

Feb 22 2023

Attendance: Maria Reyes, Jill Lipoti., Brad Garton, Katherine Peterson, Lori Reiter

We had a small but talkative group tonight. There is still some research which is needed, but perhaps by the next meeting we can be ready to make some recommendations to the SHCC Board.

While the Board is ready to open the pool from May 1 to September 30, we would like to suggest that we extend the season by 2 weeks on either end, so open the pool on April 15 and close on October 15 unless it really is too cold. We can vote on this proposal next meeting. While we have gathered information on other pools' open and close dates, none really are relevant since they are uncovered pools. We are the only covered pool.

We discussed having more time for families to use the pool from June to Labor Day. There are various ideas, but be prepared to come to the next meeting with your ideas. We talked about extending pool hours to 8pm so that people who work can get to the pool. Using volunteers to "close" the pool and make sure everyone is out of there. For this kind of thing, we need to hear from Jerry - what is involved with closing the pool?

We discussed having lane markers, so that someone could be doing laps while others are using the other part of the pool for mermaids or other activities. Allowing maximum flexibility for multiple uses of the pool at the same time would be a good way to encourage more people to make use of the pool without adding cost.

We discussed a charge for guests at some minimal fee. Our default was \$2/person/day. This is an area where we need to gather more information from other pools in the area. A resident would have to sponsor the guest - and the guest would have to sign a waiver. There would be a sign-in, and at the end of the season, an invoice would be sent to the resident so they could pay the guest fees. Maria is looking at the best way to manage this so it would not be overly burdensome, but would offset some of the cost of the pool.

We discussed how to handle swimming lessons. If there is information from other pools on how they handle swimming lessons, please provide!

We discussed how many guests per resident would be allowed. Our current requirement is 5 guests per resident. Other pools allow as many as 10 guests per resident. This is an area where we could use more information from nearby pools. Please come to the meeting with your proposal.

We discussed solo swimming. It appears that SHCC is the only pool that expressly forbids solo swimming. The state reg only forbids solo swimming for those under 17. Other pools recommend swimming with a buddy, but do not require it. What safeguards are in place at other pools for solo swimming?

Finally, we talked about additional duties for the pool attendant if there are times when no one is in the pool. Cleaning the pool and bathrooms, testing for proper chlorination, and paperwork were all ideas for the pool attendant job duties to decrease the workload for Jerry and for Maria.

So, if you missed tonight's meeting, please be thinking about all of these issues for next meeting. If you were gathering information from pools in the area, focus your info gathering on these particular issues:

- 1) What are the pool hours?
- 2) What is the guest fee? How is it charged?
- 3) How are instructors for swimming lessons paid? Is there a charge per student? What is the charge?
- 4) What is the number of guests allowed per resident?

A really good way to gather this info is to put it on the spreadsheet that Kayce created, but if that is not possible, just bring the information to the next meeting.

In order for the board to consider our input, we should be ready to start voting and putting our recommendations in writing at the next meeting.