National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Aquatics Committee Meeting Minutes
December 16 2009
American Legion Post 177, Fairfax Virginia

1. **Opening:**
   a. Introductions – Mike Meenehan, Committee Chairman, welcomed attendees and opened the final NCAC Aquatic Committee meeting of 2009. Annual holiday hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed. Minutes of the September 16 meeting were approved.
   Attending were:
   Eric Steele (NCAC Program Director/Committee Advisor), Mike Meenehan, Chuck Trude, Bob Brandel, Isabel Mack, Harry Nagel, Rush Kester, Chuck Frizzelle and Tom Ballew
   b. Minutes of the September 16 meeting were approved.
2. **NCAC Committee Liaison Reports:**
   a. Activities and Civic Service – the Venturing/Sea Scouting Committee has been renamed to "NCAC Teen Programs" which also include Exploring and Varsity programs.
   b. Sea Scouting – Skipper Tom Ballew reported on his annual Sea Scout Lifeguard camp for Sea Scouts held in July 2009.
   c. High Adventure – no report
   d. Risk Management/Health and Safety – Leo Einck expressed interest in insuring a safe implementation of, and the ability to monitor, scuba activities in NCAC.
   e. Training – no report.
3. **Aquatics Promotion Resources** – Numerous displays are available for promotion at Roundtables, training course, etc. Resources include: 3'x5' vinyl Aquatics Committee banner, 3'x4' display boards: Cub Scout Aquatics, Adult Leader Aquatics, Scuba/Snorkel BSA, Aquatics Committee. Handouts: Aquatics Committee info, Pre-camp swim check, PADI scuba brochure.
4. **Report on Recent Courses** – There was an aquatics display at the NCAC Pow Wow midway on November 21. Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat course was conducted for 11 leaders.
5. **NCAC Aquatics Records** – There is now a drawer in the NCAC Program Office for aquatics records (previously stored in single 3 ring binder). Records are organized by year. As records are filed they are scanned and emailed to the Aquatics Committee for digital records. 90 have been processed to date. A previously lost record from 2008 was found during the filing.
6. **2010 Centennial Camporee Support** – No report was available. All Aquatics Committee members are encouraged to register (staff registration procedures are to be determined) to help support the aquatics activities that will be conducted. 49 current BSA lifeguards were identified during the records digitization process. Much help will be needed.
7. **Updated BSA scuba policy** – The updated BSA scuba policy was reviewed. The policy was revised by BSA to accommodate the new scuba merit badge that was announced December 1. The new policy requires Council approval of scuba instructors. Proposed approval procedures were discussed with the RM/H&S committee and approved by Aquatics Committee members present. The wording will be added to the website. Mike

Engiles will represent the Aquatics Committee to the Lake Rawlings Scubaree planning group. The activity is tentatively planned for Labor Day weekend.

8. **BSA Lifeguard Counselors** – Training requirements were discussed. Interest was expressed in BSA Lifeguard Counselor training by Chuck Trude, Bob Brandel and Rush Kester. Rush has access to potential facilities.
9. **2010 Aquatics Training Courses/Activities –** A draft calendar was reviewed. Highlights include:
    a. **University of Scouting –** February 20, Hayfield High School. We have a midway display. Scheduled courses: Scuba (Mike Meenehan), Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat Training (Chuck Trude/Isabel Mack).
    b. **Pre Camp Swim Classification Checks –** Camp Snyder Pool, June 12 (Harry Nagel, Chuck Trude)
    c. **Scuba Merit Badge (including Open Water Certification) –** orientation Jun 5/6, class/pool Jun 12/13, open water Jun 19/20, merit badge session Jun 26. (Need divemasters)
    d. **Aquatics Supervision (Swimming & Water Rescue, Paddle Craft Safety) –** to be offered at Goshen Scout Reservation waterfronts in 2010
        i. **Paddle Craft Safety (water session) Camp Snyder Aug 15**
        (Harry Nagel will conduct a troop PCS session on May 1)
        ii. **Swimming and Water Rescue (water session) Camp Snyder Aug 21**
        iii. **Classroom sessions for PCS & SWR will be scheduled**
    e. **BSA Lifeguard –** to be offered at Goshen Scout Reservation waterfronts in 2010
    f. **BSA Lifeguard Counselor Training –** To be determined.

    These courses will be promoted via the NCAC website, Roundtable flyers
10. **BSA Aquatics Instructor** – Anyone interested in BSA AI training needs to get NCAC approval by Eric Steele for attendance at National Camp School.
11. **Professional's Minute** – Eric Steele described some of .
12. **Next meeting** – the next NCAC Aquatics Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, May 19. If you have suggestions for a location or would like to host the meeting please contact Mike Meenehan