

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
Teleconference
November 6, 2018

Attendance: Mark Belli, Ken Feng, Joe Flaig, Ken Gaul, Kurt Johnson, Freeman Jones, Alice Nelson, Brian Suddeth, and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:35 PM. The October 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 and 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. When we are down to Goshen for annual equipment maintenance, we will contact VMI. The COPE and Climbing committee have set up an intern program with Radcliff University.
- **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.
- **Inadequate Security and Unit leadership at Snyder** – A new ranger has been hired for Snyder. He reported aboard on December 1st.
- **Lack of fully funded maintenance program at Goshen and Snyder** – The council budget now includes maintenance for both Goshen and Snyder. For FY 2019 includes \$15,000 for Goshen and \$5,000 for 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 in September.
- **Qualifications of Shooting Sports Merit Badge Counselors** – Less than 20 % of NCAC money 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 courses. The Shooting Sports Committee unanimously agreed that we ask the Advancement Committee to require NRA and USAA certification for all applicable merit badge counselors.
- **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 December 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. The neighborhood open house is scheduled for November 17, 2018. 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. We are in the process of reviewing and preparing an answer to Comment set #2 from Prince William County.

We are in the process of scheduling additional 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 instructor's website is being reworked and for the moment will not permit profile changes. The 2019 National Camping School (NCS) schedule, the NRA regional shotgun/rifle instructor classes and the Pistol Marksmanship class schedule are now available on the NCS website.

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 December 4, 2018, at Marriott Scout Service Center from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 9:01 PM.



John Wolfgang
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman