

Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting

October 9th, 2024 5:15pm

Attendance:

Priscilla Schmidt, Russ Whitaker, Taylor McCoy, Jack Zhang, Kelly Pollestad, Bernadette Reese, Yi Gu, Roseanne August

I. Officer report:

a. President:

i. Meet follow-ups

1. If a child is sick, can they be refunded?
2. We need to pay inland empire even if a child is sick, so yes however we can refund team travel

ii. Suggestion between Priscilla and Russ for board to go to a casual dinner and talk about vision for cougar aquatics (Board meeting set dinner for October 26th at 5pm)

iii. Sign off on bylaws by officers

b. Coach Taylor:

i. Fall Fury Meet went well

1. many kids had best times
2. need to work on meet etiquette
3. cleaner flip turns

ii. Mock Meet with Vandals on Thursday; warmups begin at 4:30pm

iii. Trick-or-treat meet will open soon and then Adam England will open soon after

iv. Bands were purchased to help swimmers with shoulder stability

c. Vice President:

- i. Families are asking for the pricing of t-shirts; we will be order red t-shirts for all swimmers and parents can order additional t-shirts with pricing ranging from \$11.24 to more depending on quantity ordered

d. Secretary:

- i. Started working on newsletter, will make a call out for pictures from last meet that parents would like to share

- ii. Need to update website – discussion on adding new parent tab with apps that will be helpful to know as well as general knowledge, like what is a tech suit. Need to update coach information to Coach Taylor. Have asked for Coach Taylor's picture for website
 - iii. Roseanne to contact Chris Lebens to see if we can get an intern for help with ideas for Facebook, IG, and Twitter (though Cougar Aquatics may not need Twitter)
- e. Treasurer:
 - i. New treasurer was voted in 10/3/24 so that she could train with previous treasurer, Darcell, right away
- f. Coach Russ:
 - i. Taylor getting ready for US open so will be out then
 - ii. Meet was profitable; if we can continue to show we have volunteers to have meets go smoothly and provide food at hospitality room, we could look at hosting two meets a year, especially with B or A champs that would mean we may not need to renew football clean-up contract once it ends in a few years

II. Voting and concerns

- a. Vote for Kelly Pollestad to be the Cougar Aquatics Safe Sport Representative – all approve (6/6 yes)
- b. Vote via text message on 10/3 for Bernadette Reese to be the Cougar Aquatics treasurer – all approve (5/5 yes)
- c. Vote Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting Minutes from 9/11/24 – all approve (5/5 yes)
- d. Stadium clean ups:
 - i. Last stadium clean up went better;
 - ii. Email from concerned parent about loss of sleep
 - 1. November 9th game is still waiting for time to be announced – if it is late, we may blow and vacuum second day;
 - iii. Asked for additional vacuums, the concern is that WSU does not want us to use the vacuum the whole time or it kills the motor so unsure if we will get more – we will ride out this contract but will not renew the contract for blowing and vacuuming in the future
- e. Fall Fury Swim meet
 - i. What went well:

1. We had enough volunteers and this was the best set-up
 2. Officials happy with food provided
 - a. Can we compensate for food bought with dues offset? Yes, Priscilla will reach out
 3. Big ducks were a hit; could use more ducks in the future; ribbons and medals are a nightmare so definitely keep ducks for the future
- ii. What could be improved:
1. We need two more officials for Cougar Aquatics – should provide an official for every 10 athletes or we could be fined
 2. Parents on pool deck/locker room that should not be there
 - a. Next time sign on doors that say for athletes/volunteers/officials only or athletes only
 - b. If there is an issue, safety marshal, or officers can discuss this with party of concern
 3. Could not do a concession as we would need approval from the vendor and did not receive it because of competition, could request for a future meet so Russ will reach out to make the request

III. Future open house?

- a. Discussion of date
 - i. Need to take into account winter open, after IES champs so possibly march or summer

Next board meeting: Wednesday, November 13th at 5:15pm