Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting

12/11/24

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

I. Coaches Report:

- a. In Austin, Texas right now with Jake M for Winter Juniors. The competition starts tomorrow and goes through Saturday.
- b. Some high school girls are returning to swim which is nice as the high school boys have now left
- c. National group practices have been adjusted as there are currently only three in the national group and we need two to hold practices
- d. Calvin will be out-of-town for a bit so we will need to cancel some weights practices, but we also need enough people to run these practices
- e. Entries are now open for the LCN Hells Canyon Invite, as it is right after the holidays, entries will close on the 21st before the holidays begin

II. Officer Report

a. President:

- i. Secondary insurance now paid
- ii. This is the last month of USA swimming registration. A reminder should have been sent out from USA swimming to renew. Board members also need to make sure they are up-to-date for their USA swimming registration.
- iii. Registration numbers: 55 people registered. This is one below last trimester but does not include two high school girls who are on their one week trial.

b. Vice President:

- i. Cap ordering is complete
- ii. All football hours are now logged and everyone's time should now be updated
- iii. Working with Kirsten for the swim outlet store and how to put the Cougar Aquatics Logo on swim suits. She will eventually transfer the account to Jack.

c. Treasurer:

- i. Second invoice for football. We made \$29,400 which puts us in a good spot. We should see the invoice paid in about a month.
- ii. Some families missed the Adam England meet. There was a tragedy in Pullman so for families who missed due to the tragedy, we will waive their meet fees.

d. Secretary:

- i. Need to connect with Chris Lebens for volunteers/interns
- ii. Will work on the newsletter over winter break, which will include highlighting our upcoming meet

e. WSU Head Coach:

- i. Coug Winter Open planning has started.
- f. Safe Sport:
 - i. No emails/contact so no current concerns.
- III. Voting
 - a. November Meeting Minutes approved (5/5 voted in favor)
- IV. Other:
 - a. Coug Winter Open
 - i. There is an Idaho Club meet in Saturday of that weekend, so officials are lower on Saturday.
 - ii. Application sent for concessions but we have not heard back yet so probably not going to be an option
 - iii. Bernadette emailed Victor at NW Ink designs to see if they wanted to make shirts for the meet they declined; Priscilla reached out to Team Walla Walla but they will only come if more than 250 participants
 - iv. Russ is seeing if high school boys can join for this swim meet but it may be three meets in a row for the high school team then
 - v. Volunteer positions will mimic our last Cougar Aquatics hosted meet unless anything feels we need to add anything else
 - vi. Yuwei and Roseanne learned to operate the console last time, but it would be nice to have more people trained. WSU will host swim meets January 17th and January 31st and these are additional opportunities to learn how to operate the console.
 - vii. Kelly will work on personalizing ducks for our meet
 - b. Community Impact Grant
 - i. Priscilla was able to work on the Community Impact Grant and it was reviewed during this meeting
 - ii. Discussed and filled out minor additional details
- V. Next Meeting:
 - a. Wednesday, January 8th at 5:15pm in Coach Russ' office