

Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting

3/12/25

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

- I. Coaches Report:
 - a. Short course champs is completed and went well with 25 swimmers attending and two new meet records
 - b. Regionals will be in a couple weeks and there are eight attending; just ironing out which coach will attend
 - c. Seniors zones there will be four attending and Coach Taylor will be the coach
 - d. There is a new person from UREC who is interested in volunteering with Cougar Aquatics and has all the needed certifications
 - e. Coach Quincy has filled out the application to let us know his interest in the coaching clinic for training
 - f. Question about shirts for zones
 - i. Coach Taylor is talking to Team Walla Walla about this and working on a design
 - ii. Regional shirts are cute and ordered online (not through Team Walla Walla) to try and save some money
- II. Officer Report
 - a. President:
 - i. We did not get bid for short course; it was given to the Vandals
 - ii. Regular bid meets open and are due March 23rd; we are hoping to do two meets like this year
 - iii. Registration numbers are lower for March than previously but also still checking with Coach Taylor to make sure everyone is registered
 - b. Vice President:
 - i. Focus has been on t-shirt ordering
 - ii. Discussion of Renaissance Fair food booth volunteering
 - iii. Asked of President can help with reaching out for Cougar Aquatics login for the Swim Outlet store to access Cougar Aquatics logo merchandise
 - iv. Suggested we write down a list of things to do with a timeline for a club calendar; Priscilla has already started on this
 - v. Discussion of leaf blowing, which we will not need to do in the April football game
 - c. Treasurer:
 - i. Reviewed budget information
 - ii. Charges are completed for champs and B-champs
 - d. Secretary:
 - i. Football clean-up question from a family – forwarded to Priscilla and Bernadette to look into and reply

- e. WSU Head Coach:
 - i. Nothing to report
- III. Voting
 - a. February Meeting Minutes approved (5/5 voted in favor)
- IV. Other:
 - a. Budget and Dues for Next Year
 - i. Discussion of budget
 - 1. Need to continue with football clean-ups with the current budget planned; to stop football clean-ups we would need another 10-15 athletes or get sponsors
 - 2. Budget will stay the same but want the information for registration fees to be less confusing
 - 3. Need a clear definition of discontinued membership and when cancelling memberships regarding who to notify when or the family will be charged in the future
 - 4. Significant changes in the budget:
 - a. Lumped coaches salaries together
 - b. Extra money for benefits for head coach
 - c. Minimum wage raised in general so raised assistant coach pay
 - d. Took off summer pool rental (will pay for with emergency fund if needed) which would even out the proposed benefits for head coach
 - e. Changed post office box from \$80 to \$100
 - f. Reduced board and official cost for registration based on information in January
 - ii. Scholarships
 - 1. Mid-May we do some fundraising for scholarships as this will be after the Fazzari's meet and the high school swimmers schedules will be slower
- V. Next Meeting:
 - a. Wednesday, April 9th at 5:15pm in Coach Russ' office