

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
June 6, 2017

Attendance: Steve Crowe, Ken Feng, Joe Flaig, Kurt Johnson, John Montgomery, Hal Noer, Andrew Petty, Demi Pulas, Jerry Saggars, Brian Suddeth, William Swarm, and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:26 PM. The May 2, 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. 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 have been requested to provide NRA Shotgun Instructor and NRA Rifle Instructor courses for four Goshen Staff members. John Wolfgang has again notified the camp professional staff of this issue in September 2016 and nothing was done about the situation.

Effect May 2017 NRA Training Counselors must now have a valid BSA membership number and Council number before filling any BSA only courses with the NRA. In addition, the minimum number for a course is four people. Changes in the Pistol Instructor training process now requires BIT, Online Pistol Course and an Instructor led Pistol course. The entire process now requires 32 training hours.

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 crow is investigating a USA archery Level 1 and Level 2 course for NCAC scouters.

We are continuing the annual equipment maintenance cycle at Goshen and Snyder. We had everything cleaned and winterized at Goshen at end of January. During the holidays in December we held an archery repair sessions at Camp Snyder. Over 400 arrows were re-fletched and points and nocks replaced as necessary. We still have another 400 to repair for the camps.

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 now being developed following approval by the Chairs of Camping and Outdoor Adventuring committees to present to the Board at the September 2017 Board meeting.

The Shooting Sports committee agreed that the goals for the committee to accomplish are:

- Range management
- Uphold shooting sports standards
- Equipment Acquisition and maintenance
- Training Instructors/Camp Staff/Merit Badge Counselors/Range Master
- Unit Shooting Activities support- Instructor Training/Private Property Use Inspection/
- Information dissemination
- Facility sustainability and development

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 problem with centerfire shooting on Marriott range

Many other detailed items were listed. The shooting sports committee will issue a report by the end of July on the condition of shooting sports in the NCAC including both Goshen and Snyder issues.

Since many items in our camps are clamoring for addition funding, the shooting sports committee discussed funding priorities for shooting sports. Even though new facility acquisition is from capital account and everything else from the Operating account, we believe the Operating needs must take precedence. The funding order should be:

1. Maintenance Issues – Operating account
2. Camp Staff funding – Operating account
3. Program equipment – Operating account
4. Facilities expansion – Capital account

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 9:30 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wolfgang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "W".

John Wolfgang
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman