Approved Minutes:

**Stuttgart Piranhas Board Meeting Minutes**

**9/17/2019**

* Call to order: 5pm

President, Vice President, Secretary, Volunteer Coord, Webmaster, Concessions \*2, Equipment, High School L, Social Coord, Community L, Parent L, Fundraising, Stats, Registrar and Treasurer in attendance

* Old Business
  + Approval of August board meeting minutes
  + Interim Appointments: Co-Concession Chairs (Leah Anne Anderson; Jennifer Wharton); Publicity - now vacant
* New Business
  + Head Coach Report:
    - Coaching staff is meeting twice a week
      * Coach Sam will be handling all HS Lettering
      * New volunteer coach for Black Group - Coach Cindy
        + Ensure all background checks and certs accomplished
      * Coach Sam on leave 15 Oct - 5 Nov
      * Coach Michi on leave 8 Nov - 17 Nov
    - Dryland Training
      * MWR changed the policy; only 16+ allowed with exception of minors accompanied by their parents; no organized group strength training allowed
      * Working on options through other avenues to offer
  + Community Liaison Report:
    - Formally cancelled using Boeblingen for 19th Jan meet
    - Maichigen
      * Needs us to clear out old lane lines ASAP
      * All of our storage items need to be in our storage space
      * Everything cleared up in basement except timing system
      * Shower renovations for women’s locker room (dividers) still pending
    - Masters booked for 23 Sept-3 Nov at Pliengen; Returns to Vaihingen 4 November - 3 days a week at P; 1 day a week at Vaihingen
      * All seems to be confirmed
      * Mike Gill will oversee Masters program administration
    - Sindelfingen
      * Issues with pool meisters - HC needs to reach out to CL (Tom) if there are any issues and let him sort it out
      * Occasionally a disconnect between management and deck staff
  + Treasurer Report/Budget
    - 65 swimmers paid/registered; 1 pending with possible 3 more red in tryouts
    - Travel Budget
      * New matrix (see attached) proposed by Treasurer, HC and President
      * Need to reconsider the number of coaches for away meets
      * Removes inconsistencies in travel budget expenses; Helps ensure fair payments for coaches traveling to minimize any out of pocket
      * *Motion by Social (Heather) and 2nd by VP (Lisa) to pass the new travel budget matrix for remainder of season*. **All voted in favor**.
    - Discussion opened by the Treasurer and President about cost saving measures due to lower than anticipated registration
      * Option is to pull Wed off the Maichingen schedule due to it being only a Gold C day
        + Additional discussion suggested Gold C keep Wed’s due to need for technique training
        + Alternate suggestion is to pull Fridays off Maichingen schedule and combine all groups at Sindelfingen Fridays

Red Group would swim in smaller side pool

* + - * *Motion by High School (Liz) and VP (Lisa) to vote on removing Fridays from Maichingen schedule and combine at Sindelfingen* **All voted approved**
      * Notice required for Maichingen so first change will not be until October 17th

* + Swim Meet Report
    - Polar Plunge
      * Home Meet Dec 14th
      * Great fundraising opportunity for the team
        + Raffles, “ducks”, shirts, etc…
    - Divisionals
      * New pool - important to have familiarity with building (as hosts)
      * Berlin President may be able support map information
      * Suggested board road trip to scope out pool
      * 10 lane 50m pool
        + Option A Use watch timers; manually enter all times, accurate but time consuming
        + Option B Reach out to other teams to use loaner dolphins, etc..
    - Home Meet Sept 21st
      * Cleanup crew to arrive at 4pm; anticipated end of meet
      * Seeding still to come; Stats is still receiving late entries due to TU complications
      * Equipment has picked up audio system; Volunteer Coordinator has walkie talkies; Parent Volunteer (Zoe K.) agreed to mark the off limits area and create welcome signs for visitors
      * Setup will be on Friday at 6pm
      * Stats will send out heat sheets; 7am pool open (VP) and 8am warmups
  + Equipment Report:
    - Due to the size of new lane lines at Maichingen, a single larger cart will be needed instead of wheels; budget has been adjusted to compensate.
    - Coaches polo shirts were electronically voted to purchase by SPST board
      * Arrive 1 October
    - Personalized swimmer caps have arrived - need to be distributed at practice
    - Headsets/walkie talkie radios have been purchased (*open item from July - closed)*
    - Multiple families have yet to pay for their personal shirt/cap orders; they’ve been expensed
      * Treasurer will send out a reminder
  + Fundraising Report
    - Meeting between Fundraising (Charlotte), VP (Lisa) and Dee Diamond (Harriet Tubman private org)
      * Support offered, tips, etc…
      * Willing to co-sponsor events with us
    - Confirmed Fundraising Opportunity - 27 October Bake Sale at the PX
    - Grants
      * Ramstein Bazaar request for grant support has been submitted
      * SCSC/GWC Grants on hold - process changing due to new financial limits on their side
    - Future Ideas
      * Taco Tuesday, Kelley Barracks, 14 November (no school)
      * Bake Sale dates at the commissary
      * Gift wrapping dates (to come) - combine with etsy sales, bake sales
      * No changes to 12 per year just yet from Private Org office
      * Michael Phelps org is donating a basket
        + Raffle at Divisionals?
* Around the Horn
  + Social Chair
    - Do we want to continue with spirit treats for every meet?
    - Morale event - Volksmarch to be advertised
    - Holiday Party - set up a committee
  + Parent Liaison
    - Swimmer group placement concerns; addressed by Coach Michi
    - Carpool situation frustrating for new families - PL will try to help connect
    - Hosting a 1st quarter parent meeting at the base library October 5th

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00pm (**Next meeting October 14th at 500pm**)