

National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes
December 7 2017
American Legion Post 177, Fairfax VA

1. Opening:

Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Aquatics Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included Norman Laythe, Julia Farr, Bob Brandel, Chuck Frizzelle, Myles Gallagher, Michael Snowden and Jenna Kwon. Aquatics committee patches were presented to new members.

The minutes of the September 17 2017 Aquatics Committee meeting were approved.

2. NCAC Committee Liaison Reports:

- a. Sea Scouts – Myles Gallagher reported on the upcoming Sea Scout Parade of Lights.
- b. High Adventure – No report.
- c. Enterprise Risk Management – The ERM Committee is also meeting this evening. Input has been provided.
- d. Leadership Training – Julia Farr reported on plans to support the Vietnamese Jamboree at Camp Snyder in July.
- e. Venturing – No report.
- f. Advancement and Recognition Committee – No report.
- g. Camping – Craig Weston is the new COPC committee chairman. Michael Snowden will represent the Aquatics Committee at COPC meetings until Mike Meenehan's Wednesday night class ends in July.

Aquatics Web Page – Norman Laythe reported on the web page status. He is posting the recently developed 2018 NCAC aquatics activities. The website is divided into 3 areas: General information, activity registration and aquatics resources.

3. Recent Events – Aquatics events that happened since our last AC meeting were reviewed:

- a. 16 Sept – An American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid course was conducted for 6 Scouters. One of them was finishing up his BSA Lifeguard course requirements.
- b. 26-30 Sept – Mike Meenehan attended the BSA Outdoor Program Conference at the Philmont Training Center.
- c. 7 Oct – Mark Wray and Steve Park conducted a Paddle Craft Safety course at Camp Snyder/Silver Lake for two participants.
- d. 21 Oct & 18 Nov – Mike Meenehan promoted aquatics at the CWBS Cub Expo (21 Oct) and the Outdoor Program Expo (18 Nov).
- e. 28 Oct – at the NCAC Pow Wow at Annandale HS, Mike Meenehan manned the aquatics display in the midway and Zach Hulet presented Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training.
- f. 11 Nov – the Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor review course planned by Zach Hulet was cancelled due to low registration. Mike Meenehan attended one in Rockville MD on 2 Dec.

4. Upcoming events – Upcoming aquatics activities were discussed:

- a. The 2018 NCAC Aquatics activities schedule was distributed. New activities include the new River PCS course, a Camp Snyder Pool Work Day and promotion of the Scout Canoe race.
 - b. The Order of the Arrow Lodge Banquet is on 6 January. It is unclear if displays are being requested.
 - c. NCAC University of Scouting will be on 24 February at Hayfield High School Tom Ryan will present the Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat trainings. Mike Meenehan will man the aquatics display in the midway and present a Scuba orientation class.
 - d. The Sea Scouts will have a Ward Room and Northeast Region Ball in January. Myles will look into promotion opportunities at those events.
- 5. Camp Snyder Aquatics** – Michael Snowden talked about his desire to form a Camp Snyder volunteer committee. Mike Meenehan reported that he hauled the canoes and trailer from the base of the dam but one tire was off the rim so the trailer was left in the middle of the field. Michael Snowden said that he would getting the tire repaired.
- 6. Goshen Aquatics** – A former GSR aquatics director at the Cub Expo mentioned that SWR and PCS records were not being kept at GSR. That problem needs to be emphasized with the Aquatics Directors
- 7. Camp Wall** – Damage from the recent hurricanes is being repaired.
- 8. Aquatics inquiries** –
- a. someone reported that Prince William County is presenting water safety activities for 2nd graders at their new aquatics center. It sounds like participation in that program would meet several Cub Scout aquatics achievement requirements.
 - b. At Pow Wow, Jim Pierce requested a list of NCAC lifeguards to support an upcoming aquatics activity. Mike Meenehan sent him a list.
 - c. Also at Pow Wow, the Chain Bridge Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner requested a spring aquatics program at their Roundtable. Mike Meenehan followed up with them.
- 9. BSA National Aquatics Developments** – the draft modifications for 2018 NCAP standards were reviewed. They are based on the Model Aquatics Health Code. They will have an impact on aquatics operations at Camp. The 2018 Aquatics Staff Guide is available for download from the BSA aquatics resources webpage:
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2017_AQUATIC_%20STAFF_GUIDE.pdf
- 10. Policy/Other items** –
- a. The 2017 NCAC Aquatics Committee goals were quickly reviewed and accepted with no discussion. Members were asked to provide input on any new goals for 2018.
 - b. The committee discussed and decided to support the development of an annual scholarship to pay for one member to attend the Aquatics Section at National Camp School. Further details need to be worked out.

11. Next Aquatics Committee meeting – will be on Thursday, March 15 at the MSSC. Michael Snowden will reserve a room.