

Minutes  
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee  
June 5, 2018

Attendance: Steve Crowe, Ken Feng, Joe Flaig, Kurt Johnson, Maggi de Lamater-Jeng, Freeman Jones, Alice Nelson, Hal Noer, Demi Pulas, Jerry Sagers, Michael Snowden, Brian Suddeth, Bill Swarm, Craig Weston, and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:35 PM. The May 1, 2018 meeting minutes were accepted as submitted.

The following issues have been worked to correct issues identified in the NCAC Shooting Sports Report:

- **Correction of Berm heights** -Snyder BB Range will have a new side berm installed by the ed of May 2018. Dirt from the old pistol range will be used for this work. We are meeting with the Goshen Superintendent and the Director of Camping to determine exact fix and schedule for the work for the Marriott, Bowman and Olmstead ranges. The ranges at PMI ad Ross will not be changed; but will have additional warning signs installed. Goshen is to complete berm work prior to camp opening
- **Staff hiring for Goshen and Snyder** – Goshen is proceeding slowly. They expect to have staff hired in time for certification. As usual we have been asked to provide NRA Rife Instructor and Shotgun Instructor training during staff week. There has been no headway toward adequately compensating shooting sports director.
- **Development of Standard Operating Procedures** – New NCAC Shooting Sports Standard Operating Procedure have been developed and approved. We plan to use these procedures at both Goshen, Snyder and Day Camps through the summer activities. We will then evaluate the results and make any correction needed.
- **Equipment Damage and Repair** – Due to incessant damage to equipment from the Snyder rental program; this program has been terminated except for district and council events. We were spending more than the rental costs to keep the equipment repaired. In addition, we recommended a mandatory cash security deposit for rentals. The senior professional staff refused to implement the security deposit.
- **Inadequate Security and Unit leadership at Snyder** - A new Camp Ranger must be hired. This single decision is impacting condition of facility and maintenance costs (such as lawn mowing). Camp wide alarm systems are planned to be installed with the new range development. The implementation of the Campmaster program is improving the situation where unit leaders are not monitoring their scouts.
- **Lack of fully funded maintenance program at Goshen and Snyder** - This situation is turning around. The Council Property Management Committee has stepped up to the plate and has developed maintenance budgets, restarted volunteer maintenance groups and developed a capital improvements plan of action. This activity has resulted in a substantial improvement of facilities at both camps. The shooting Sports Committee lauds and supports their work. We will work with the Property Committee to have concrete plat forms installed on the Archery ranges and rebuild storage sheds on all ranges at Goshen. New shooting sport facilities upgrades are included in the project to develop new ranges at Snyder.
- **Shooting Sports Equipment Acquisition and Maintenance** – We are collecting and reviewing inventory data and repair data from Goshen, Snyder and the Day Camps to develop and acquisition and maintenance plan for the councils shooting sports equipment. We still need information from two of the camps at Goshen.
- **Qualifications of Shooting Sports Merit Badge Counselors** – Less than 20 % of NCAC merit badge counselors are certified to be operating ranges with the scouts. We have developed a package to notify merit badge counselors of the safety and certification requirements for BSA shooting sports activities.

- **Lack of NCAC owned shooting sports facilities within the geographic are of the council** – We have prepared a request to modify our current Special Use Plan to permit shotgun and rifle ranges at Snyder. Prince William County is now reviewing this request. We will meet with the county in late May to discuss their review comments.

The National Office of the BSA has notified us of several training opportunities this fall:

- Fun of Shooting Sports session at the Philmont Training Center September 16-22, 2018 at the Philmont Training Center
- National Shooting Sport Conference September 28-30, 2018 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

National has also released new shooting sports activity sessions that include both instruction and open events in archery, rifle, shotgun and pistol. Detailed flyers on these activities may be found at <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/boy-scout-shooting-sports/> and <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/venture-and-sea-scout-shooting-sports/>.

Our two rangemaster training session were held on April 21, 2018 and May 19, 2018 at Snyder. Forty-seven range masters were certified in both archery and BB gun. The family camp portion of the training provided over 300 youth participants. Thanks to Alice Nelson, Charlie Nelson, Demi Pulas, and Brian Suddeth who served as the instructors. Two additional rangemaster sessions (Sothern Maryland and Frederick) were help producing eight additional rangemasters

Goshen will be holding two family camps this year one on Labor Day weekend and one on Memorial Day weekend. They plan to support Shooting Sports activities using their normal camp staff and alumni. We will be notified if additional help is needed.

The 11<sup>th</sup> International Jamboree of Vietnamese Scouting will be held from June 30 – July 2, 2018 at Camp William B Snyder. We have been asked to support multiple archery, sling shot, bb and air-rife ranges during this event. If you can help, please let John Wolfgang know.

Jerry Saggars reported that Prince William County has our special use permit request under review. The Counties review process is expected to continue to near the end of 2018. The range development committee will meet with the County for a Post Submission update from the county on their review of the SUP proposal. In parallel to this work, we are developing actual implementation documents and starting fund raising for the project.

We are continuing the annual equipment maintenance cycle at Goshen and Snyder. We still have another 200 arrows to repair for the camps. We will need to schedule additional maintenance sessions. Ken Feng and Kurt Johnson will conduct a shooting spots inventory at Snyder on June 22nd. As part of this activity we are also culling out no longer usable bows and BB guns for disposal. We still need additional help developing the Equipment Acquisition and Maintenance Plan.

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 scheduled for July 3, 2018, from 7:30-9:00 PM, by telecon

Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM.



John Wolfgang  
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman