

Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting

June 11, 2025

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

I. Officer Report:

a. Coaches Report:

- i. Performance has been good for the last two meets
 - 1. People trying new meets and obtaining new PRs
 - 2. 27 swimmers went to the Lewiston meet
 - 3. 4 swimmers went to the Tri-cities meet
 - 4. Entries submitted for Summer Solstice with 25 swimmers going
 - 5. Moses Lake in July has 15 swimmers going
- ii. Weight room was having issues being open, but is hopefully resolved now

b. President Report:

- i. Reviewed Code of Conduct
 - 1. Some suggestions for updates to athlete code of conduct
- ii. Registration is up to 55; four more than last month
 - 1. Two new cubs and one returning on a semester option
 - 2. Peachtree ads have gone out for summer and we still have some leftover so plan to advertise in the fall or winter
- iii. Parent concern regarding football charge – and would like to work a future football game
 - 1. Can provide option for Lentil festival or football game in the future
- iv. A swimmer attended one week but was charged for April and May
 - 1. Decided to reimburse for the month of May as family is moving
- v. One year contract extension for Coach Taylor

c. Vice President Report:

- i. RSVP for football games now in same place as swim meets; this eliminates sign-up genius so we now use two platforms instead of three for simplicity
- ii. End of year celebration has 51 people signed up; there are some repeats so expect between 45 and 60 people
 - 1. Potluck sign up still has openings for buns and veggies
 - 2. If no one signs up, VP will make this his contribution
 - 3. Still need a grill
 - 4. Thank you notes passed around for signatures and coaches working on senior presents
- iii. Team store for Cougar Aquatics Logo provides 5% fundraising
 - 1. Any funds from SwimOutlet will probably be applied via store credit
 - 2. We also have a discount on the website when we buy supplies per their sponsorship agreement

d. Secretary Report:

- i. Updating website – pictures are now updated
- ii. May minutes sent via email; please approve via email

- iii. Spoke with Coach Taylor regarding cancellation calendar and looking like July 4th will be morning practice only but no other plans; this is pending coaching availability though
 - e. Treasurer Report:
 - i. Monthly banking statement circulated
 - f. Coach Russ Report:
 - i. Nothing new to report
 - g. Safe Sport Report:
 - i. Put SafeSport training on calendar for fall
 - ii. Suggestion to place it in November after girls' high school state competition and before boys' high school group begin so right after November 16th
- II. Lentil Festival
 - a. Two booths – one for food and one for marketing
 - i. Keep food booth simple but fun
 - ii. Nitrogen ice cream, cookies, and lemonade
 - iii. Give them fun swim names to represent cougar aquatics like backstroke cookies
 - iv. Two hours per shift?
 - v. For marketing booth, we will have a pool with ducks again
- III. Parent feedback survey for coaches and board?
 - a. Decided yes but keep answers general – we are not asking about specific coaches but more about a swimmers experience
 - b. Will ask:
 - i. Name
 - ii. Group
 - iii. Do you feel your swimmer has improved for the 2024-2025 swim year?
 - iv. How was your swim experience?
 - v. More questions to be developed
 - vi. Will complete survey on google forms, not pen and paper
- IV. Remind people to handout sponsorship forms
- V. Board retreat in July or August?
 - a. Go over by-laws and be clear on who is doing what and make sure we are on the same page
 - b. Decided on Sunday, August 10th at 9am
 - c. Roseanne to see if we can book the separate room at Neill's Coffee and Ice Cream
- VI. Next board meeting July 9th at 5:15pm in Coach Russ' office