

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
October 4, 2016

Attendance: Steve Crowe, Ken Feng, Joe Flaig, Kurt Johnson, Robert Murphy, Andrew Petty, Demi Pulas, Bill Swarm and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:32 PM

The September 6, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted as distributed.

We now have shooting sports committee district representatives from each district except Aquia, Old Dominion, Piedmont, Seneca, Washington DC, White Oak and Zekiah. The requirements for a district representative are 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 included in our Shooting Sports Calendar.

To date, our attempts to schedule a Level 1/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 activity will be held as scheduled

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. We will provide pistol shooting for Venturers and Explorers. Cub Scout family camp shooting activities will be held in their camping area.

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.

Summer camp activities at both Goshen and Snyder are finished. The Goshen shooting sports worked with John Wolfgang during camp closedown to develop an inventory of what is at Goshen (rifles, bows, ammunition etc.) We have now started the annual Fall equipment maintenance cycle at Goshen and Snyder.

The new Snyder Emergency Action Plan is in use at Snyder. (It still needs final review and signature.)

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. This now requires approval, from the Chairman of the Camping Committee, before the professional staff will sign the contract.

Demi Pulas and John Wolfgang attended the Fall Shooting Sports update at Philmont. 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. There was much discussion on the newly announced shooting sports activities for BSA participant. All activities require special permission from national, and additional equipment and supplies. There are specific problems with every one of the new shooting sports activities, such as single source equipment or supplies restrictions, and additional range and instructor requirements.

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 2017 University of Scouting will include three shooting sports sessions (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing).

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 November 1, 2016 by teleconference from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM.



John Wolfgang
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman