

**National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18 2013**  
**Marriott Scout Service Center Bethesda, Maryland**

**1. Opening:**

Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Aquatics Committee lead, welcomed attendees to the March meeting. The meeting was changed to Monday evening to avoid conflicting with the NCAC Camping Committee meeting on Wednesday. Attending were: Carol Cass and Rush Kester. Gary Carroll, NCAC Staff Advisor, was sick and could not make the meeting.

Additions to the Aquatics Committee since our last meeting are: Debbie Buttenshaw and Rick Ferry.

The minutes of the December 19 2012 meeting were approved.

**2. NCAC Committee Liaison Reports:**

- a. Sea Scouting – Tom Ballew had a Ship meeting and could not attend.
- b. High Adventure – the 2013 NCAC provisional crew to FSB has 10 registered. Northern Tier has a new dining hall. NCAC will sponsor 2 provisional crews to the Summit in 2014. One for river kayaking, the other for rock climbing.
- c. Leadership Training – no report.
- d. Venturing – Carol Cass reported on the Goshen Scout Reservation Venturing Camps for 2013. The Council Officers Venturing Association will have a picnic at Burke Lake Park on 1 June.
- e. Advancement and Recognition – The upcoming BSA merit badge release dates are available at:  
<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/merit-badge-calendar>
- f. Enterprise Risk Management – no report.
- g. Camping Committee notes – the Aquatics Committee falls under the NCAC Camping Committee. At the January meeting there were several program ideas presented for Goshen camps. These included aquatics programs. NCAC is experiencing the country-wide ammunition shortage. .22 cal long rifle rounds are being sought. Camp visitation training will be held at the Baltimore Area Council office on 6 April. This training is required for anyone supporting the camp inspection program. There was a brief discussion of the plans for the USVI district. NCAC recently acquired the USVI council, which will be operated as an NCAC district until the council can be reestablished.

3. **Aquatics Web Page** – Carol Cass has been busy with getting the 2013 aquatics activities registrations online.

**4. Reports on Recent events:**

- a. Paddle Craft Safety & Swimming and Water Rescue course – 5 Jan. We had 3 participants including 2 River & Trails staff members.
- b. University of Scouting – 23 Feb. Several aquatics courses were presented at the annual NCAC UoS:
  - i. Safe Swim Defense training – Isabel Mack & Chuck Trude
  - ii. Safety Afloat training - Isabel Mack & Chuck Trude
  - iii. Scuba for Scouts – Mike Meenehan
  - iv. Aquatics Committee midway display
- c. Catoctin Mountain District Swim Meet – 15 Mar. Mike Turell ran his 32<sup>nd</sup> annual district swim meet.

5. **Goshen Scout Reservation** – Camp Olmsted is still looking for an Aquatics Director. The Aquatics Committee is looking for resources for camps for the Kayaking merit badge and use of the new Standup Paddleboards. A big thanks goes to Dave Condon who is working on getting a Hobie 14 catamaran for Camp Bowman. He is currently working the titling and minor repairs to the Hobie. Gary Carroll is still looking for a ski boat. They need to have a ski boom & wakeboard tower. Must hold 6 passengers. Should be a speedboat manufactured by Moomba, Mastercraft or Supra. A 2006-2009 boat is probably affordable. The budget is a maximum of \$40K for 2 boats. May be only able to afford one. Les Baron is personally involved in the decision making. Including storage and winterization would be desirable. Gary has checked out the Baltimore Boat Show, several Chesapeake dealers, and the Prince William Marina without success. Goshen precamp inspections will be conducted 19-20 April (on Saturday morning). Bunk space is available on Friday night).
6. **Camp William B. Snyder** – Camp Snyder has a new registrar who replaced Elizabeth Hoitt. Many of our aquatics activities are planned for Camp Snyder. The next Paddle Craft Safety course is scheduled there for 27 April. The next Swimming and Water Rescue course is 1 June.
7. **2013-14 Aquatics Activity Schedule** – Next year's activity/training dates were submitted as part of the NCAC calendar planning process. The input was due by 15 Mar. Please note the change of the 30 Nov PCS/SWR class (Thanksgiving holiday weekend) to 23 Nov. Please put the aquatics training classes on your calendar and let Mike Meenehan ([mmmeenehan@cox.net](mailto:mmmeenehan@cox.net)) know if you can help with a course.
8. **Scuba BSA** – Was written up in the PADI 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2013 training bulletin.
9. **411 Cub Scout program changes** – The BSA National Aquatics Task Force is working on revising the Cub Scout advancement program. The aspirational goal is that more Cubs and Webelos will enter the Boy Scout program with enhanced swimming and aquatics safety and self-preservation skills. A select few BSA Councils will be surveyed about the proposed changes. The Aquatics Committee reviewed a draft of the proposal.
10. **Next Aquatics Committee meeting** – The June meeting has traditionally been held as a pool party at Camp Snyder. The camp is reserved and the pool isn't available on Wednesday, 19 Jun (our usual meeting date). We have the option of moving the meeting up one week to Wednesday, 12 Jun when we would have the use of the Snyder pool. Please let Mike Meenehan ([mmmeenehan@cox.net](mailto:mmmeenehan@cox.net)) know your preference (keep the 19 Jun date with the meeting held in Fairfax VA or move the date to 12 Jun and have a family pool party/BBQ at the Camp Snyder pool).