

**National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes
June 18 2017
Camp William B. Snyder Pool Pavilion, Haymarket VA**

1. Opening:

Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Aquatics Committee lead, welcomed attendees to the 9th annual NCAC aquatics committee pool party/June meeting. Attendees included: Bob Brandel, Robert Brandel, Two Brandel guests, Stephen Parks, Mrs. Parks, Charles Hochstein, Hochstein guest, Mike Meenehan, 2 Meenehan guests.

The minutes of the March 16 2017 meeting were approved.

2. NCAC Committee Liaison Reports:

- a. Sea Scouting – No report.
- b. High Adventure – No report.
- c. Leadership Training Committee – No report
- d. Advancement and Recognition – No report
- e. Enterprise Risk Management – No report.
- f. Venturing – No report.
- g. Camping Committee notes – There is an NCAC Camping Committee visit to GSR planned for July.
- h. Web Page – No report.

3. Reports on Recent events:

- a. The Area 6 Council Workshop was held on 18 Mar at Cecil College, Northeast MD. During the Advancement session it was mentioned a Council was having problems with Canoeing MBC certification. Mike Meenehan volunteered to send them our plan for how we used ACA assessments to accomplish the certification. It was announced that CWBS was the #1 rated camp in Area 6. GSR was #3.
- b. Mike Meenehan attended the Beneath the Sea (BTS) Dive Show in Secaucus NJ on 25 March. There are several youth diver training scholarships available from BTS. There are also PADI Dive to Adventure scholarships for Scouts.
- c. The April 15 Swimming and Water Rescue class was cancelled due to no registrations.
- d. Program Launch 2017-2018 information was provided on 12 April for Jun 2017 to Aug 2018.
- e. Charles Hochstein conducted swim tests on 30 April at Spring Hill Recreation Center. As of May 4 he has conducted swim tests for almost 100 scouts from four troops. (Units need more info on how to coordinate with facilities on conducting unit swim tests).
- f. Bob Brandel discussed the 27 – 29 May Goshen 50th Camporee. Bob is in charge of aquatics for the Camporee. He is being assisted by Charles Hochstein. There will be no swimming, just boating activities.
- g. Tom Ryan and Stephen Park conducted a Paddle Craft Safety course at CWBS/Silver Lake on 20 May. 12 persons attended. Josh Fiedler was in the course and wants to help with Canoe instruction.
- h. Also on 20 May Mike Meenehan conducted a Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid course in Fairfax. 6 persons attended.

- i. On 21 May Rush Kester and Mike Meenehan conducted the Lifeguarding pre-test at Blue Water Scuba in Manassas. They then conducted the new ARC Lifeguarding class on 10 & 11 June.
- j. June 11 was also BSA pre camp swim checks at Blu Water Scuba.
- k. On 4 June Mike Meenehan led a Snorkeling BSA session at the Germantown Pool. Lenair Bailard & Tom Groel assisted with this Sea Base crew preparation activity.

4. Upcoming special aquatics activities:

- a. 29 June – 2 July Vietnamese Camporee, Camp Snyder - Thuy Nguyen is in charge. They are providing their own lifeguards for the pool.
- b. 30 June – Jim Ashe has requested support for Jamboree swim tests at CWBS. Charles Hochstein will support.
- c. 16-28 July BSA National Jamboree
- d. 5-11 Aug – Sea Scout Lifeguard Camp. Tom Ballew is leading.

5. Upcoming NCAC Aquatics Activities

- a. 30 July, 12-13 & 19-20 Aug – Scuba Certification class and Scuba Diving merit badge session at A.B. Sea's Diving.
- b. 6 Aug – Swimming and Water Rescue Course at Blu Water Scuba. Swim classification tests can be done by a SWR trained leader per the BSA swim classification form. I need to update NCAC aquatics guidelines)
- c. 16 Sept – ARC CPR/AED for Professional Rescuer and First Aid course in Fairfax.
- d. 30 Sept – Paddle Craft Safety course by Tom Ryan at CWBS.
- e. Oct 28 – Pow Wow at Annandale High School. Tom Ryan will teach Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat course.

6. Goshen Scout Reservation Aquatics

- a. The 1 April pre-camp inspection was not supported.

7. Camp Snyder Aquatics

- a. Mike Snowdon is the new Camp Snyder Director. Robert Brandel is the Aquatics Director for this summer.
- b. The precamp inspection was done on 24 May.

8. Camp Airy Aquatics

- a. The camp will run 14 – 19 August.

9. New Business

- a. Fairfax County's Spring Hill Recreation Center has expressed interest in running Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badge sessions. Charles Hochstein will coordinate them.
- b. Rick Ferry has volunteered to organize an NCAC Canoe/Paddle Craft Regatta in the spring of 2018. No further planning has been done.
- c. Mark Wray is leading our implementation of the new BSA Paddle Craft Safety Moving Water course.

- d. Highlights from the BSA aquatics newsletter include: Announcement of the new PCS Moving Water Course, Information on the Model Aquatics Health Code, Cub Scout Aquatics update and information on ACA State Directors.
- e. Information provided by Geoff Dewitt indicates that the Prince William County Chinn/Dale City is looking to train their staff for BSA aquatics. The County Parks and Rec Department has been having so many requests for help they have assigned an employee to be the scouting services coordinator.
- f. The new NCAC liability insurance fee recovery policy was discussed. It will no longer be collected as part of the event fee.
- g. Three inquiries have been received about cross over training for American Red Cross Lifeguards to BSA Lifeguard. Robert Brandel has offered to conduct the bridge training.
- h. Lou Novak suggested that the NCAC Aquatics Committee promote the annual ACA-sponsored Scout canoe races held during the Rappahannock River days (1st weekend in June).

10. Next Meeting

The next quarterly NCAC Aquatics Committee meeting will be the week of 17 September. Probably at the Marriott Scout Service Center in Bethesda MD.

11. Professional's minute – Don Durbin, Committee Advisor, was not present.