

Christiansburg Aquatic Center  
Advisory Board  
November 2, 2022

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

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

Public in attendance: Paula Shipper

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Williams

Shirley made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting with Bev seconding.

1. Public Comment
  - a. Ms. Shipper is requesting earlier opening hours beginning at 7 a.m. during the week. Ms. Shipper primarily uses the therapy pool.
2. Terry's Report
  - a. Discussion on Ms. Shipper's request
    - i. The board advised Terry to discuss with her staff regarding staff scheduling.
  - b. Sunday hours have been well received in the community and the regular swimmers.
  - c. Discussion on request regarding swim lessons for special needs
    - i. Terry spoke with Jilliann, Program Supervisor regarding the request. The facility has four WSI's (Water Safety Instructor's) in the facility and if they feel comfortable with their teaching ability with the disability, they will offer private lessons.
  - d. Caroline Ratkus, Operations Supervisor has left the CAC to further her career in North Carolina. Interviews are being held this week for her replacement.
  - e. Skatepark Competition was a success with 30 registered participants.
  - f. Birthday parties are still a popular demand. The CAC can accommodate four parties on Saturdays and two on Sundays. The facility is still offering Friday after-hours parties upon request.
  - g. Second grade swim lessons are complete for 2022. The CAC was able to offer lessons to 701 students. At the conclusion of their lessons, each child was given a CAC bag with the brochure and a free pass.
  - h. Pumpkin Splash was successful with 21 total registered participants.
  - i. High school swim season kicks off next week, Nov. 7.
    - i. Seven teams, 160 athletes
    - ii. Blacksburg High Diving, Christiansburg High, Giles High, Narrows, Pulaski, Radford High and Auburn High.
  - j. H2Okie Thanksgiving Invitational will be held Nov. 11-13
    - i. Over 1,000 age-group swimmers from multiple states
    - ii. Facility will be closed to the public
    - iii. NRVA, Inc (H2Okie's) will provide parking services Saturday morning.

- k. City of Radford
  - i. October visits: 219
  - ii. Contract is coming up for renewal. This contract has been in place since 2016.
  - iii. An increase to match the non-resident rate of \$6 will be advised in the new contract.
- l. Terry and staff are reviewing emergency services involvement with swim meets and special events.
  - i. The facility will hold off on optional special events to focus on swim meet operations.
- m. RFP HVAC evaluation, study, and design.
  - i. Contract is scheduled to be signed Feb. 3, 2023
- n. Security camera upgrades to include the parking areas will be put into the next budget due to safety concerns.

3. Old Business

- a. Advisory re-appointments
  - i. Karen and Shirley have decided to serve again. Jeremy will not serve another term.

Meeting adjourned.