National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16 2009
Aquatics Adventures Scuba Academy, Alexandria VA

1. **Opening:**
   a. Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Committee Chairman, welcomed attendees and opened the NCAC Aquatic Committee meeting. Thanks were given to Marty Rayman for hosting the meeting.
      Attending were:
      Eric Steele (NCAC Program Director/Committee Advisor), Mike Meenehan, Marty Rayman, Mike Fijalka, Kevin Jura, Bob Brandel, Leo Einck and Ron Goldberg (visiting from Transatlantic Council)
   b. Dale Walsh is the new NCAC Activities and Civic Service Committee Chairman and Leo Einck is the new NCAC Risk Management/Health and Safety Committee Chairman.
   c. Minutes of the June 24 2009 meeting were approved.
   d. Review of the Aquatics Committee mission – Mike Meenehan, Committee Chairman, reviewed the mission of the Aquatics Committee at this first meeting of the 2009-2010 scouting year.
2. **NCAC Committee Liaison Reports:**
   a. Sea Scouting – Skipper Tom Ballew completed the National Camping School's Aquatics section at Bonner Scout Reservation in North Carolina in May 2009.
   b. High Adventure – no report
   c. Risk Management/Health and Safety – Leo Einck introduced himself and gave an overview of his committee.
   d. Training – a detailed training update handout was reviewed.
3. **2010 NCAC Centennial Camporee at Goshen Scout Reservation** – Kevin Jura reported on aquatics plans for the Centennial Camporee. Support will be required for the Iron Man triathlon, Venturing Eco Challenge, open swimming and open boating programs. Units will have to conduct their own swim tests before the camporee.
4. **2009 Sea Scout Lifeguard Camp** (30 June – 3 July) - NCAC Sea Scout's 16th annual BSA Life Guard Training week was successfully accomplished by Skipper Ballew and Skipper Fred Broadrup at the Navy's Solomons Recreation Center in Maryland in mid-July 2009. Nine youth and three adults qualified as new BSA Life Guards. Sea Scouts from Virginia, Maryland, and Connecticut attended this certification course. All earned their American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescue certifications at this same course.
5. **Aquatics Supervision Courses at Camp Snyder** (20 – 24 July) - Cancellation of the Aquatics Patrol program at Camp Snyder allowed us to use the pool to offer the new Swimming and Water Rescue and Paddle Craft Safety courses. The courses were run as "Instructor" training, so we now have 2 more full instructors and 2 provisional instructors for the courses. Course evaluations were generally good. Plans are underway to hold more classes. It was discussed that the classroom portions of the class could be distributed throughout NCAC with central pool/paddling sessions.
6. **2009 Camp Inspection Support** – The Aquatics Committee supported meeting the national camp standards for seven NCAC council camp waterfronts. Kevin Jura coordinated support for the five Goshen Scout Reservation camps and Mike Meenehan

signed off for Camp Snyder and Camp Airy. It is anticipated that the process will go more smoothly next year since all the camps now have their documentation in place.

7. **Powder Horn** (28-30 Aug) – NCAC hosted a successful first weekend of Powder Horn training for Venture leaders on 28 – 30 August at Camp St. Charles in Maryland. The following aquatics related areas were included: Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, First Class Swimmer Test, SCUBA, Canoeing Instruction, Sailing Instruction in a 56-foot Schooner, Discussions on the changes in 'Aquatics Supervision'.
8. **Scuba Merit Badge Update** – Latest word is that the merit badge will be rolled out at the 2010 National Jamboree. Lots of discussion about BSA age limits for scuba. Late breaking news – there is the possibility that NCAC could pilot test the PADI Seal Team program for Cub Scouts. PADI has produced two brochures – one explaining scuba opportunities for scout leaders and one explaining BSA opportunities for Dive Centers. Please contact Mike Meenehan if you are interested in any of these items.
9. **Goshen Scout Reservation Waterfront Visits** (17 Jul). Mike Meenehan travelled to Goshen Scout Reservation on 17 July and visited the five camp waterfronts to discuss the NCAC Aquatics Committee with the Aquatics Directors. He distributed CDs with the new Aquatics Supervision courses. It is anticipated that the Aquatics Supervision courses will be more available at the camps next year. All the Aquatics Directors were invited to help with the Aquatics Committee.
10. **BSA Lifeguard** – Kevin Jura has volunteered to lead the BSA Lifeguard Instructor and Instructor recertification effort.
11. **Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow** (21 Nov) – The Aquatics Committee will have a midway display and will present a Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat training session at the Pow Wow. If you can help with manning the display or teaching the course, please contact Mike Meenehan.
12. **NCAC Aquatics Records** – Accessing NCAC aquatics records continues to be a challenge. The program office has agreed to email us copies of summer camp aquatics forms as they are received. To date, two BSA Lifeguard forms have been received. This should help when issues arise such as Mr. Blake Christie who claims to have finished BSA Lifeguard at Camp Marriott last year but there are no records at NCAC to indicate that.
13. **Aquatics Committee Policy Subcommittee** – Several questions have recently been directed at the Aquatics Committee for interpretation of requirements. There will be a policy subcommittee formed to address such issues. If you are interested in serving on the subcommittee, please contact Mike Meenehan.
14. **Next meeting** – the next NCAC Aquatics Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 16. If you have suggestions for a location, please contact Mike Meenehan