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**)