

**National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 12 2013**

**Camp William B. Snyder Pool Pavilion, Haymarket VA**

**1. Opening:**

Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Aquatics Committee lead, welcomed attendees to the annual pool party/June meeting. The meeting was changed to June 12 to avoid conflicting with the LDS rental of Camp Snyder. 17 committee and family members attended. The included: Carol Cass, Kathy Baily and family, Harry Nagel and family, Jim & Patty Law, Rick Ferry and son, Tom and Rose Ballew, . Gary Carroll, NCAC Staff Advisor, was already at Goshen and could not make the meeting.

The minutes of the March 18 2013 meeting were approved.

**2. NCAC Committee Liaison Reports:**

- a. Sea Scouting – Tom Ballew reported on his upcoming lifeguard camp at Solomons. There are about 20 registrations.
- b. Venturing – Carol Cass reported on the upcoming Powderhorn course..
- c. Camping Committee notes – the Aquatics Committee falls under the NCAC Camping Committee. From the 20 March meeting – the Camp Snyder rifle range development is on hold. It will be built as a BB gun range. The USVI St. Croix is now an NCAC District. The goal is to run a camp there in 2014. The 15 May meeting focused on registration updates for summer camps.

**3. Aquatics Web Page** – Carol Cass reported on the movement to the new NCAC ISP. The new URL will be [www.ncacbsa.org](http://www.ncacbsa.org).

**4. Reports on Recent events:**

- a. Paddle Craft Safety & Swimming and Water Rescue courses – 30 March we had 8 participants, 27 April has 14 (taught by Rick Ferry and Tom Ryan).
- b. We had no aquatics participation in the 20 March Goshen Pre Camp Inspections.
- c. Mike Meenehan participated in the 22 March Camp Snyder precamp inspection.
- d. Mike attended National Camp School at Ockanickon Scout Camp 26-28 April for BSA Aquatics Instructor recertification.
- e. Mike Meenehan conducted a CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid blended learning course on 11 May.
- f. The May/June BSA Lifeguard class was cancelled due to no sign ups.
- g. The 1 June Swimming and Water Rescue class had to be postponed one week due to the Snyder pool not being open yet. Pre Camp Swim classification tests were held on 8 June with about 50 participants. Harry Nagel and Mike Johnson assisted.
- h. Scuba BSA was conducted on 9 June. There were 19 participants. John & Mike Engiles, Carl Stout and Mike Meenehan staffed.

**5. Upcoming aquatics activities:**

- a. Help is needed for the 29 June PCS course. There are 5 participants registered.
- b. The National BSA Jamboree will be held 9 – 25 July.
- c. SWR will be held at Camp Snyder on 27 July. There are 4 registrants.
- d. The Scuba certification will start with an orientation on 28 July. The course will be held at Camp Snyder on 10-11 Aug with the open water dives being conducted on 17-18 August.
- e. A scuba session will be held at the 24 August PowderHorn course at Camp Snyder.

- f. ScubaJam, a scout-focused scuba weekend at Lake Rawlings, VA, will be held Labor Day weekend – 30 Aug – 2 Sept.
  - g. The next PCS course will be 7 September at Camp Snyder.
  - h. Mike Meenehan will be meeting with the Aquatics Directors of GSR on 19 June. Ben Litten will coordinate the meeting.
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- 6. **GSR boats** – Dave Condon was instrumental in purchasing two ski boats for Goshen. He did all the heavy research on them. Both are now at GSR. Les Baron is the lead staff trainer for the boats. Dave is working on a preventative maintenance schedule. The trailer for the donated sailboat has been titled in Virginia.
  - 7. **Venture Crew** – A new Venture crew has been established at The Dive Shop in Fairfax. Carl Stout is working with them.
  - 8. **BSA Lifeguard Update** – The requirements for BSA Lifeguard were updated effective 1 May 2013. The updated requirements and instructor manual are available on the BSA website. It was suggested that a BSA Lifeguard review course be offered next spring.
  - 9. **GSR Swim checks** – The requirement/rationale for conducting swim checks at the Goshen Scout Camps in Lake Merriweather is not published in the GSR leader guides. There are inevitably questions each year about that policy. Mike Meenehan drafted wording to explain the policy that is intended to be published in the GSR leader guides.
  - 10. **BSA Standup Paddle boarding award** – the requirements for the new award were released before the National Jamboree. The brochure with award requirements is available at [www.scouting.org/OutdoorProgram/Aquatics.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/OutdoorProgram/Aquatics.aspx).
  - 11. **Next Aquatics Committee meeting** – The next NCAC Aquatics Committee meeting will be Monday, 16 September at the Marriott Scout Service Center.