

Stuttgart Piranhas Board Meeting Minutes 25 May2021

Call to order: 1908. Regular meeting held via Google Meet.

Board members were provided with an opportunity to read and vote on the minutes for the board meeting held on Apr 9th, 2021. Vote: Quorum met; minutes approved. Non-voting Board Members were advised that their presence at these meetings is encouraged.

Attendees: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parent Liaison, Community Liaison, Webmaster, Registrar..
Quorum present for voting purposes.

Old Business.

1. Grant from the Stuttgart Community Spouses Club (SCSC). It was reiterated that the Piranhas offered to accept only a portion of the \$5K grant. Receipt of the \$5K pending resumption of team operations and ability to provide proof of how the money was spent.
2. EFSL Medals and patches for the 2020-2021 season have been distributed.
3. Search for a Treasurer and an Auditor ongoing

New Business.

1. President's Report

Introductions by all attending

A volunteer has been found for the Statistician position - William Chao has been approved by the President, effective immediately. With the exception of the Treasurer position, all main Board positions have been filled. It is hoped that in the future the board can meet again in person at Patch Library, perhaps from September. President is going to reserve the Fire Station for the upcoming Parents' meeting.

3 main aims for the season at this time; pool time, coaches on deck & having swim meets.

2. Community Liaison Report

With regards to Pool Time: Maichingen - Community Liaison spoke with Mr. Kuhn (spelling?) of Maichingen pool. At the moment they are at Level 1, outdoor pools can open. Indoor pools will be part of Level 2 but he does not know when that will be and what will get them to that level. Also, doesn't know what the Level 2 requirements will be for the children to participate e.g. number of swimmers in pool, people on deck etc. By May 31st he hopes to see the level change and then needs one more week to get pool fit for swim. He is tracking Piranhas pool time as 5.30am to 7am regular season & 3 swim meets. Community Liaison will check back with him and also enquire as to possibility of a summer swim season and the possible training times (based on when they open the pool to the public after the team).

Sindelfingen - this pool is now requesting a written contract between the team and the pool. This will require future discussion about the implications and approval. The last bill received by Sindelfingen was complicated by a new requirement for a VAT form from the organization. Our organization does not have these, only personal ones that Sindelfingen will not accept. Last bill ended up being paid in full including the 19% VAT. During Covid this pool has been unavailable due to a COVID prevention requirement for them to clean their pool at 5.30am. Community Liaison senses frustration from the Sindelfingen contact about the Piranhas persistence to get back in the pool (number of phone calls), advises that we should be cognisant of this when we consider contacting again.

Other pools: Community Liaison will continue to reach out to other pools and the Stuttgart Consortium to see what else may be available.

3. Treasurer's report.

The previous Treasurer will PCS in the Fall, so the Board is still trying hard to find a replacement for the position. In the interim, the previous Treasurer will try to fill in but hopes to have someone to hand over to very soon. President has advised that there is a parent coming from Naples Swim Team who has volunteered to fill this role immediately. Emphasised that there are a lot of components involved in this role and quite a workload, so it is important that a new and qualified Treasurer is secured quickly. A point was made by the current Treasurer that there should be transparency in accepting applicants if they are not currently team members. The Board discussed the concerns of leaving the position unfilled, other possible applicants and the inadvertent appointment of an unqualified volunteer taking a Board position in the hopes of securing a place for their child on the team. It was concluded that the position would be offered to all families currently on the waitlist and the team. The President will send out a letter and request a small resume from applicants. It was decided that this should be sent soon, before summer, with a quick turn around deadline.

Budget

Limited to 60 swimmers, possibly €15K pool fees for season. Hoping for 80 swimmers, will see what COVID allows. Wanting to keep registration fees at €522, same as last year. Last year's board wanted to increase Coach Sam's salary.

4. Registration Report

Last year there were a number of swimmers who tried out for the team and due to Covid restrictions on swimmers in the pool, they had to be waitlisted. Proposal put forward to keep the waitlist and after team re-registration, offer a short registration window for waitlisted swimmers from last year to register. Board agreed. President will write an apology letter to those families affected by last year's wait. The new parent liaison's details will be included for further info. The Registrar will send a copy of the wait list to Parent Liaison for her information. Decision will be made at next month's meeting as to when to open registration for the team.

5. Webmaster report.

President to get dates for Meets to put on Team Unify. Webmaster reiterated that we should be careful about how much information is put on the site, usually times and locations are communicated between the Head Coaches and the swimmers. Webmaster will put up the Meets and caveat that these are subject to change - info for team members only.

Next Board Meeting: To be decided. Meeting adjourned: 2010.

Approved Minutes: