

**National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13 2016**  
**Marriott Scout Service Center, Bethesda MD**

**1. Opening:**

Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Aquatics Committee Acting Leader, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included Mike Meenehan, Don Durbin, Charles Hochstein, Tom Ballew and Steve Park. Previous Committee Chairman Jason Wesbrock has moved to Pennsylvania so Mike Meenehan is the acting committee lead. Previous Committee Staff Advisor Shirley Couteau has left NCAC so Don Durbin is the new Committee Staff Advisor.

**2. NCAC Aquatics Committee Organization**

We reviewed the mission and organization of the NCAC Aquatics Committee. The committee consists of Leadership, Committee liaisons, Standing member/functional SMEs, Corresponding members, and Ex Officio members (current ADs)

We looked at draft Aquatics Committee goals for 2016-2017.

**2. Recent Events** – A full summer of aquatics activities and training was held.

- a. We finished the BSA Lifeguard course for 7 participants at Camp Snyder. This was a dual American Red Cross/BSA Lifeguard course. Trainers were Mike M., Rush Kester and Jason Wesbrock.
- b. The Lifeguard class conducted precamp swim checks on 12 June. We had 50+ participants.
- c. The Swimming and Water Rescue course on June 18 had 1 participant. Jason Wesbrock conducted it.
- d. A Scuba BSA session was held on June 19 by Carl Stout at Camp Snyder. He had 2 participants.
- e. A Paddle Craft Safety course was held on July 30
- f. Swimming and Water Rescue class was held at Camp Snyder on Aug 6. 4 Students. Mike Meenehan was the trainer.
- g. A PADI Open Water Diver course was started on July 31 at Camp Snyder. The classroom and pool sessions were held on August 20-21 at Camp Snyder. The open water training dives were completed at the Fredericksburg quarry on August 27-28. A Scuba Diving Merit Badge counseling session was held on August 28. 16 youth and adults participated in the class. Trainers were Mike Meenehan, Carl Stout and Jim Thomas.
- h. The Sea Scout Lifeguard camp was run by Tom Ballew July 31 – Aug 5. He had a total of 8 participants from NCAC and BAC.
- i. The sixth annual ScubaJam Virginia was conducted over Labor Day weekend on September 2-5. App. 100 youth and adults participated. Carl Stout and Mike Meenehan supported.

**3. Upcoming Aquatics Activities**

- a. The Sept 17 CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers is cancelled due to the OA Fellowship at Camp Snyder. .

- b. The NCAC Cub Leader Pow Wow will be held on November 19 at Annandale High School. The committee usually has a midway display and teaches Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat. Trainers are needed.

#### **4. 2017 Aquatics Activity Calendar Development**

Potential aquatics activities were discussed (precamp swim tests, SWR, PCS, Scuba BSA, Scuba certification and merit badge, SSD, SA, BSA/ARC LG training). Other ideas were solicited.

The Lifeguard review course and CPR/AED Pro & FA training were cancelled due to lack of interest.

Don Durbin provided budget development guidance: we have one aquatics cost center for all activities. Fees to be collected: 10% NCAC service fee, \$1/day liability recovery, 5% Black Plug IT/credit processing fee. A 10% contingency should be planned.

Quarterly committee meetings were agreed to. Thursdays were preferred by most.

Camp Snyder pool is first available on June 10 2017. Last day open is Aug 13 2017.

#### **5. Goshen Scout Reservation Aquatics –**

No precamp meetings were held with the GSR aquatics directors this year. The cardiac event at the PMI waterfront will be discussed at the next ERM meeting. Advancement records for aquatics activities are available via Black Plug and have been requested.

#### **6. Camp Snyder Aquatics**

The pool white coat was replaced this summer. The Program Director (Shirley) and Ranger (Josh) have left NCAC employment. A rescue board/SUP is needed for lifeguard training and use at the camp. Don Durbin said to follow up with him.

#### **7. Camp Airy Aquatics**

No input was received.

#### **8. Camp Wall Aquatics**

Mike Meenehan visited Camp Wall the week of July 4. He visited Camp Wall. The camp needs a dock.

#### **9. New Business**

The following upcoming opportunities were discussed:

- BSA Aquatics Workshop, FSB, 29 Sept – 2 Oct (crossover training)
- BSA Aquatics E-newsletters
- NER Outdoor Program Seminar, 15-16 Oct, Camp Alpine
- NER A6 Key Leader Forum 12 Nov
- 2017 BSA Jamboree 19 -28 July
- Oct 6 ARC LG program webinar
- BSA safety incident review handouts

- Implementation of the PCS moving water component

**10. Next Aquatics Committee Meeting**

The next quarterly Aquatics Committee meeting will be our annual Holiday meeting on Thursday, December 1 at the Fairfax American Legion Post.

**11. Professional's Minute**

Don Durbin thanked all the committee members for their service.