Steiner Stars Board Meeting

February 28, 2021

Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM

Minutes

**New Business**

Contract Issues.

* We have received confirmation from Naren and the SRMA Board that we will contractually have access to all 8 lanes of Bella Mar during practice.
* We have not seen a final contract yet, but we should proceed with the season as if we have a contract. Jason will follow up this week with the HOA about the consecutive meet weekends.

Schedule (See below)

* Returning Families Registration is scheduled to open 3/6.
  + Are we willing to fill up or just open registration take everyone and figure it out?
    - We have 5 practices (45 min pool time) - it is 176 kids per team. Board agree to cap at 176 kids per team, then have a weight list.
    - Registration, we should have communication. We should weight list people if we get to 176. We should have a notification saying they might be on a weight list.
    - Coaches said they will have assigned lanes for kids. So, if the kid does not show up the lane will be open. Do we need to think about kids signing up for training?
    - How do we handle siblings that did not get to swim last year? They are new to Steiner Stars. We are going to put anyone that did not swim I 2019 on a contingent weight list. Amy Franklin, Tracy and Jason will work on the messaging. We are making first come first serve. We will have a timestamp on the signup.
  + What price will charge for the club swimmers? They are going to practice at their club and will just come to meets. Board agreed that $150 for these swimmers. We would have to confirm that these kids do swim at a club.
  + We have to remember this year will be different.
  + List of returning families to be run on 2019 roster.
  + Registration to open on 3/6 12:00 a.m.
  + Restrictions or caps based on COVID?
  + 5/6 age group contingent on space.

* NEW Family Registration to be hosted on-line 4/3/21.
  + We need to decide if we need to limit the team count. Once registration is closed, we can look at who is on the waitlist and see who from returning families we can accept.
  + Normally we have a registration person. We should assign someone to track it. It is Ann Yunker and Amy Franklin this year.
  + Web page to be updated to reflect agreed-upon dates and times.
  + Stars Web Page (Swimtopia Red and Blue)
    - Facebook
    - Twitter (?)
  + If families do not participate in 2021, will we consider them as returning families in 2022? Board decided to table this subject.
  + COVID-19 committee members and progress – Nothing else.
* D&J run things out of the back of a truck or setup a tent in the parking lot for new swim equipment.
* Are we going to have team photos? Ask Texas Photo if they have a process for these group pictures. Amy will reach out to Texas Photo.

**Committee Reports (if any)**

* Apparel/Fundraising – $5,800 in already. Chris asked how late can he get information to Tracy for ordering with the new logo? As long as you have a description and images. The picture is not required as long as you have a text description. Pricing to go with that. This year we will have Chick Fil A on board. They will give us a credit upfront for $1,000. Have another 10 sponsors that come in this week. Food items will be pre-package. Will not have hamburgers this year. Chris pre-negotiate the prices and volume of what he is going to buy. If we are doing a banquet Chick Fil A is also able to provide props at the event. Provide digital consumer discounts for the family folder or baskets.
  + Sponsors can provide swag and we can add it to the second week folders. Diana suggested that the kids get the sponsor bags at first day of practice.
  + There might be no need for the kickoff event. The kickoff party might just be a drive through and not an all-day event.
* Circuit Rep – Probably will not have invitationals. They will discuss it during the next circuit meeting. They are meeting March 10th. Andrew will need sorting ribbons soon and would need volunteers. Andrew will get the schedule during that meeting.
* Equipment – Nothing to report
* Social – Not present – Jason said that the bouncy house and other vendors are keeping our deposit for the following year.
* Team Coordinators –
  + Tracy – Blue – 4:30 new parent meeting will be virtual. We are doing it on Zoom. Jeff will be happy to setup Q&A after the parent video for COVID-19.
  + Amy – Will the volunteer hour be reduced? Might not need 8 per family but Amy will figure it out. Virtual meet probably needs less volunteers.
* Treasurer – Paid SwimTopia today. She will check mailbox weekly for Sponsor money.
* Coaches –
  + Jeff – We need to decide if we are going to have both teams meets on the same day. We have until 2pm right now. Still to be discussed. Jeff would like to know sooner than later if we are going to have invitationals? Jeff and Amy will work on the COVID-19 language that will go to parents. Will have separate COVID-19 discussions with the coaches.
  + Diana – Nothing else
  + Tracy – thing else
* President –Nothing else
* Past President – No further updates

**Future Agenda Items**

* Steiner Star kids walk in the Vandergrift Homecoming Parade in 2020.
* This is the 19th season. Anniversary idea for next year. Bring it up with current season about mid-way through. Thing to build excitement: design contest for next year’s anniversary.
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**Calendar**

* 3/6-3/21 Returning Families Registration
* 3/28 Evaluation Mandatory / Numbers Meeting. Two lanes, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Numbers meeting to follow at 6:30 pm.
* 4/10 NEW Swimmer Registration online 9:00 a.m. or so.
* 4/18 New Parent Meeting Towne Square.
* 4/25: 2021 Drive-through Kickoff Party at Towne Square. No bounce houses. Tables only Socially distanced with masks.
* 4/26 Practices can start.
  + Red will have 4/30 and Blue will have 5/7 then will alternate Friday’s
  + 4/26-5/27: Red/Blue teams Afternoon
  + 5/31-7/9: Blue Team Monday through Thursday
  + 6/1-7/9: Red Team Tuesday through Friday
* 6/12 or 13th

Next Meeting: March 28th 6:30 PM

**Attendees:**

Jason Yunker – President

Anne Yunker - President

David Parchen – Past President

Jason and Amy Franklin - VP

Diana Torres – Coach (Red)

Tracy Nelson – Coach (Red)

Jeff Fellows – Coach (Blue)

Louise Garrett – Secretary

Maggie Acosta – Circuit Rep (Red)

Amy Bedford – Red Team Coordinator (Red)

Chris Ritter – Fundraiser

Keitha Peacock – Treasurer

Tracy Miller, Team Coordinator, (Blue)

Andrew Struck – Circuit Rep (Blue)

Trever Travelise – Equipment

**Not in Attendance**

Chris Hammond – Social