

Christiansburg Aquatic Center
Advisory Board
October 6, 2021

In attendance: Jeremy Williams, Chair; Steve Simmons, Co-Chair; Bev Bridges, Shirley Hallock, Amelia Tuckwiller, Karen Drake-Whitney, Steve Huppert, Town Council Liaison

Staff in attendance: Terry Caldwell, Director; Maddie Duke, Office Manager

Public in attendance: Chris Waltz

Jeremy called the meeting to order.

Steve motioned to accept the minutes from last meeting and Amelia seconded the motion.

Public Comment

1. Mr. Chris Waltz's concern with the cost of operating the CAC. He suggests the board come up with ideas to increase profit.

Terry's Report

1. Request from water aerobics participant to close the leisure pool during class to limit distractions. Terry and staff did close the pool during the M/F Morning Fit class. In review of other classes that are more upbeat with music, staff decided to leave the pool open to the public during those times. This participant has asked for the leisure pool to also be closed during the more upbeat Fit and Fabulous on Friday mornings.
 - a. Amelia suggested the class move into another configuration with participants' backs toward the beach area and the instructor using a microphone.
 - b. Jeremy recommends the pool stay open as-is due to the goal being to maximize pool usage.
 - c. Amelia motioned to keep the pool open with Bev seconding. Votes are as follows: AYES: Williams, Simmons, Tuckwiller, Drake-Whitney, Hallock, Bridges. NAYS: None.
2. The leisure/therapy pools are now open to the public without reservations. Staff has seen a decline in visits since the reservation system was discontinued. The board will address this at the next meeting once another month of data is available.
3. Lifeguard update
 - a. The lifeguard wage has been increased to \$12-\$12.50/hr.
 - b. A current part-time Aquatic Services Specialist has been promoted to full-time lifeguard.
 - c. Three part-time lifeguards have been hired since August.
 - d. A few that have applied are not certified and staff are working on certifying them.
4. H2Okie Thanksgiving Invite, November 5-7
 - a. Approximately 800 athletes from Virginia and North Carolina
 - b. No spectators, masks required for athletes while not swimming.
5. Radford City contract
 - a. Town Council approved the contract for another year.
 - b. Radford City pays \$12,000/year and \$5 for all visits over 200 per month. Those monthly visits are billed to the City directly.
6. Room rentals and after-hours rentals are picking up.
7. Scott Coppock, Customer Services Supervisor passed his Certified Parks and Recreation Professional exam.
8. The skate park parking lot will be paved once approved. Concrete will be poured next week for the area around the shelter, restrooms and picnic tables.
9. Reappointments for the next terms: Amelia, Bev and Steve.

10. The facility will be closed on upcoming fall holidays.
11. Private lessons are still being provided with a waitlist in place.
12. Light project is scheduled to begin December 13.
 - a. NYE Splash is currently on hold due to this project.
13. LED sign
 - a. The town is waiting on AEP to install an additional power pole.
14. MCPS second grade lessons will not be held this year due to COVID concerns.
15. Upcoming special events/program
 - a. Pumpkin Splash, JACKED O' Lantern and Mermadness

New Business

1. Mr. Huppert's comments regarding swim lessons and the great work by the instructor and lifeguards during that time.

Meet adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting will be November 3.