

National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes
March 15 2018
Marriott Scout Service Center, Bethesda MD

1. Opening:

Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Aquatics Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included Mike Meenehan, Michael Snowden (Aquatics Committee NCAC Staff Advisor), Steve Park, Myles Gallagher, Mark Wray, Jenna Kwon and Mike Yankaskas. On the teleconference were Lee Ackiss and Lou Novak.

Attendees approved the 7 December 2018 NCAC Aquatics Committee meeting minutes.

2. NCAC Committee Liaison reports

Sea Scouts – Myles Gallagher discussed the annual Sea Scout Regatta scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. Their Merit Badge Afloat weekend is planned for April 21-22.

High Adventure – Lee Ackiss will look into Summit aquatics opportunities.

Advancement and Recognition – Recent changes to the Canoeing Merit Badge requirements that added the stern pry stroke were discussed.

Camping and Outdoor Promotion Committee – The Aquatics Committee reports to the COPC. The COPC meetings are on Wednesday evenings. Mike Meenehan is not able to attend them due to a conflict he has on Wednesdays. Mike Snowden said that he would represent the Aquatics Committee at the COPC meetings.

3. Aquatics Web Page

Norman Laythe has been doing a great job of keeping the NCAC Aquatics Committee web page updated. We already have registrations for many of our 2018 activities. Please let Norman know of any changes that are needed on the webpage.

4. Recent Events – We reviewed aquatics events that have occurred since our last meeting:.

- a. Norman Laythe implemented online registration for all the 2018 NCAC Aquatics activities.
- b. 6 Jan – We had a promotional display at the Order of the Arrow banquet.
- c. 24 Feb – University of Scouting. We had a midway display manned by Charles Hochstein and Mike Meenehan. Tom Ryan conducted Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat Training sessions with 9 and 10 students in each. Mike Meenehan ran a Scuba session for 4 leaders.

5. Upcoming Aquatics Activities

- d. 17 March – Area 6 Council Workshop in Westminster, MD.
- e. 12 April – Chain Bridge District Safe Swim Defense Training. Charles Hochstein is conducting.
- f. 7 April – Camp Assessor Training, Baltimore Area Council.
- g. 5 May – Council Court of Honor and Pool Work Day at Camp Snyder. Zach Hulet will generate a list of tasks to work on at the pool.
- h. 6 May – PCS Basic Course at Camp Snyder. Tom Ryan, Mark Wray and Steve Park will instruct.
- i. 10 May – George Mason District Roundtable Program Launch. Mike Meenehan will promote aquatics there.

- j. 10 May – Chain Bridge District Roundtable and Program Launch. Charles Hochstein will promote aquatics there.
- k. 12 May - Mark Wray will conduct our first Paddle Craft Safety River Course.
- l. 19 May – CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid Course. At Camp Snyder. Mike Meenehan will instruct.
- m. 20 May – Lifeguard swim test at Blu Water Scuba in Manassas. We have 6 registered for the course.
- n. 2-3 June – Lifeguard training at Camp Snyder. Mike Meenehan and Rush Kester to instruct.
- o. 3 June – Pre camp swim tests at Camp Snyder. Will be conducted by Lifeguard trainees.
- p. 9 June – Last day of Lifeguard training at Camp Snyder.
- q. 9 June – Swimming and Water Rescue Training at Camp Snyder. Jenna Kwon to instruct.
- r. 10 June – Scuba BSA at Camp Snyder. Carl Stout will instruct.
- s. 14 June – GSR Aquatics Director meeting led by Mike Meenehan at GSR.
- t. 17 June – Aquatics Committee pool party/BBQ/June meeting at Camp Snyder
- u. 3 July – Vietnamese Jamboree at Camp Snyder. Scuba activity on 3 July.
- v. 30 July – 4 Aug – NOAC at Indiana University.
- w. 5 Aug – Scuba orientation at Camp Snyder
- x. 11 Aug – Swimming and Water Rescue at Camp Snyder. Jenna Kwon to instruct.
- y. 13 – 18 Aug – Camp Airy at Catoctin Mountain, MD.
- z. 18-19 Aug – Scuba class at Camp Snyder
- aa. 25-26 Aug – Scuba open water training dives at Fredericksburg, VA.
- bb. 26 Aug – Scuba Diving Merit Badge counseling session at A.B. Sea’s Diving.
- cc. 31 Aug – 3 Sept – ScubaJam at Lake Phoenix, VA.
- dd. Mark Wray request to move his 6 October Paddle Craft Safety River course to 30 September.

6. Camp Snyder Aquatics

A camp wide emergency action plan was recently completed. It refers to an aquatics-specific EAP to cover aquatics activities. The Aquatics Director is responsible for producing that each year.

Dave Carlson is in charge of the early May precamp inspection.

7. Goshen Scout Reservation Aquatics

There will not be a precamp inspection of GSR this year.

On June 14 Mike Meenehan will meet with the GSR Aquatics Directors to discuss Aquatics Committee support for GSR aquatics. Mike Yankaskas, Camp Airy Aquatics Director, requested to be included in that visit.

8. Camp Wall Aquatics

The Florida Sea Base will be using Camp Wall as a base for their activities starting this summer.

9. Camp Airy

Mike Yankaskas will be the 2018 Camp Airy Aquatics Director. The camp will operate 13 – 18 August.

10. New Business

Aquatics inquiries received include:

1. A mother was looking for Lifesaving Merit Badge opportunities for her son. She was referred to Fairfax County recreation centers who have scheduled sessions.
2. A Den Leader from Pack 118 asked about the level of training needed to conduct Webelos Aquanaut activities.
3. A Webelos Den Leader from Pack 1144 asked for advice on conducting waterfront activities at a Pack outing at Camp Shenandoah.

BSA National/Regional/Area aquatics activities include:

1. 10-11 February – National BSA Aquatics Task Force meeting in Irving TX. The focus of the meeting was to plan for the September Aquatics Workshop at the Florida Sea Base.
2. 17 March – Northeast Region Area 6 Council Workshop in Westminster MD. The focus will be introducing the new BSA Family Program.
3. 26-30 Sept – Biennial BSA Aquatics Workshop at the Florida Sea Base. All are welcome to attend.
4. 2018 National Camp School. This is where BSA Aquatics Instructor Training is offered. All are encouraged to attend this week long intensive training.

The Red Cross raised the prices of all their training course certifications. That price increase was not planned into our 2018 course prices.

9. Policy Discussions

Michael Snowden, Camp Snyder Director, requested that the Aquatics Committee develop policies for outside groups to use Camp Snyder aquatics facilities to include boating on the wetlands lake and using the pool. Myles Gallagher volunteered to look into Virginia/Prince William County watercraft regulations.

Jeff Berger, NCAC Deputy Scout Executive, told us that we couldn't promote the American Canoeing Association's Scout Canoe Races since the ACA does not advertise with NCAC.

Anyone wanting to recharter as a Council Committee member must take the new BSA Youth Protection Training (aka YPT2) by October 1. See <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/howto/> for more information.

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10. Next Aquatics Committee Meeting

The next quarterly Aquatics Committee meeting will be our annual Pool party/BBQ meeting on Sunday, June 17 on the Camp Snyder Pool Deck. Families are invited.