

Stuttgart Piranhas Board Meeting Minutes
10 September 2020

Call to order: 1901. 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 in August 2020. The Executive Board meeting held in August 2020 was also recorded as having taken place to further the budget discussion and set season dues. Vote: Approved.

E-votes between the August and September board meetings are recorded as follows: 1) Budget and season dues; 2) Charge a 10 euro splash fee for home swim meets. Vote: Both approved by majority vote.

Attendees: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician, Webmaster, High School Liaison, Parent Liaison, Fundraising and non-voting member Head Official. Quorum present for voting purposes.

Old Business.

Swim Meet Schedule Status.

Many swim meets have been cancelled outright and/or changed to inter-squad only. The status of the Sigonella swim meet over the Columbus Day weekend is expected within weeks.

New Business.

Coaches report provided by the President.

1. Training plan- critical swim speed tests conducted and results sent to individual swimmers along with request to complete a goal setting sheet.
2. Practices: The Head Coach position is salaried and the coach is expected on deck Monday – Friday; Gold Group Coach is paid by the practice and coaching on deck Monday – Thursday; Red Group Coach is paid by the practice and coaching on deck Tuesday & Thursday. These individuals work with the assistance of two volunteer coaches.
3. Three team captains chosen; will add their biographies to the September team newsletter.
4. Request to purchase shirts for three coaches; decided to check what's in stock prior to agreeing to purchase.
5. Planning to hold a virtual parent meeting after the first home swim meet.
6. High school lettering criteria finalized.
7. Request to reserve the pool on four occasions for full use of Maichingen to work on coaching skills. Item not budgeted for and will offer to pay coach entries to the pool during open swim times instead.

Registrar report provided by the President.

1. 59 swimmers registered at the time of the meeting. Fill remaining slots from wait list with assistance of President and Head Coach.
2. Motion: Prorate the fees for the permanent change of station move of three registered swimmers. Vote: Approved unanimously with caveat swimmers from the wait list are queued up and available to split season costs.

Registration.

Motion: Since the team size is limited due to restrictions in place at practice facility, allow waitlisted swimmers to register with the team for the purposes of swimming as a Piranhas at European Forces Swim League meets, provide workouts to these swimmers to accomplish on their own and charge a nominal fee to cover administration costs. Pro's and con's weighed. Motion withdrawn until feedback from the Head Coach is obtained.

Treasurer Report.

1. 43 of 59 swimmers paid season dues to date. Treasurer will provide a list to the President for the purposes of making contact with the families in arrears allowing for a five-day grace period. Related discussion on whether or not to allow further participation with the team, specifically to attend swim practices and meets, after the five-day grace period resulted without a motion put forth.
2. Quarterly financial report will be provided to the board during the months of October 2020, January 2021 and March 2021.

Parent Liaison.

Season dues structure questioned by two returning swim families. To address lingering questions, a letter will be prepared explaining how the dues are used to support operations.

Vice President/Meet Director.

Provided September 27th home swim meet status update. Meet will be run in two sessions - 12 & under and 13 & over allowing for up to 200 swimmers to participate. Determining meet flow and volunteer requirements due to the unique challenges presented by the current operating requirements.

September 27th Swim Meet.

1. Head Coach requested the addition of the Berlin Bear-a-cudas as a participating team. Discussion closed without a motion due to lingering questions posed to the European Forces Swim League Executive Board as far as swim meet changes and schedule additions making the request not viable at the current time.
2. Host an e-meeting tentatively scheduled for 23 September to discuss the home swim meet and a follow up with an email for those unable to attend.

High School Liaison.

1. President announced vacancy and provisional appointment of Leah Anne Anderson into High School Liaison position until formalized at the next General Parent's meeting.
2. DODEA hasn't made a decision on the status of the 2020-2021 winter sports season.

Fundraising.

1. Proposed selling snack packs at the swim meet on the 27th. Additional research required before motion brought forward outlining execution and pricing of the packs.
2. Working towards Stuttgart Community Spouse Club grant submission due on September 15th. Drivers for grant include additional cleaning fees the team is incurring at 25 euros/practice and overall practice session costs.

Statistician.

36 signed up for the meet on the 27th to date.

Publicity. Report provided by the President.

September newsletter is under development.

Community Liaison. Report provided by the President.

The team can expect information on additional practice space in the upcoming weeks.

Head Official.

Preparing training packets for returning and new swim officials. Two individuals have expressed an interest in obtaining swim official certification.

October Board Meeting: Scheduled for October 1st at 1900 via Google Meet. Meeting adjourned: 2102.

Approved Minutes: