

NCAC Aquatics Committee (AC) Meeting Minutes
December 17 2008
American Legion Post 177 Fairfax, VA

1. Opening

- a. Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Committee Chairman, welcomed attendees to the second NCAC Aquatic Committee meeting. The last meeting of the year included lots of fellowship and food. Attending were:
Eric Steele – NCAC Program Director/Committee Advisor
Mike Meenehan
Don Oliver
Kurt Yankaskas
Jeremy Oyen
Marty Rayman
Tom Ballew

Minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting were approved.

- b. Jeremy Oyen, American Canoe Association and Marty Rayman, Aquatics Adventure Scuba Academy were welcomed to their first Aquatics Committee meeting.

NCAC Committee Liaison Reports

- i. Tom Ballew, Sea Scouts, reported on the Sea Scouts plans to conduct a BSA Lifeguard class at the Solomons Island Navy Recreation Center during the first week of July 2009. He also mentioned the NCAC Powderhorn training to be held in late summer. Several sessions are aquatics-related activities.
- ii. No other liaison reports were available.
- c. Jeremy Oyen reported on the recent BSA National Aquatics Task Force Conference at the Florida Sea Base. The new Aquatics Supervision book is supposed to be available in the Scout Shop in January 2009. Aquatics Supervision contains the revised BSA Lifeguard training requirements along with Swimming and Water Rescue and Paddle Craft Safety courses. The contents of Aquatics Supervision were reviewed. Marty Rayman requested extracts for his University of Scouting presentation.
- d. Eric Steele mentioned that Goshen Scout Reservation was one of the final three sites being considered for sale to BSA for the future site of the National Jamboree. The final selection announcement was due on December 19. (Late breaking news – the announcement is being delayed until mid January).

2. Old Business

- a. Pre-camp swim classification tests – Goshen Scout camps will not recognize swim classification tests conducted in the Camp Snyder pool. However, it was determined that pre-camp swim tests might be valuable to units attending Camp Snyder or for their own program activities. Eric will determine a date for the swim tests between the pool opening on May 9 and Camp Staff arrival on June 19 for a Saturday session. AC members will be required to conduct the swim tests.

- b. Support for 2009 Camp sessions – NCAC will have seven resident camps with waterfronts next summer: Snyder, Marriott, Bowman, Olmstead, Ross, PMI, Airy. The camps need varying levels of aquatics-related support. The Aquatics Committee can assist with aquatics training during staff week. New mandatory camp standard #61 requires AC approval of aquatics staff orientation and in-service training plans, lists of activities each staff member is qualified to teach, staff assignment process, inspection procedures and EAPs. Eric will generate a worksheet for Aquatics Directors to use to meet this requirement. The AC must coordinate review of the plan before the July 4 inspections at Goshen. Bill Evans coordinates the BSA Regional Camp Inspections.
- c. BSA Lifeguard training class – Don Oliver reported his success with the Aquatics Manager at Ida Lee Park, Leesburg VA, about using the pool for BSA Lifeguard class. The pool is available 7-9 PM on Saturdays and Sunday. Further coordination will be done. A Swimming and Water Rescue course may be done in conjunction with the BSA Lifeguard class.

3. New Business

- a. University of Scouting – The AC has been asked to present Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training on February 21. Eric Steele volunteered to teach the session(s). Mike Meenehan will provide AC display material for the midway. AC members are encouraged to help man the display during the day.
- b. Kurt Yankaskas has transferred the SSD and SA videos to DVD. John Wolfgang also has the videos. Mike Meenehan will work on making copies available to the AC.
- c. Eric Steele reported on the planned aquatics session for the Snyder week of July 19 – 25 2009. The aquatics session will consist of BSA Lifeguard, Snorkel BSA and scuba certification.
- d. Jeremy Oyen discussed the ACA Paddle Safe training. This is a train-the-trainer program for paddle sports. It will be useful for Camp Aquatics Directors and for presenting the BSA Paddle Craft Safety training. The Paddle Safe course guide is available at a special scouter price of \$10 from the ACA.
- e. Eric Steele suggested an evening Learn to Swim Program for Camp Snyder

4. Next Meeting

- a. The next AC meeting will be a week later than usual due to conflicts. The meeting will be on March 25 2009. The meeting will be at the Fairfax American Legion Post 177 unless another location is suggested.