

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
Teleconference
October 2, 2018

Attendance: Mark Belli, Kurt Johnson, Alice Nelson, Ian Pleet, Demi Pulas, Jerry Sagggers, Brian Suddeth, Craig Weston, and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:30 PM. The September 4, 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 must complete berm work prior to 2019 camp opening. ***To date this work has not been completed. Again, NCAP inspection did not cite illegal berms.*** Demi Pulas discussed the NCAP inspection issue with the Northeast Region NCAP inspection coordinator.
- **Staff hiring for Goshen and Snyder** –The shooting sport committee is developing an intern program with VMI for shooting sports staff members at Goshen Scout Reservation.
- **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 are now evaluating the procedures use during the 2018 camping season 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 hire is proceeding.** 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. This work is now in the capital budget. New shooting sport facilities upgrades are also 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. To help in correcting this issue we will need to provide more NRA instructor

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- **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.

John Wolfgang 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 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.

Prince William County has provided us with their comments #1 and we have answered all issues. The major issues with comment set 1 were shooting toward I-66 and excessive tree buffer cutting along Antioch Road (caused by county water authority and NOVEC). We are now awaiting their response to our response.

A new issue came up with respect to Rainbow Riding at Silver Lake and noise issues with their therapeutic riding program. WE met with the staff rom rainbow riding, provided a special presentation on what we were doing, and performed a live fire noise test for them. Rainbow Riding then informed Prince William County that they no longer have concerns.

We are in the process of scheduling archery repair parties at Snyder and a shooting sports equipment cleaning and repair session at Goshen.

We still need additional help developing the Equipment Acquisition and Maintenance Plan.

Mark Belli reported the rework of the National shooting Sport Manual and new materials for Cub Scout range master training. The NRA has developed a training syllabus for using the NRA First Step program for teaching Rifle and Shotgun merit badges. The counselors must hold current NRA credentials to obtain the material. Mark also reminded the committee that anyone associated with the BSA should indicate so in their NRA instructor's profile.

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 November 6, 2018, via teleconference from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 8:54 PM.



John Wolfgang
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman