

Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting

August 26, 2024

Attendance:

Priscilla Schmidt, Darcell Myers, Hongyen Sheng, Russ Whitaker, Roseanne August, Yi Gu

- I. Officer report:
 - a. President:
 - i. Set-up registration with Roseanne
 - ii. Because of trimesters, we will have multiple sign-ups for the different seasons
 - iii. Lentil Festival was a success! Tons of shirts, ducks, and flyers were given out. Today, we can see 4-5 new kids at the Open House as a result.
 - b. Vice President:
 - i. Jack not able to come today, but is working with Priscilla for fall fury volunteer sign-ups. Making a list of volunteer roles with description so parents have an idea of what they are signing up for.
 - c. Secretary:
 - i. Have contacted raffle winners from the Lentil festival. Have heard back from #2 and #3 winners, but have not heard back from #1
 - d. Treasurer:
 - i. New paperwork needed for employee/employer but working on it
 - ii. Person initially approached as treasurer is unable to join the board, have another person as an option that Priscilla will approach to finish the treasurer term for Cougar Aquatics parent board
- II. Voting and policy updates
 - a. Vote for new member at large: Yi Gu
 - b. Vote 4/4 for yes, as this is a majority vote, it is passed
 - c. Conflict of Interest Agreement signed by officers, By-laws updated with one change that we have three credit cards, not two and signed by officers.
 - d. We will be adding Taylor McCoy (Board Member/Head Coach) as signer to our Umpqua Bank checking account ending. We will be keeping Priscilla Schmidt (Board President) and Russel Whitaker (Board Member/WSU Head Coach) as signers on the account.
 - e. Can swimmers sign-up for meets while on pause? If a swimmer is signed up for the year/currently registered, then yet. If they are on pause with Cougar Aquatics, they can attend as unaffiliated to still go to the meet. Our travel fees do not cover the cost of coaches between mileage, food, hotel, etc, but it does help compensate for the cost
- III. Parent meeting on Thursday of Open House
 - a. Introduce Board Members
 - b. Introduce Safe Sport Member
 - c. Discuss Dues and Fees
 - d. Volunteer Opportunities, especially for upcoming meet

- e. Introduce Coach Taylor and maybe new Cubs coach, Felix
 - f. Open the floor for questions
- IV. Officer meetings for the 2024-2025 year
 - a. Officer meetings will be the second Wednesday of the month from 5:15-6:45pm
 - b. We will have zoom meetings available in the future
- V. Housekeeping:
- VI. Need to order more t-shirts for this year, will try to order a new shirt once a year. This year, we may want the bronze medal and have sponsors on the back and our logo on the front. We will also order a couple shirts for our sponsors
- VII. If people want shirts in the future, our app also has a link for squad locker with many options for Cougar Aquatics shirts to order
- VIII. The end of September, the National House Delegates of USA Swimming will be meeting and there may be some changes due to this but will get an update once this meeting is completed
- IX. Discussed possible intern for newsletter/facebook page/website. Should go with a college student, not a high school student to comply with Safe Sport standards. We will complete a background check to ensure safety
- X. Next board meeting: Wednesday, September 11th from 5:15-6:30pm