

**National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes
June 16 2010**

Camp William B. Snyder Pool Pavilion, Haymarket Virginia

1. Opening:

- a. Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Committee Chairman, welcomed attendees to the annual pool party and June meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves:

Eric Steele (NCAC Program Director/Committee Advisor), Mike Meenehan, Adrienne Mears-King, Bob Brandel, Harry Nagel, Jack Regan, Tom Ballew, Lee Hutchins, Mike Engiles and various spouses and family members.

New committee member Jack Regan was welcomed.

- b. Minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved.

2. NCAC Committee Liaison Reports:

- a. Sea Scouting – Skipper Tom Ballew announced that Ship 1942 won the Memorial Day weekend Sea Scout Regatta for the third year in a row. They are aiming for at least 3 more.
- b. High Adventure – Lee Hutchins reported gave an overview of the NCAC High Adventure Committee’s mission which focuses on providing opportunities to national high adventure bases for NCAC scouts.
- c. Risk Management/Health and Safety – No report.
- d. Leadership Development (formerly Training Committee) – No report.
- e. Venturing – Adrienne Mears-King volunteered to be the new Venturing Program liaison to the Aquatics Committee.

- 3. **2010 NCAC Program Launch** – Aquatics Committee information and activity schedule was included in the CD that was provided to all NCAC units as part of program launch this year.

- 4. **2010 National Camp School** – At least six NCAC scouters attended the Aquatics section at National Camp School recently: 4 Goshen Scout Reservation Camp Aquatics Directors, Camp Snyder Aquatics Director and Bob Brandel.

- 5. **Aquatics Promotion** – Mike Meenehan led an aquatics discussion at the May George Mason Roundtable. Harry Nagel provided an aquatics committee overview to various breakout sessions at the NCAC Key Scouter training on 12 June.

- 6. **2010 NCAC Centennial Camporee at Goshen Scout Reservation** – The Aquatics Committee successfully supported four major activities at the Centennial Camporee at Goshen Scout Reservation on May 29-31:

- a. **Venturing Sailing Program:** Rush Kester is the led the sailing instruction on Sunday at Camp Marriott.
- b. **Optional Aquatics Program:** Camps Bowman and Olmsted’s waterfronts were open for swimming and boating on Saturday and Monday for early arriving and late departing units. Hundreds of scouts and scouters participated. Rachel Johnson (Camp Olmsted Aquatics Director) and Bob Brandel (Camp Bowman Aquatics Director) led teams of dozens of volunteers who conducted safe and fun aquatics activities on Saturday and Monday. Thank you all for your great support.
- c. **Iron Man Challenge:** Several BSA Lifeguards supported the canoeing and kayaking legs of the Iron Man Challenge on Sunday.

- d. **Paddle Craft Safety Course:** A Paddle Craft Safety course was conducted Sunday at Camp PMI. Mike Meenehan, Bob Brandel, Rachel Johnson and Lee Hutchins staffed the course. 16 scout leaders participated. Course evaluations were uniformly positive.
7. **ScubaJam VA** – Mike Engiles distributed a promotional flyer for the Scout scuba activity being planned for Labor Day weekend (4-5 Sept) at Lake Rawlings, VA. The flyer will be available on the Aquatics Committee webpage. This is being organized by numerous scouters and dive shops. More info is available at scubajam-va.org. Mike is on the organizing committee.
8. **2010 Aquatics Training Courses/Activities** – The promotional flyer was reviewed. Activities include:
 - a. **Pre Camp Swim Classification Checks** – The swim checks scheduled for June 12 had to be cancelled due to major unscheduled pool house maintenance.
 - b. **Scuba Merit Badge (including Open Water Certification)** – Six scouts had started the certification class. The open water training dives are scheduled for June 19-20.
 - c. **Aquatics Supervision (Swimming & Water Rescue, Paddle Craft Safety)** – Will be offered at Goshen Scout Reservation waterfronts in 2010. See the Aquatic Committee website for more course information. These courses replace BSA Lifeguard course for unit leaders:
 - i. **Paddle Craft Safety**
 1. **Classroom sessions** – Conducted at District training events or as requested. Several have been done so far.
 2. **Water sessions** – Were conducted at the Centennial Camporee (May 30), and Camp Snyder on May 1.
 - ii. **Swimming and Water Rescue** – Is scheduled for Camp Snyder Aug 21. Register on website.
 - iii. Classroom sessions for PCS & SWR will be scheduled as needed
9. **NCAC Aquatics Records** – Evidence of Greg Larkin's (Troop 600) BSA Lifeguard course completion was found. Greg's BSA Lifeguard credentials will be issued by the NCAC program department.
10. **2010 NCAC Pow Wow** – Bob Brandel volunteered to present a Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat training session to Cub Scout leaders at the NCAC Pow Wow on November 20.
11. **BSA Lifeguard Class/Recertification/BSA Lifeguard Instructor** – There are several lifeguard courses being offered in our area:
 - a. 5 – 9 July BSA/Red Cross Lifeguard camp at Solomons, MD run by Tom Ballew. Flyer will be posted on NCAC website.
 - b. 26 July – 6 Aug Red Cross Lifeguard course in Laurel MD run by Rush Kester. Flyer will be posted on NCAC website.
 - c. 16 – 22 Aug BSA Lifeguard offered at Camp Airy MD. Contact Jeremy Galvan for more information.
 - d. Bob Brandel, new BSA Aquatics Instructor, has the facilities and certs to conduct BSA Lifeguard/recert training at his home in Fredericksburg VA. Contact Bob at Robert.Brandel@gdit.com to arrange.

12. **2010 Camp Aquatics Inspection** – National camp standards require aquatics committee review and approval of camp aquatics plans.
 - a. Camp Snyder review will be held on 20 June
 - b. Goshen Scout Reservation review will be done on 22 June.
 - c. Camp Airy review date is TBD.
13. **Working Group** - Bob Brandel will lead a working group to research the Florida Sea Base's policy on preclusion of individuals with a history of asthma from participating in scuba activities. If you are interested in helping with this effort please contact Bob.
14. **Professional's Minute** – Eric Steele thanked everyone for their participation on the Aquatics Committee.
15. **Next meeting** – the next NCAC Aquatics Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, September 15. Location is to be determined. Please note that the next Aquatics Committee meetings will be held on December 15 and March 16 2011.