

**National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 10 2015**  
**Camp William B. Snyder Pool Pavilion, Haymarket VA**

**1. Opening:**

Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Aquatics Committee lead, welcomed attendees to the 7<sup>th</sup> annual NCAC aquatics committee pool party/June meeting. Attendees included: Julia & Timothy Farr, Don Zumbach, Carol Cass, Churck Trude, Tom Ballew, Jack Regan, Norman and Noah Laythe and Jason, Kendra, Andrew and Christian Wesbrock. Gary Carroll, NCAC Aquatics Committee Staff Advisor, was already at Goshen and could not make the meeting.

The minutes of the March 16 2015 meeting were approved.

**2. NCAC Committee Liaison Reports:**

- a. Sea Scouting – Tom Ballew reported on his upcoming (August 1-7) BSA & ARC lifeguard camp at Solomons. There are about 20 registrations.
- b. High Adventure – Summer trips are underway.
- c. Leadership Training Committee – No report
- d. Advancement and Recognition – No report
- e. Enterprise Risk Management – The ERM is requesting PHAs for our aquatics attractions.
- f. Camping Committee notes – There is an NCAC Camping Committee visit to GSR planned for July 22.
- g. Web Page – NCAC is planning on moving to a new ISP in January 2016. We now have an aquatics resource web page off our main page.

**3. Reports on Recent events:**

- a. The Area 6 Council Workshop was held on 21 Mar at Cecil College, Northeast MD.
- b. SWR/PCS classroom session was held on 26 Mar. There were 5 participants. Mike Meenehan instructed.
- c. Paddle Craft Safety, 25 April. Classroom and water. There were 8 participants. Canoeing Merit Badge counselor training was also held. Mike Meenehan instructed.
- d. Canoe Merit Badge Training, 2 May, Lexington Park. This training was coordinated by Leigh DiPiazza as a Wood Badge ticket item. There were 6 participants. Mike Meenehan instructed.
- e. Rush Kester performed the GSR Pre-camp waterfront inspection on 2 May.
- f. Camping and Outdoor Program Committee meetings on 18 Mar & 20 June.
- g. Aquatics activity information was included in the 2015-2016 Program Launch. This included 8 flyers, including an updated 2015-2016 flyer.
- h. BSA & ARC Lifeguard course completed on 17 May, 30/31 May, 6/7 June. 8 participants finished including the CWBS AD & 2 of his staff.
- i. Pre camp Swim checks were held on 6 June, staffed by the Lifeguard trainees. About 100 swimmers participated.

**4. Upcoming aquatics activities:**

- a. The annual pre-camp visit with the GSR AD is scheduled for 11 June. Mike Meenehan and Jason Wesbrock will talk to the GSR aquatics directors. This is to help them prepare for their camp visitation. We will also gather PHA information for the water trampolines. Phil Barbash (GSR Dep. Dir) and Mychal Tanullow (Camp PMI Director and GSR aquatics coordinator) are arranging the meeting.

- b. CWBS Pool Movie, 13 June. This is the first time CWBS has shown a movie at the pool. This is a training opportunity for BSA lifeguards.
- c. Scuba BSA on 14 June at CWBS. Mike Meenehan, Carl Stout, and AB Sea's Diving are conducting. This is another BSA lifeguarding opportunity
- d. SWR on 20 June at CWBS. Tom Ryan is instructor.
- e. ARC Lifeguarding class, 20-31 July at Prince Georges, Rush Kester is leading.
- f. PCS Class and Water session at CWBS and Silver Lake on 25 July. Mike Meenehan will instruct.
- g. SWR Class and Water session at CWBS on 8 Aug, Jason Wesbrock will instruct.
- h. Sea Scout Lifeguard Camp will be led by Tom Ballew at Solomons Island on 1-7 Aug.
- i. Scuba Certification & MB on 26 July (orientation session at CWBS), 15/16 Aug (class/pool at CWBS), 22/23 (open water dives in Fredericksburg quarry). 22 registrations, a new record.
- j. The CWBS pool closes on 16 August.
- k. Doggie Paddle at CWBS on 22 Aug. New event.
- l. Scubajam is a weekend of supervised diving for scout units. It is designed as a way to keep scouting units diving. Will be held Labor Day weekend (4-7 September) at Lake Phoenix, Brunswick, VA. Norman Laythe is the NCAC liaison for Scubajam.
- m. CPR/AED for Professional Rescuer and First Aid training at CWBS on 19 Sept. This will use the ARC blended learning course format. Mike Meenehan will be lead instructor.

## 5. New Business

- a. **Goshen SR** – boat ramp estimates were received by Dave Condon. The lake was raised too early this year to allow construction. Gary Carroll implemented a new aquatics award for GSR - Poseidon's Ring. The requirements include earning the 4 aquatics awards that are available at GSR (BSA SUP, Kayaking BSA, Mile Swim BSA, and Snorkeling BSA). The patch is for sale in the trading post. Gary asked for Aquatics Committee assistance in fund raising for GSR aquatics expenses such as 5 new floating docks and a replacement boat ramp.
- b. **Camp William B. Snyder** – suggest we have a pool opening work day next year. Should coordinate LG training for CWBS pool staff
- c. **Camp Airy** – have reviewed their aquatics EAPs and program in preparation for camp visitations.
- d. **Camp Wall** – NCAC is ramping up with new programs. Need to determine what aquatics components & support are needed.
- e. **Learn to Swim** – The NCAC LTS POCs are:
  - i. Maryland – Rush Kester
  - ii. DC – Alvin Fridie
  - iii. Virginia – Chuck Trude

## 6. News/Policy Decisions

- a. The Guide to Safe Scouting was recently updated with aquatics changes. The two major changes are:

- i. Boating is now allowed for Cub Scouts at the Den and Pack level. Previously boating was only allowed at District and Council events.
    - ii. Non-swimmers can now paddle canoes/row rowboats. Previously they were restricted to riding as passengers.
  - b. A BSA aquatics eNewsletter was sent out on 1 April (no fooling!). Councils should distribute a list of Scout-friendly pools. (that info is on our resource page). The newsletter also summarized some of the impacts of the upcoming Model Aquatics code to BSA.
  - c. 2017 Jamboree Aquatics Staff are needed. Registration is available at <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers/>  
Mike Meenehan is leading the Scuba activity and is requesting your help on staff. Several collaborative environments for scuba staff are:  
Facebook group – SCUBA Staff 2013  
Yahoo email list - scubastaff05-subscribe@yahoogroups.com (to subscribe)
- 7. Next Aquatics Committee meeting** – The next NCAC Aquatics Committee meeting will be Monday, 14 September at the Marriott Scout Service Center. Jason Wesbrock, New NCAC Aquatics Committee Chairman, will lead it.
- 8. Professional's minute** – Gary Carroll is leaving NCAC for Washington in August. He will be missed. No word on his replacement as Aquatics Committee Advisor.