

Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2014

Diane Fenton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

In attendance: Tonia Winn, Mary Critzer, Doris Oliver, Jim Williamson, Cord Hall, Brad Epperley, Charlton McCoy, Mike Harris, Mike Saylor, Diane Fenton

Citizen compliment about the Adult Volleyball League

Minutes from last meeting approved

Brad shared the highlights from the November monthly report:

- Rental Contracts \$1,470 for the month of November
- Attendance this past month was 7,287, lots of people parking and walking the Huckleberry Trail
- Church and Open Volleyball season went very well this year
- RU Women's Basketball came to the Pee Wee placement practice and did drills with the 60+ children that are signed up with Pee Wee Basketball
- RU Men's Basketball is coming over on December 20th for a free clinic for K-6th Graders
- Also working on some other clinics for Baseball and Softball at the beginning of the year
- First ever New River Valley Football Bowl Championship, a great success with very few issues with all localities being represented
 - Our Christiansburg Mite League team won the championship
- Basketball placement practices have taken place and our numbers are up this year, especially in the younger age groups
- Senior Programs: Senior aerobics has 22 participants, Blood Drive had 24 participants, Medicare Open Enrollment has had a steady increase of participants, Stress Your Health Program had 18 participants, Thanksgiving Lunch had 76 participants (this is a great program for the community)
- Special Populations: Craft Class has had 12 participants
- Community Programs: 30 min Arms and Abs had 18 participants, Core Balance and Strength had 21 adults, Total Body Cardio had 19 participants
- Special Interest: Dog Obedience Classes had 11 dogs and owners
- Outdoor Sports Facilities and Parks: Currently working on new fencing quotes for Kiwanis and Falling Branch for safety (part of Capital Improvements), sent out information to organizations for field rental requests and working on getting them all together
 - Nations Baseball awarded two World Series for next year and they want Christiansburg to be the host site for both of them

- Will partner with Radford and Pulaski to be able to have the field space to host these tournaments
- Installed first bench on the new section of the Huckleberry Trail, purchased by Russell and Shirley Stone (\$600 per bench)
 - Kiwanis also wants to purchase 2 benches for the new section, and also maybe a shelter over the benches
- USSSA has been the organization of preference for the Commonwealth Games, this year Nations Baseball is the organization for the Commonwealth Games and we will be a host site
- Working with River Ridge Dermatology, Chad Johnston, on a grant for Shade Structures (\$8000). Sent off last Tuesday and we won't know anything until April. Would like to put the shade structures at Harkrader Sports Complex over the playground equipment for two reasons, the sun b/c there is no shade available around there and also for protection against foul balls.

Brad passed around the new Winter Brochure for everyone to see.

Hope to have it back before the children leave for Winter break from school

30 day Challenge, this month is squats. Past months have been sit-ups and push-ups

Town of Christiansburg has been donated some property on Phlegar Street and 3rd Street that they would like to see be turned into a park. Brad passed around a map for everyone to see where it was located

Land is pretty flat and they would like some swings and picnic area

Also looking around Cambria area for land to be able to do a playground for the children that live around there (pocket park)

We just have to find the funding to be able to do these types of parks for our community not just to start it but to maintain the parks

There will be a new policy in place so that there will be no confusion or competition within the Parks and Recreation and Aquatics Departments. Help provide a better product for patrons.

Example is our VA Firearms Safety Class normally has 20-30 participants and this session with the Aquatics offering the same class we only had 7 participants

Discussions about using the Aquatics Center if the Recreation Center couldn't do a certain class or didn't have room for a certain class

Also talks about a Surf and Turf program where the program would have some classes here at the Recreation Center and then another at the

Aquatics Center all rolled into one package or class

We want to be able to find a solution and move on. Barry Helms, Town Manager is looking at it again and will come up with a policy for everyone to follow

Rough Draft of RFP for the Truman/Wilson property was passed around so everyone could see it before it was given to Town Council tomorrow night

First Annual Huckleberry Hustle 5k Race will be May 16th. Will be meeting with Shane Guynn Wednesday to discuss details on the planning of the race

VCOM (400 students) has inquired about business membership set up for their students (reduced fees) and in turn they could do programs/services for us. VCOM wants to have a Community Health Day (could use all 4 basketball courts) at the Christiansburg Recreation Center whether or not we do memberships reductions for them. Brad thinks this could be a great thing to do due to the growth of VCOM. Evaluate the percentage of membership reduction of fees for services rendered for the better of the community. Need to see if the programs they are going to provide will be beneficial enough to give them the percentage of reduction. Continue looking at other business membership models to determine the best way to accomplish this for the better of the community and businesses.

There will be no meeting on January 5th due to the holidays. Next meeting February 2, 2015