

Minutes
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee
Marriott Scout Service Center
February 5, 2019

Attendance: Phil Barbash, Ken Feng, Joe Flaig, Ken Gaul, Cole Howell, Jeff Hunter, Kurt Johnson, Reginald Moten, Alice Nelson, Brian Suddeth, Brian Summers, Bill Swarm, and John Wolfgang

Meeting Started at 7:31 PM. The January 8, 2018 meeting minutes were accepted with the correction to add Bill Swarm to attendance List.

Shooting Sports Committee Report: The following issues have been worked to correct issues identified in the NCAC Shooting Sports Report:

- **Correction of Berm heights** -Snyder BB Range berm has been corrected. 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 berm correction work for the Marriott Rifle Range must be corrected before the start of the 2019 summer camp season. The ranges at PMI ad Ross will not be changed; but will have additional warning signs installed. ***This issue is open.***
- **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. ***This issue is open.***
- **Development of Standard Operating Procedures** – New NCAC Shooting Sports Standard Operating Procedure have been developed and approved. ***We are now evaluating the procedures use during the 2018 camping season and make any needed corrections. This issue is closed.***
- **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. ***This issue is closed.***
- **Inadequate Security and Unit leadership at Snyder** – A new ranger has been hired for Snyder. He reported aboard on December 1st. ***This issue is closed.***
- **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. The shooting sports committee prioritized the items needed as follows: 1-Marriott Rifle Range Side Berm, 2-Concrete Pads installation, 3-Rifle Shooting Pavilions floor stiffening at Marriott, Bowman and Olmstead, 4-Replace Archery Sheds on all camp ranges, 5-Shooting Benches Ross BB Gun Range. ***Pending evaluation of funding adequacy this issue is open.***
- **Shooting Sports Equipment Acquisition and Maintenance** – We are collecting and reviewing the 2018 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 by March 2019. ***This issue is open.***
- **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. The shooting sport committee directed John Wolfgang to contact the NCAC Advancement Committee Chairman with a request to require shooting sports merit badge Counselors to meet the minimum BSA requirements for shooting sports instruction, i.e. that all archery merit badge counselors be USAA Level I instructor, rifle merit badge counselors hold a current NRA Rifle Instructor certificate and Shotgun merit badge counselors hold a current NRA Shotgun Instructor certificate. ***This issue is open.***

- **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 March 2019 to discuss their review comments. ***This issue is open***

Two New issues were identified at Goshen Scout Reservation during our 2018 discussions with the various camp staffs.

1. Black Powder range at Lenhok'sin Mountain Men camp site needs to be replaced. We will inspect site during our equipment repair sessions.
2. Ross staff requested shooting benches for their BB Range (Webelos, currently shooting in prone position on mattresses. John Wolfgang is to locate construction plan for small ambidextrous bench. This would be a good project for OA or Goshen Alumni.

New Range Development Camp William B Snyder: 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 2019. 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 Valley Homeowner Association Board of Directors. There appear to be no significant issues from this meeting. We held an open house to inform the homeowners on November 17, 2018 about our plans, and a special noise test session on December 15, 2018. There were no major issues identified at either session. We have also held two shooting demonstration noise tests with the neighborhood. Both tests indicated no major issues. In parallel to this work, we are developing actual implementation documents and starting fund raising planning for the project. Note: We do not have the Board of Directors permission to raise money or proceed with construction.

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. Loren Kramer from Kramar One Architecture has reviewed our range designs (NRA and BSA) and has supplied a letter supporting our site selection and range design safety. A meeting, with the county transportation group and their manager, is scheduled for late March 2019.

Equipment Maintenance and Acquisition: We are in the process of scheduling additional archery repair parties at Snyder and a shooting sports equipment cleaning and repair session at Goshen during January and February 2019. NCAC is moving toward equipment acquisition across all programs together.

We are having continual problems with the Lenhok'sin staff miss handling of black power rifle cleaning and maintenance during the summer season. We have lost 4 black powder rifles in the past three years. The shooting sports committee plans to purchase stainless steel rifles. We will also run staff through mandatory addition muzzle loading training during staff week at Goshen.

The shooting Sports Committee is investigating 20 Ga shotguns for use at Goshen.

Our development of an acquisition and repair plan is being held up by a lack of inventories of the equipment in the camps and Day Camp storage.

National BSA Shooting Sports Information: The latest shooting sports information from the National office of the BSA is located at <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/>. The new Scouting.org site has been changed with easier access to topics.

University of Scouting: Steve Crowe is working our presentations at the University of Scouting. We have been allocated three sessions Cub Scouts – 1 Hour, Boy Scouts 1 Hour and Venturing 2 hours. Our university of Scouting materials will be updated to include latest rules for Lions, girls in scouting and the new Age Appropriate activity information. Alice Nelson, Demi Pulas, Maggi De Lamater-Jeng and John Wolfgang will help with sessions.

Merit Badge Counselors: The committee decided to request that advancement committee require all shooting sports merit badge counselors hold a current NRA instructors or USAA Level 1 certification for the discipline of their merit badge.

Certification Training: Our Shooting Sports Committee Calendar contains a list of USAA and NRA certification courses within a range of 100 miles of NCAC center. We will also split this list out as a separate document for hand out at district roundtables.

Shooting Sports Committee Representatives: John Wolfgang is to prepare an information letter for shooting sports merit badge counselors notifying them of the BSA requirements for training and operating in shooting sports activities. It was suggested that we run both RSO and discipline Instructors classes during summer camp at Goshen Scout Reservation.

Our next Shooting Sports Committee meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2019, by teleconference Center from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned 9:12 PM.



John Wolfgang
NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Chairman