

Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting

May 21, 2024

Attendance: Chelsie Dusek, Jack Zhang, Yi Gu, Hongyan Sheng, Anne McCoy, Ching-Guo Wu, Jacob Hogg, Priscilla Schmidt, Roseanne August, Russ Whitaker

- I. Introduction of Priscilla Schmidt, Board President, appointed on April 25th by majority voted 6 out of 8 people with two abstentions (Kirsten and David)
- II. Cougar Aquatic announcements by Russ Whitaker
 - a. 2023 tracking information shared, generally showing improvement for our club with times dropped across events
 - b. When compared to clubs of our size, we were in the top 8%
 - c. Russ will share information with Cougar Aquatics in general
- III. Vote for Vice President
 - a. Nominations taken – one nominee for Jack Zhang
 - b. Voted 8 out of 8 people voting yes
- IV. Swimathon fundraising updates
 - a. As of this morning, \$3735 raised
- V. Discussion and feedback on fee structure
 - a. Cougar aquatics is a parent-owned board, so everyone is a shareholder
 - b. Highlights
 - i. Trimester sessions introduced
 1. Follows parks and recs sports seasons
 2. Will hopefully encourage younger swimmers to try out the club
 - ii. Officials would not pay travel fee
 - c. Discussion of dues offset
 - i. This would be money earned through fundraisers
 - d. Discussion of volunteer hours
 - i. These volunteer hours are required
 - ii. Volunteer hours are per family and are less than other clubs
 - iii. This can be offset by timing or other volunteer opportunities
 - iv. This will be done by setting up a login via team unify and getting up times for volunteering
 - v. Discussion of whether 12 hours was enough for all that is required for Cougar Aquatics, especially when we have home meets
 - vi. By having more parent involvement, we will be more likely to have viable bids for home meets and this is needed to make sure we are financially solvent
 - vii. Cougar aquatics has to ensure we can have the hours needed to volunteer and don't negatively impact parents
 - viii. Discussed other fundraising options including concessions, but we want to make sure we aren't taking away from other volunteer commitments like football and that we have the bodies needed for other big commitments
- VI. Approval for bank statement that allows addition of Priscilla Schmidt and remove David Leonard