

## Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 5:15pm

### Attendance:

Priscilla Schmidt, Russ Whitaker, Taylor McCoy, Kelly Pollestad, Bernadette Reese, Yi Gu, Roseanne August, Hongyen Sheng

#### I. Officer report:

##### a. Coach Taylor:

###### i. Finalizing summer meet schedule and planning ahead for next year

1. Thinking of a few days off during spring break next year after short course is over for a chance for athletes to rest
2. Training block starts next week for long course season
3. Cubs are working on dives and turns currently, going to use an underwater camera so cubs can see what the goal should look like and how they do in comparison

###### ii. Regionals – placed well at 25<sup>th</sup> place with lots of swimmers competing

###### iii. Senior zones was last week and everyone had at least one best time; two meet records for Western Zones and placed 18<sup>th</sup> overall for men's scores

##### b. President:

###### i. Priscilla and Russ put in bid meets for fall and winter meet; winter meet on draft schedule and Russ will work around the WSU schedule; fall meet submitted via email

###### ii. April numbers are down a bit but two swimmers will be back and lots of parents are interested in summer swimming

###### iii. Instead of a trial week, we will have sign-ups to see what group would be a good fit for a kid, which would make a more efficient use of time during the trial as placement will be deciphered then

###### iv. Budget up-to-date for February, no Spring football game so what to do with spring trimester volunteering hours?

1. We were talking about a sponsorship drive so putting in volunteer hours to get sponsors would be an option

2. Lentil festival volunteering in the summer would be very beneficial as well

##### c. Vice President:

- i. No updates
- d. Secretary:
  - i. Same as last month
    - 1. Need to start campaign to spread information on different Cougar Aquatics groups
    - 2. Need to work on newsletter
- e. Treasurer:
  - i. Charged for last two meets
  - ii. Passed around budget for review
  - iii. We have finished three years of the current five-year football clean-up contract
- f. Coach Russ:
  - i. No updates
- g. Safe sport:
  - i. Finishing first of two year rotation for safe sport training
    - 1. Need to make a decision to split to groups or do it all together
    - 2. When a swimmer turns 18, there is an automated reminder that goes to them letting them know they have to get their training done again and is then done yearly
    - 3. Board members also need to complete a yearly training so please check to see when your membership expires

## II. Voting and concerns

- a. Voting to approve minutes for March – Approved with a vote of 4/4 for yes
- b. Review of the 25-26 budget – Approved with a vote of 4/4 for yes
- c. Coach Contract – Voting for contract with health insurance added – Approved with a vote of 4/4 yes
- d. Dues and Fees structure reviewed
  - i. Small clarifications were added but no fundamental changes to funding or structure
  - ii. Approved with a vote of 4/4 yes
- e. Sponsorship form reviewed – chance to get sponsors – form approved with a vote of 4/4 yes

- f. Want to do the renaissance fair next spring but not enough volunteers this year and do not want to burn out the few parents that have volunteered
- g. Parent meeting
  - i. When Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-7pm
  - ii. Coach Taylor will provide updates
  - iii. We want this to be mandatory as we will have voting for board positions that need to be filled
  - iv. Equipment exchange opportunity – bring your old equipment if you want to hand it down or trade
  - v. Call for nominations for president, treasurer, safe sport and ad hoc positions
  - vi. Next board meeting: Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm