

National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes
June 11 2014
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. Stormy weather kept attendance down. Attendees included: Tom Ballew, Norman Laythe. Guests included: Doug Yeckley, Steve Nichols, Noah Laythe and Meg Meenehan. Gary Carroll, NCAC Aquatics Committee Staff Advisor, was already at Goshen and could not make the meeting.

The minutes of the March 17 2014 meeting were approved.

2. NCAC Committee Liaison Reports:

- a. Sea Scouting – Tom Ballew reported on his upcoming (August 3) lifeguard camp at Solomons. There are about 10 registrations. The training is being promoted on the Chain Bridge District and Sea Scouts webpages.
- b. Advancement and Recognition – Coordination is ongoing about Canoeing Merit Badge Counselor training opportunities.
- c. Enterprise Risk Management – The Red Cross/NCAC POC is Laura Hungerford. She leads the ERM Red Cross subcommittee.
- d. Camping Committee notes – the Aquatics Committee falls under the NCAC Camping Committee. From the 19 March meeting – there was a discussion of moving the first week of GSR camps from the last week of June to the first week of July to accommodate school snow schedules. There will be a mobile kitchen at Camp Marriott and a mobile dishwashing unit at PMI.

3. Reports on Recent events:

- a. Mike Meenehan supported the 22 March Goshen Pre Camp Inspections. He focused on the five camp waterfronts.
- b. Paddle Craft Safety & Swimming and Water Rescue courses – 29 March we had 6 participants
- c. We had no aquatics participation in the 22 April Camp Snyder Pre Camp Inspections.
- d. Mike Meenehan picked up a donated canoe in Frederick MD on 6 April and delivered it to Camp Snyder. Reggie Cahoon sent a donation acknowledgement letter. A Lazer sailboat donation was accepted for the Goshen SR sailing program.
- e. Paddle Craft Safety course on 26 April had 9 participants (4 in classroom plus an additional 5 for the lake session). The water portion was done at Silver Lake Regional Park.
- f. A Canoeing Merit Badge Counselor assessment session was held with an ACA instructor at Silver Lake on 4 May. 8 counselors completed the assessment.
- g. The May/June ARC/BSA Lifeguard class was in progress with 4 participants. The participants served as staff for the Pre-Camp swim tests on 8 June

4. Upcoming aquatics activities:

- a. Scuba BSA is being offered next Sunday, 15 June. The Lifeguard students will serve as lifeguards for the activity.
- b. Mike Meenehan will visit with the GSR Aquatics Directors on 18 June and with the Camp Snyder AD on 1 July. These are annual visits to discuss how the NCAC Aquatics Committee can be a resource to the Aquatics Directors.
- c. SWR will be held at Camp Snyder on 28 June. There are 4 registrants.

- d. There will be a PCS course along with a Canoeing Merit Badge Counselor training session on 26 July at Camp Snyder.
- e. The Scuba certification will start with an orientation on 27 July. The course will be held at Camp Snyder on 9-10 Aug with the open water dives being conducted on 16-17 August. There are 9 registered for the course.
- f. A scuba session will be held at the 23 August PowderHorn course at Camp Snyder.
- g. ScubaJam, a scout-focused scuba weekend at Lake Rawlings, VA, will be held Labor Day weekend – 29 Aug – 1 Sept. Norman Laythe gave an overview.
- h. The next SWR course will be 6 September at Camp Snyder. This will be the last pool session this year.
- i. The last PCS/Canoeing Merit Badge training session of the year will be 4 October at Camp Snyder and Silver Lake.
- j. The biennial BSA Aquatics Workshop will be at the Florida Sea Base on 22-26 October. Information/registration flyer is available at reservations.scouting.org/profile/32719
- k. The BSA Northeast Region Key Leadership Forum will be held 1 November at Cecil College in Northeast MD.

5. New Business

- a. Lee DePiazza attended the recently held Wood Badge course. One of his ticket goals is to set up Canoeing Merit Badge Counselor training in Maryland. We will be working with him to complete this item.
- b. Norman Laythe was on the same Wood Badge course as Lee. Norman's whole ticket is aquatics-related.

6. News/Policy Decisions

- a. The cost of the Aquatics Supervision book has risen from \$16 to \$30. So the cost of the aquatics supervision course will rise to \$40 (including the required textbook) effective with the 6 Sept SWR course.
- b. Swimming merit badge requirements were updated in the past month.
- c. The Lifesaving merit badge pamphlet is undergoing revision.
- d. The 2014 Olmsted Aquatics Director is 20 years old. He is a 7 year Camp Olmsted aquatics staff veteran and is turning 21 in December. Approval for him to be the Olmsted Aquatics Director requires a waiver to meet National Camp Standards.
- e. National Camp School is underway at Broad Creek Scout Reservation in Baltimore Area Council. Reggie Cahoon is on staff (Camp Administration) as is Geoff Dewitt (Aquatics Section). Cindy Brandel is in the Aquatics Section and will be hired as the Camp Snyder Aquatics Director.
- f. A unit inquired about Safety Afloat guidelines. They were going on a commercial whitewater rafting trip (with guides in the boats). They asked if having guides with CPR/First Aid training met the requirement for leaders to have that training. They were told NO.
- g. A former Camp Olmsted Aquatics Director (2012) asked about getting a copy of his aquatics training credentials since he was applying for an aquatics job this summer. He was directed to contact the NCS aquatics director from his course (Don Frament).

- 7. Next Aquatics Committee meeting** – The next NCAC Aquatics Committee meeting will be Monday, 15 September at the Marriott Scout Service Center.