White Oak and Zekiah. John Wolfgang reported that he is continuing the soliciting of the district chairmen to recruit district representatives to the shooting sports committee. Drew Petty is soliciting the District Executives for representatives to the 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.

Training courses for the next two months are also included in our Shooting Sports Calendar.

To date, our attempts to schedule a Level1/Level 2 Archery instructors course has been unsuccessful due to conflicts in instructor's schedule and available dates at Camp Snyder.

Joe Flaig reported on the planned pistol shoot activity for Venturers. The current plan is to hold the event at the Thurmont Conservation Club in Frederick County Maryland on October 8, 2016. Steve Crowe has presented a request to the club's board of directors for approval. We need help from all pistol instructor qualified members of the shooting sports committee

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 possibly high power rifle and muzzle loading. Ranges at Marriott, Olmstead and Bowman will be used. John Wolfgang inspected the old high power range at Goshen and after discussion with Phil Barbash the Goshen Reservation director decided not to have high power shooting as event at the Goshen 50th Anniversary camporee. We will provide pistol shooting for Venturers and Explorers.

The new Cub Scout Shooting Sports manual and requirements are now available. They may be downloaded from <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/ShootingSports.aspx>. Copies were electronically distributed to all shooting sports committee members.

Last minute maintenance activities continue at both Goshen and Snyder during their camp operations to correct any last minute maintenance issues. The Goshen shooting sports staff is ecstatic about having working shotguns this year. We still have 8 small bore rifles down for various repairs awaiting parts. Camp Marriott's Rifle Range Berm has been rebuilt and has passed camp inspection process.

The new Snyder Emergency Action Plan is in use at Snyder.

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. Jerry Sagers, Joe Flaig and Freeman Jones met with the chairmen of the council Program and Camping committees to resolve issues with Board approval.

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 professional staff has refused to sign the contract for this work since the bid for this work was submitted in February 2016. This now requires approval, from the Chairman of the Camping Committee, before the professional staff will sign the contract.

There is some concern at both the national BSA and national NRA levels about instructors not using the NRA First Steps program in the merit badge program (Rifle Shooting and Shotgun). Merit Badge counselors should use the First Steps course and report results to the NRA. In addition, we have received a list of NRA instructors who indicated they are also associated with the BSA. This will permit us to verify the credentials of the council's merit badge counselors.

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
- NCAC Standard Operating Procedures (under final review)
- Event help request form for shooting sports (developed)
- Firearm and Archery Instructors List (in progress)
- NCAC Shooting Sports Merit Badge Counselor List (updated every month) Must be password protected
- University of Scouting Shooting Sports Presentations (developed)
- Where to Shoot information for council troops, teams and crews (under development)
- Shooting Sports Committee Minutes (developed)
- Pointers to various national BSA Shooting Sports Manuals
- NCAC Shooting Sports Standard Operating Procedures

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

Action item list was reviewed and updated.

Next Shooting Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2016 at the Marriott Scout Service Center from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 PM.



John Wolfgang
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman