

Stuttgart Piranhas Board Meeting Minutes
08 Feb 2022

Call to order: 19:03 Regular meeting held via Google Meet.

Attendees: President, Volunteer Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician, Parent Liaison, Webmaster, Head Coach.

Quorum present for voting purposes. January Meeting & January Special Meeting minutes approved.

Head Coach:

Currently week 2 of 4 week training for Champs. Possibly remove 21 to 24 Feb at Maichingen from schedule? Friday canceled already, proposing to cancel Mon through Thurs and move all swimmers over to Sifi for increased team building. Discussions between Board members concerning increased Covid risk and unnecessary increased exposure to Champs swimmers. We have approx. 60 swimmers and current set up enables easier contact tracing. Decision made to keep this week as Champs only swimmers. Further discussion about increased testing requirements, ultimately, decision made to reiterate to parents that kids to wear masks to pool deck. Test yourself at home. Any symptoms stay at home. Notify President, HC and car pool if your swimmers is positive. President to notify all groups that are swimming that day. Parent Liaison will send this info out. Volunteer Coordinator noted that we have a hard time getting into the pool at Sifi and getting Volunteers for there.

Try outs - the only time for it is next week. Every swimmer needs to bring negative test to Try out (official test done within the previous 24 hrs).

New Coaching staff - President concerned about legal issue of guest Coaches. John from Rota has background check done already. Will has been involved with Piranhas since 2007. He is a certified coach but no background check. Decided he will not be able to assist. Rebecca coming on Wednesday. Tested, boosted, just observing for a day to see if its something she wants to do. Approved.

Champs:

Pep rally ideas (in Covid times) - Decorating lockers at HS, doing breakfast in a bag on Thurs. Patricia Huebschman is covering Red & Black group - not sure what she is doing. Webmaster is going to create Google Form for people to send support messages from team & family.

The Treasurer will be a Main Marshall at EFSL. EFSL wants to borrow our walkie talkies/stopwatches as back up. President approves but requests that someones signs them in and out (from Naples) i.e. written documentation that what we give, we get back.

Volunteer Coordinator should be receiving volunteer numbers shortly. Wants parent volunteers but they have to be on top of it, on top of our swimmers, especially in the hallway. If parents are volunteers then the kids stay for each session. Kids will enter with coaches at the same time

e.g. 7am and parents will rotate in and out. The hallway is problematic. There are 4 sessions with a volunteer break (don't know what event they occur at). If kids miss an event then they are kicked out for the day.

Mandy Love can get shirts made up in the next couple of days - we can buy and get reimbursed by the parents. Do general Team Tshirts to cover Champs - batches of 25. Google form will be available this week.

Spring Swim:

Want all waitlisted families on the team. There is no red coach, Holly Weston leaving, Cindy Bell & Sam Harrison are hopeful for spring season.

Kenzie Huebschman will take Minis with the help of HS assistant coaches, 1 HS'er assisting per session but will rotate them. Mini group will be age 7 or 8 upwards, siblings heading for red group. Sessions will be about 45 to 60 mins long for a max of 10 kids. HSers will get gift cards as a thank you.

Spring swim to be advertised on our open Piranhas FB page as well as Stuttgart Friends & Stuttgart Military Community. Need to especially target HS swimmers. Webmaster will try and get a slot for an AFN advert with a target age swimmer. Will set something up before Champs, Coach Michi available any day but Tuesday. No luck with Public Affairs office for the garrison website or the STuttgart Citizen. AFN and Panther Express have been successful resources so far.

Rego for spring starts tomorrow, put on FB sites for open registration later. Question asked with regard to 2nd week of tryouts. Decision made not to give results of try outs until all swimmers have tried out e.g. Mar 3rd. Parents have until 18th March to make commitment (2 week trial period). Registration goes live tonight for returning and sibling registration (latter, subject to try outs).

For potential new swimmers need to put on email what is required of them if they make the team. Include 5,15am start & Covid requirements. Euros 210 per swimmer for season.

Registrar to send out registration info

President to send email out with info to existing parents.

Parent Liaison to send out schedule change (& Covid symptoms, masking, stay home, notification reminder mentioned earlier)

Elections

Nobody has nominated themselves for the Board. President will send another email. Offer priority registration for any people who will take a Board position.

Lisa Stevenson is a Head official. The Loves are a starter & maybe also Head Official. Good to have them in those jobs, just need board members.

EFSL Presidents Meeting

23rd to 24th April meeting dates. President has booked Sunday for Firehouse, need somewhere on Saturday. Maybe Schwabian, Kelly or Panzer. EFSL will reimburse costs. Sam Thomsen is the CYS contact. Also consider Schonbuch or Schwabengarten.

Other Business

The Spouses Club will have their basket auction on 18th March. HSL is putting together. Going to get a Reisenthal Basket and fill it. Awaiting info on theme. Need to ask families to bring donations for basket to banquet. Good PR to say thank you for the Grants. Grants help buffer additional Covid pool fees etc.

Team Banquet - 6th March

HS Banquet - 10th March

Closing

Date for March meeting TBA. Meeting closed 20:33 hours (?).