

Stuttgart Piranhas Board Meeting Minutes

02 Dec 2021

Call to order: 19:05 Regular meeting held via Google Meet.

Attendees: President, Volunteer Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician, Parent Liaison, Webmaster, High School Liaison, Fundraising, Vice President. Quorum present for voting purposes.

Treasurer

- Needs to pay bill for Wiesbaden meet, how many swimmers are going? 25 swimmers.
- Team will pay bill but needs to collect money from parents. Parent Liaison is going to call someone to see if they can collect.
- Wiesbaden cancelled lunches, treasurer needs to refund but so far only has 1 IBAN
- The payment for the 3 new swimmers has been sorted.

Home Meet

- Waiting for entries for visiting teams, that will be coming on Tuesday
- We will be using stop watches
- Covid Testing:
 - ❖ Unvacc and vacc will be tested - 2G+ up to 24 hrs before meet. Awaiting confirmation from pool, however, due to appointment availability for testing and planning for parents & swimmers, it was decided to move forward with the most stringent conditions so that everyone could be prepared. Note: After the meeting, the pool confirmed 2G+ requirement. Further to that, Baden Wurtemberg published exemptions for boosted individuals and then for those vaccinated within past 6 months. The Executive Board discussed exemptions via email, however, the logistical implications of checking paperwork for 3rd doses and the dates of second doses (or 1st for J&J) as well as the testing paperwork, was considered too time consuming and overly complicated.
 - ❖ Volunteers are included in the testing requirement.
 - ❖ One of the Board members discussed the perceived need to be above reproach in case swimmers test positive afterwards, particularly as DoDEA has cancelled all sporting events until January.
 - ❖ A couple of board members did not want to proceed with additional testing requirement for vaccinated adults (this was prior to the pool changing requirements for the meet)
 - ❖ Vote taken and testing for all approved.
- Set Up will happen mainly the night before. President to email Community Liaison to check with Herr Kuhn when we can gain access.
- Unfortunately, the Covid vaccine clinic for 5 to 11 yr olds is happening the day before the meet. President advised that the EFSL meet schedule had been worked out long before the clinics and rescheduling was not discussed before now. Its too late to change dates with the pool and other teams..
- Water bottles will be provided for volunteers. Again, 10 Euros equals 1 hr of volunteer time.

Volunteer Coordinator

- Ongoing Covid checks - experiencing problems with parents volunteering, particularly on Fridays. Fundraising Chair advises that with the early start times, parents find it difficult, or are not keen to, get to the pool beforehand to undertake checks. Board members expressed concern about not complying with the measures required by the pool management and possible repercussions. There is a reasonable expectation that if we don't meet our commitment to them to check, we may lose all of our practice times. Fundraising chair advises that some of the red/black group parents are not as invested as the parents of HS swimmers (who are looking at lettering and doing a minimum of 4 meets etc). Volunteer Coordinator advised that she does not have anyone again for Friday. Discussions followed with regard to a 'Volunteer Bus', canceling or reallocating practice time to other groups. President advises that she will come and do the check this time. If this is a continuing problem, the Board will have to meet again to discuss as we cannot get thrown out of Maichingen.
- Vaccination status - Registrar should be updating list for Coach Michi. At this time, the lists being printed for the start of practice are not up to date, we need to resolve this. Following the 14 day post 2nd dose period, a one day/one time check needs to be done for the U12 swimmers.

Webmaster/Publicity

- TeamUnify - Webmaster is putting together a guide for TeamUnify for new Board members not familiar with the 'Superuser' end of the software.
- Minimum requirements for swimmers and groups are now on the webpage in public view
- Articles have been submitted to Panther express on swim team
- Prior to bake sale, Webmaster submitted publicity request to AFN, will continue to do so

Fundraising

- Requested full amount of grant from SFSC Board. Meets on Monday will hear back after that
- Christmas wrapping - Fundraiser will push out info to parents. The wrapping paper is supplied but we could do with ribbons and boxes etc.

Other Business

- Need to reiterate that Thurs/Fri practices are now from 5.15am to 6.45am, a number of swimmers are often late and not getting the full practice time. Need to make sure that parents know the new practice times.
- Weekend training - Coach Michi looking to get weekend training booked now, President sent an email with her proposals. Not everyone has had time to look but everyone agrees in principle. Will double check dates but Board approves funding of it.
- Private Organization Renewal will be happening at the end of January, gathering paperwork now. Treasurer has provided Liability & Bonding paperwork, will also input the Bank statements from January onwards and we need the audit from last year. Secretary will meet with President to have the minutes signed off. Need YPT from new Board members & equipment chair. Also need Board Contacts list updated for any new members.
- Invoice for HS banner - swim team 2020 flag, letters for it were ordered and received and given to the school. They have now been lost, however, the invoice has been paid.

- Need Point of Contact for away meets, particularly with Covid. Suggested that this person is preferably an attending Board member. Need to open up Volunteer jobs and need parents volunteering to help out.
- Christmas bonuses, still need to discuss (leftover from last meeting). Previously agreed to give bonus to volunteer coaches. Enquiry made concerning Christmas bonus for the HS Volunteer Coach, Kenzie? Suggested that she is part of Senior Recognition, however, it was noted that Senior Recognition is for the swimmers only. The suggested that the HS volunteers were not expecting bonuses for what they do. Concluded that the HS volunteer Coach would be recognised with the other Seniors at the meet. With regard to the other Christmas bonuses, this would be discussed via email - want to look back at budget.
- November meeting minutes were circulated just before meeting, however, only a few have had a chance to review. As the President needs to sign off meeting minutes for PO renewal, Secretary will email out Nov again with Dec minutes and ask for approval of both minutes.

Closing

Date for January meeting TBA. Meeting closed 20:37 hours.