

## Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting

January 25, 2023 – 7:30

In attendance: David Leonard, Kirsten Frichette, Jacob Hogg, Darcell Myers, Russ Whitaker, Heather Sandberg, Kayla Thomas, and Dave Jones

Absent: Jennifer Ellsworth, Matt Leach, Hongyan Sheng

*Minutes edited by DJL for additional detail and information to ensure communication and transparency*

### 1. Minutes

- Approved

### 2. Update from Russ

- “B” champs - Nick and Corrine will lead as Russ will focus on running meet
- “A” champs
- Not doing Zones
- 2 athletes for age regionals

### 3. Reminders and update

- Safe sport training need (Jacob and Darcell; as Safe Sport representative, it would be good to have Jennifer as well; Russ will get Devin registered properly). Kirsten and David working on safe sport recognition and once Team Recognition is live again, we will get to work on that
- Safe sport for students – Will work to have forum for athletes in spring
- First parent education seminar went well; good attendance

### 4. Taxes

- 501(C)3 – Still waiting to hear on this; makes lots of things difficult but we will continue to be patient in this regard
- End of the calendar year stuff taken care of (Darcell)
- Questions for the accountant about swim-a-thon; Darcell will meet with Lisa (accountant) once back in office
- W-2 sent to coaches; file with SSA and state – Completed

## 5. Fundraising

### a. Update from Fall

- Drafted letters for families that didn't participate or fulfill expectation. Those will be sent out after short course champs
- Football schedule for next year came out

### b. Spring plans

- Concessions for upcoming meets
- Need to work on swim-a-thon; after short course champs. Hopefully by then we will have information from accountant

## 6. Budget

### a. Projections

- Close to \$70k original projection was \$60k
- Add to this we also have money generated from Football cleanups, Cougar Classic (hopefully 3500) and B Champs (7000-9000).
- Yet, we have increased costs: \$700 for recent pool shutdown (to rent PAC and Idaho); accountant, etc.
- See below for details

## 7. Registering in Team Unify – coaches and officials?

- JD and Rick are listed are in TEAM Unify but not linked
- Do we want to have all officials and coaches linked?
- Insurance – all athletes must be registered with USA Swimming for insurance purposes

## 8. Team Building

- Poster making. Currently at 10 kids showing up, and some parents as well
- Short course champs will be next poster making event 24<sup>th</sup> of February. Need volunteers and donations for pizza

## 9. Feb Meets – The bulk of the meeting focused on planning for Feb meets; getting family support

- Boy's districts concessions full
- Need timers and other volunteers for Cougar Classic.
- We need Safety Marshalls and all parents to help with all meets. Important for club
- Lots to do in terms of food for hospitality; meals; organization to make sure athletes are