

Cougar Aquatics Board Meeting

September 11, 2024

Attendance:

Present: Priscilla Schmidt (President), Jake Zhang (Vice President), Darcell Myers (Secretary), Russ Whitaker (WSU Head Coach), Taylor McCoy (Head Coach), Hongyen Sheng (At-Large Member), Yi Gu (At-Large Member), Kelly Pollestad (Safe Sport Representative)

Absent: Roseanne August (Secretary)

- I. Coaches Report: Looking forward to Fall Fury, Winter Jr. National will be added to the schedule.
- II. Officer report:
 - A. President:
 1. We had 12 new members join CA. This is up three compared to July 23 and 1 more than Sept 24.
 2. A couple more people need to register.
 - B. Vice President:
 1. Fall Fury volunteer slots are 20% full.
 2. Need to send out reminder
 3. Working on T-Shirt designs. Order form for T-shirts and caps will be out soon.
 4. Need a concession lead.
 - C. Secretary:
 1. Working on a list of days we will not have swim practice. Priscilla to work with Coach Taylor to help finish that list
 - D. Treasurer:
 1. Checks for IES Reimbursements have been deposited and those receiving a reimbursement have been given or sent a check.
 - E. WSU Head Coach
 1. CEO of USA swimming stepped down and a new CEO was named.
 2. IES will send two delegates to the House of Delegates.
 - a) Concerned about the higher cost of Team Membership when IES has seen no added benefits from USA Swimming.
- III. Voting and policy updates
 - A. Approved July and August meeting notes 4/4
 - B. Approved change to By-Laws 4/4
 1. Darcell will send out a digi-sign
 - C. Voted to accept checks for monthly payment. 4/4
 1. We will test this out for the next couple of months.
 2. Checks are due on the 7th. If checks are not received on this day

parents will need to pay through TeamUnify.

3. Parents must be aware that checks can take up to a week to deposit.
We will try to have them deposited on the 15th.

D. Voted to remove registration fee for additional athletes per family per season.

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1. We had a hard time explaining and setting up registration
2. Most families did not choose this option.
3. Priscilla will put credits on the accounts she charged.

IV. Stadium Clean Up Check In

- A. Shared concerns about the leaf blowing
- B. Significant increase in amount of work
- C. Discussed if we wanted to keep trying or renegotiate terms of contract
- D. We will decide after Sept 20th game
- E. We will double the works hours for those who leaf blow
- F. Ideas for improvement
 1. All pick up trash on one side
 2. For late night games we may have the option of doing the leaf-blowing the next morning
 3. Ask for more vacuums
 4. Check in with the leaf blowers before we begin to go over the most effective way to clean the stadium

V. 2023-2024 Swim-a-thon rebate

- A. We will refund \$100 per athlete who participated
 1. This will appear as a credit to families who are still swimming with CA
 2. A check and letter will be sent to families who are not swimming with CA but participated in Swim-a-thon

VI. Fall Fury

- A. Hospitality meeting Sept 12
 1. We need to feed 40 volunteers
- B. Concessions
 1. We will do drinks and packaged food
 2. Talked a bit about pricing. We will decide prices after items are purchased.

VII. Next board meeting: Wednesday, October 9th from 5:15 pm-6:45 pm