

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
August 7, 2018

Attendance: Steve Crowe, Joe Flaig, Kurt Johnson, Freeman Jones, Hal Noer, Demi Pulas, Michael Snowden, Brian Suddeth, Bill Swarm, and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:36 PM. The June 5, 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 end 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. To date this work has not been completed.
- **Staff hiring for Goshen and Snyder** –Hal Noer provided 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 will collect and review 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 in September.
- **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 area 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 has responded with comments. We will meet with the

county in late August 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 sessions 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 (Southern Maryland and Frederick) were held producing eight additional rangemasters. We trained the Snyder staff during their staff week.

Goshen will be holding second family camp this year 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 11th International Jamboree of Vietnamese Scouting was held from June 30 – July 2, 2018 at Camp William B Snyder. Demi Pulas, Jerry Saggars and John Wolfgang support multiple archery, sling shot, bb and air-rifle ranges during this event.

Jerry Saggars reported that Prince William County has our special use permit request under review. The County's review process is expected to continue to near the end of 2018. The range development committee met with the County for a Post Submission update from the county on their review of the SUP proposal. We met with the Dominion Vales Neighborhood Board of Directors. There appear to be no significant issues from this meeting. They would like us to hold an open house to inform the homeowners. 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 500 arrows to repair for the camps. We will need to schedule additional maintenance sessions. Ken Feng and Kurt Johnson conducted a shooting spots inventory at Snyder on June 22nd. They culled out many damaged bows for disposal. Our next activity is to cull out no longer usable BB guns for disposal. Our tomahawk collection needs work. Five Hawks need to be re-handled.

Goshen bought 15 new savage small bore rifles by going directly to the manufacturer. These rifles were ordered with the wrong sights. In addition, they all have magazines. These rifles with the magazine are approved for use in BSA programs. But, the Goshen staff disposed of the magazines along with the warranty cards and manuals. This made using the guns difficult since they do not have SLEDS to replace the magazines. We need to order magazines for these rifles. Goshen will need to purchase an additional gun safe for the Camp Post warehouse to house the rifles in the off season. This lack of coordination with the Shooting Sports Committee must stop. We approved the purchase of more rifles and directed the staff to purchase them from the Civilian Marksmanship program.

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 September 4, 2018, from 7:30-9:00 PM, by telecon

Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wolfgang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Wolfgang".

John Wolfgang
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman