

**National Capital Area Council, B.S.A.
Aquatics Committee
Thursday 6 December 2018**

**Meeting Minutes
Marriott Scout Service Center, Bethesda MD**

Opening

Attendees included Mike Meenehan, Phil Barbash (NCAC Staff Advisor), Myles Gallagher, Tom McKeever, Lee Ackiss, Jenna Kwon, Charles Hochstein, Rush Kester, Carl Stout, Julia Farr and Steve Park. Everyone introduced themselves.

The minutes of the September 20 2018 Aquatics Committee meeting (which are posted on the website at ncacbsa.org/aquatics) were approved.

NCAC Committee Liaison Reports

Myles Gallagher (Sea Scouts liaison) described the Sea Scouts winter training that will be held at a facility in the Catoctin Mountains on March 1 – 3, 2019.

Julia Farr (Leadership Training Committee liaison) promoted the NCAC University of Scouting which will be held on February 23, 2019 at Hayfield High School. There will be several aquatics courses offered there.

Carl Stout (Venturing liaison) talked about the upcoming Area 6 Venture Adventure that will be held April 5 – 7, 2019.

Tom McKeever (NCAC Enterprise Risk Management Committee Chairman) discussed ERM deliberations about GSR aquatics-related cardiac events.

Recent Events

Jenna Kwon and Julia Farr reviewed the September 26-30 2018 BSA Aquatics Workshop they attended at the Florida Sea Base. Julia made a well-received presentation on how to operate a year-round aquatics program based on our NCAC Aquatics Committee. Other workshop topics included the renaming of the BSA Aquatics Task Force to the BSA Aquatics Subcommittee, a Northeast Region Council aquatics representative gathering, swim attire discussion related to the new family program, ACA canoe training GIF developments, and the 2019 NCAP aquatics updates.

Tom Ryan and Steve Park conducted a Paddle Craft Safety Basic course at Camp Snyder and Silver Lake on September 29. There were 13 participants. Many also completed Canoeing merit badge training. Camp Snyder was busy with the Chain Bridge District Camperall that weekend. It was suggested to move the PCS training to a different weekend due to congestion issues.

Mark Wray's September 30 Paddle Craft Safety River course on the Potomac River was cancelled due to high water. Everyone will be offered spaces in the spring 2019 course.

Upcoming events

Charles Hochstein is running a Swimming merit badge make up day at the Spring Hill Recreation Center on December 15 for a local troop. He is also conducting swim classification tests for a crew heading to the Florida Sea Base.

Camp Aquatics

Camp Snyder – a new Camp Ranger has been hired by NCAC. Ryan Alford is also a trained CPO. Northern Virginia Pools has not started excavations to repair the pool leak.

Goshen Scout Reservation - Carl Trocki, Camp Bowman CD, is looking for an Aquatics Director for next summer. Phil mentioned that GSR will need 4 new Aquatics Directors for 2019. Steve Park, ACA instructor, offered to present canoe skills training to GSR aquatics staff. Phil agreed that Steve could be put up at Camp Post for a week outside of staff training weeks. Steve would have to arrange his training on a not-to-interfere

basis with the staff schedules. Doug Allen has obtained the 2018 GSR aquatics advancement records. He is performing data analysis to determine if there are any trends or insights available.

Camp Wall - The Florida Sea Base is renting the camp for 3 months during the summer for their new St. Croix adventure program. Laura Kuras is the new NCAC USVI District Executive and Camp Wall Direct

New Business

We reviewed the draft version 1 of the 2019 NCAC aquatics activity schedule. The resulting Version 2 is enclosed below. The next step is to refine the existing activities, add any new ones that were talked about, make facility reservations, recruit staff, update the budget from last year, produce promotion flyers, set up online registration and then promote the activities. Several additional activities were mentioned such as a Red Cross to BSA Lifeguard cross over course and an Aquatics Partial Merit Badge makeup day late in the summer. Those activities will be incorporated into the next version of the aquatics activity schedule.

Inquiries from the field

Crew 1195 asked about our BSA/ARC lifeguard course. They have 3 Venturers for the course.

Sara Moses was looking for BSA Lifeguard cards at NCAC HQ for sending to BSA Lifeguard applicants that submit completed LG applications to the office. Mike Meenehan made sure she had a stack of signed LG cards.

Brian Zeranski, T1097, asked about procedures for conducting Florida Sea Base pre-trip swim checks.

BSA National Aquatics Developments

We discussed the 2019 NCAP aquatics updates. The updates are contained in NCAP Circular No. 12 which is available at www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/camp-accreditation/. NCAP updates are published in circulars before they are formally incorporated into the published standards.

The Fall BSA Aquatics eNewsletter has been distributed. It is available at www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/aquatics/

The next quarterly Aquatics Committee meeting will be on Thursday March 7 2019 at the MSSC, Bethesda Maryland.

Professional's Minute

Phil Barbash thanked all the NCAC Aquatics Committee members for their hard work over the past year. He challenged everyone to personally invite a Cub Scout Pack to register for Camp Snyder for next summer.

2019 NCAC Aquatics Activities v2

Date	Event	Location	Type	Coordination needed
1/5/19	OA Lodge Banquet	UMD	Promotion	Verify midway display
2/23/19	UoS	Hayfield HS	Promotion	Charles H
2/23/19	SSD/SA training	UoS	Training	Tom Ryan
2/23/19	Scuba overview	UoS	Training	Carl Stout
3/7/19	Committee mtg	MSSC	Meeting	Get room (Phil)
3/9/18	NCAC Commissioner College	Holy Spirit School	Promotion	Julia Farr midway coordinator
4/28/19	LG swim test	Freedom Aquatic Center	Training	Verify location
5/4/19	PCS Basic	CWBS	Training	CWBS Room request Verify Tom Ryan
5/4/19	Pool Work Day	CWBS	Service	Talk with pool company
5/5/19	PCS River	Potomac River	Training	Mark Wray
??	Canoe Clinic	CWBS?	Training	Verify date with Steve Park. Room reservations
5/11/19	Council CoH	CWBS	Info only	
5/11/19	CPRO/FA	Fairfax Presbyterian	Training	Reserve room Change date to April
5/18-19/19	LG weekend 1	CWBS pool	Training	
5/19/19	Pre Camp swim checks	CWBS pool	Activity	Notify Stephanie
5/25/19	LG Day 3	CWBS pool	Training	
5/25/19	Scuba BSA	CWBS pool	Activity	Recruit Carl Stout
6/1/19	SWR	CWBS pool	Training	Jenna Kwon
6/8-9/19	Reston Bible Church	CWBS pool		RBC wants to hire LGs
6/9/19	AC Pool Party	CWBS pool	Meeting	
6/29/19	CWBS staff arrives		Info only	
8/4/19	Scuba orientation	CWBS	Training	
8/9/19	CWBS ends			
8/10/19	SWR	CWBS	Training	Verify Jenna
8/17-18/19	Scuba classroom & pool	CWBS	Training	Coordinate with AB Sea's Diving
8/19/19	CWBS pool closes		Info only	
8/24-25/19	Scuba Open Water	Fredericksburg quarry	Training	Coordinate with AB Sea's Diving

8/25/19	Scuba Merit Badge	AB Sea's Diving	Training	Coordinate with AB Sea's Diving
8/30-9/2	ScubaJam	Lake Phoenix	Promotion	
9/5/19	Committee meeting	MSSC	Meeting	Reserve room
9/14/19	CPRO/FA	CWBS	Training	
9/21/19	PCS Basic	CWBS	Training	Verify Tom Ryan
9/22/19	PCS River	Potomac River	Training	Verify Mark Wray
??	Canoe Clinic	CWBS?	Training	Verify date with Steve Park. Make facility reservations
	Pow Wow		Promotion	Find Pow Wow Date
	SSD/SA	Pow Wow	Training	Find Pow Wow Date, recruit trainer
12/5/19	Committee meeting	Fairfax American Legion Post	Meeting/Holiday party	Reserve room