

Christiansburg Aquatic Center
Advisory Board
February 2, 2022

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

Staff in attendance: Terry Caldwell, Director; Maddie Duke, Office Manager; Jilliann Kowalcik, Program Supervisor.

Jeremy called the meeting to order.

Bev motioned to accept the minutes from last meeting with Steve seconding the motion.

Public Comment

1. Mr. Chris Waltz addressed the board regarding expenditures of the aquatic center. He also mentioned the lifeguard summer wage at Montgomery County's Frog Pond.

Terry's Report

1. CAC lifeguards will no longer guard for swim team practices, limiting this will save over \$43,000 per year.
2. Staff received a concern from a patron regarding the therapy pool closures during programs.
 - a. The Warm Water Workout program is currently limited to 10 participants with limited mobility. The participants use the entire pool and need a calm environment to be able to hear the instructor.
 - b. During the week, the therapy pool is closed the following times for programs:
 - i. Monday/Wednesday 8-9 a.m., 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 - ii. Tuesday/Thursday 9:15-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 - c. Steve recommended posting a sign with hours at the therapy pool.
 - d. Karen suggested those hours also be posted at the front desk.
3. Staffing and positions
 - a. A few more lifeguards have been hired and trained.
 - b. Two full-time positions are currently vacant, and interviews are being held this week.
4. VT Invitational- Feb. 4-5
5. January Radford Rec. visits: 267
6. Lifeguard Wage
 - a. Montgomery County will be hiring summer lifeguards at \$16-17/ hour.
 - b. Terry got a call from a council member requesting the board ask town council for a wage increase for lifeguards.
7. Membership report

Old Business

1. The RU intern has started and is working 40 hours/week.

New Business

1. Lifeguard wage discussion
 - a. The board will support a wage increase if the budget supports it since lifeguarding requires certification and skill.
 - b. Jeremy recommended meeting with human resources to present why pay needs to be increased, even if just seasonal.
 - c. Terry will discuss with human resources.
2. Second grade swim lessons

- a. For the past two years, MCPS has declined to participate in the program due to COVID. Jilliann has been in contact with them regarding next year.
- 3. Private swim lessons are still being offered with an extensive waitlist.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for March 2.