

**National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17 2018**  
**Camp William B. Snyder Pool Pavillion**

**1. Opening:**

Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Aquatics Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included Mike Meenehan & two guests (Meg & Alex), Michael Snowden (Aquatics Committee NCAC Staff Advisor) and guest (Zoey), Lou Novak & guest, Jenna Kwon, Stephen Park, Mark Wray, Julia Farr, Norman Laythe & two guests (Noah & Mr. Laythe), Lee Atkiss. Attendees approved the 15 March 2018 NCAC Aquatics Committee meeting minutes.

**2. NCAC Committee Liaison reports**

High Adventure – The Lenhoksin James River trips require the adult leaders to have Paddle Craft Safety training. The Aquatics Committee should reach out to the registered trip leaders to promote the spring PCS class.

Leadership Training – Julia Farr announced that Jim Thomas and Danielle Ballentine are the new Leadership training co-chairs.

Camping and Outdoor Promotion Committee – The NCAC Executive Board visited Camp Snyder in early May. There was a good case made for more infrastructure funding for the camps. Cub Scout camping numbers have been declining.

**3. Aquatics Web Page**

Norman Laythe has been doing a great job of keeping the NCAC Aquatics Committee web page updated. Registrations for our 2018 activities have been running ahead of previous years. 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. Charles Hochstein conducted SSD training for the Chain Bridge District Roundtable and Program Launch on 12 April.
- b. Mark Wray conducted canoe practice for Troop 945 in Damascas MD on Memorial Day.
- c. We conducted a pool work day on 5 May. We had great support from the Order of the Arrow.
- d. Mike Meenehan ran an ARC CPRO and FA class for 4 leaders on 6 May. Tom Ryan, Mark Wray and Steve Park conducted a PCS course for 16 leaders also on 6 May. Mark Wray's 9 June PCS Basic class had 2 participants. His inaugural PCS River course on 12 May had 6 participants and 2 staff. The course went from 8am to 4p.
- e. Mike Meenehan and Rush Kester conducted an ARC/BSA Lifeguard course for 6 participants on 20 May, 2 & 3 & 9 June. A lesson learned was that a SUP does not work well as a rescue board because it is too stable.
- f. Jenna Kwon conducted a SWR course for 3 participants on 9 June.
- g. Carl Stout instructed Scuba BSA for 6 Scouts on 10 June.
- h. The Aquatics Committee submitted information for the NCAC Program Launch packet.

**5. Upcoming Aquatics Activities**

- a. Steve Park is in the middle of planning his inaugural canoe clinic for NCAC. He ordered 8 new canoes. He is waiting on the trailer to be fabricated.
- b. July Vietnamese World Jamboree at Camp Snyder is looking for lifeguards. Lee Atkiss and Mark Wray will contact Thuy Nguyen about that. Many committee members are supporting the introductory scuba activity there on 3 July.
- c. Mike Meenehan will be supporting the scuba activity at NOAC 28 July – 4 August.
- d. The Camp Snyder scuba course (Aug 5, 18-19, 25-26) is full.
- e. The 11 August SWR course has one registration so far.
- f. Carl Stout will be participating in the annual ScubaJam on 1-3 September at Lake Phoenix VA.
- g. Mike Meenehan will lead an ARC CPRO and First Aid course on 15 September.
- h. Mark Wray and Tom Ryan will conduct a PCS Basic course on 29 September.
- i. Mark Wray will lead the PCS River course on 30 September.

## **6. Camp Snyder Aquatics**

Sea Scout Ship 2, Skipper Doug Allen, is providing aquatics support to Camp Snyder. Some of the support activities planned include waterfront pier repairs, canoe repairs and rowboat repairs. A new set of oars was procured for the rowboat this year.

## **7. Goshen Scout Reservation Aquatics**

Mike Meenehan met with the GSR Aquatics Directors to discuss Aquatics Committee support for GSR aquatics on June 14.

## **8. Camp Wall Aquatics**

No report

## **9. Camp Airy**

No updates

## **10. New Business**

Aquatics inquiries received include:

1. The LDS Girls Camp thought they couldn't use kayaks at Camp Snyder due to hydrilla in the lake.
2. Arlington Pack 149 asked about going sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. We had a discussion of moving water vs. still water and large boats vs. small boats.
3. NCAC Powder Horn is looking for support for the scuba activity. Blue Water Scuba will support.
4. Troop 1978 asked about a PCS course for their unit.
5. Matt Faddis asked if unit supervision was needed during whitewater merit badge session being conducted by an outfitter.
6. Ann Hoke (Camp Ross AD) asked for LG cards.
7. Phil Zabriski, Pack 505, wants to take the BSA LG class to support his Pack aquatics activities.

BSA National/Regional/Area aquatics activities include:

1. Charles Hochstein completed National Camp School and earned his BSA Aquatics Instructor certification.
2. The latest BSA Aquatics eNewsletter was circulated.
3. The September BSA Aquatics Conference at the Florida Sea Base was discussed. Julia Farr will be making a presentation on the NCAC Aquatics Committee.

### **9. Policy Discussions**

The 2018 NCAC Aquatics activity budget was submitted to NCAC.

Lessons learned from activities so far this year include:

- a. We need a note about using an email that the registrant checks regularly. Important information isn't being reviewed by the participants in a timely fashion.
- b. We have had several cancellations. The cancellation fees/refund policy needs to be a part of all registrations.

The Committee reviewed and proposed changes to the draft Camp Snyder aquatics facilities usage policies. The revised policy is attached.

### **10. Next Aquatics Committee Meeting**

The next quarterly Aquatics Committee meeting will be on Thursday, 20 Sept at the Marriott Scout Service Center in Bethesda.