



Santa Fe Trail Blazers Parent Board Meeting Agenda

August 20, 2025

6:00-8:00pm

Lenexa City Center Library – Conference Room 5

1. Call to Order

Attendance: Heather Feingold, John Rauscher, Bill Gazda, Joey Tomsic, Danielle Rider, Kelley Stevens, Chris Knowles, Marissa Brown, OPEN HOSPITALITY, OPEN PARENT LIASION

Absent: Amy Sponseller

Guests in attendance: George Adcock

2. Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. July 16, 2025 Executive Meeting – Approved
- b. Agenda - Approved

3. Updates from George

- a. Hiring update on coaching positions - 11 applicants; first round of phone screenings has completed. Bringing 4 candidates in; intention to only hire one first. SMN location will be filled first—Coach Christian and Blythe returning to as deck coaches. Plan for BVN: Rhys will lead practices with deck coaches returning.
- b. Plan for Pre-Blazers: Being 9/16. Interviews have been occurring for the coach. Andrew will be overseeing administration duties.
- c. Explanation of Senior groups structuring: Despite the numbers not necessarily justifying the current structure, intend on keeping the same structure to allow visible path for swimmers. Numbers and plan can continue to be discussed as needed.
- d. Ann Ketterer Meet: Need officials – Bill will work on this. Tatjana will be the meet referee. Meet information has been submitted for sanctioning.

4. Old Business

- a. 50th Anniversary Celebrations – George will rent JCPRD van to help transport balloons and alpha lit sign from Saturday event to Sunday event. Board assistance needed with clean up at both events.

- b. Mind Flex Program renewal and plan for this season: Plan to work with swimmers 12 y/o and older in J1, Senior, PreNat, Nat groups, Two 4-week accelerators, 3 coaching sessions, two-part mini series for parents (virtual). Discussed having more buy-in and support from coaches. George agreeable to leading this with improved communication from Mind Flex on topics discussed with swimmers so coaches can utilize tools more effectively. Cost of program reviewed and approved.
- c. Contract with JCPRD: Still in review with JCPRD legal due to nature and complexity of relationship. Expecting substantial edits to review.

5. New Business

- a. Parent Meetings: Need volunteers to attend on 9/9 (BVN), 9/10 (Sr), 9/11 (BVW), & 9/16 (SMN), J1 group TBD – Volunteer Coordinator, Swim-A-Thon, Officials, Pool Parents to present information on slides.
- b. End of season survey: Adding additional questions, wanting to create continuity in questions asked previously
- c. Review submissions for new board positions: Heather to reach out to G. Grading and K. Hladkey to discuss role further and invite to next meeting.
- d. Pool Parents: Danielle selecting pool parents and will assist with transfer to new PP role
- e. Metrics for coach bonuses: Delayed until next month pending contract with JCPRD

6. Reports from members

- a. Chairperson – Distribute End of Season Survey
- b. Director of Finance – Working on creating Google account to house documents and calendar of events for the board
- c. Secretary - Absent
- d. Officials Chair – Outreaching officials for Ann Ketterer meet
- e. Director of Special Events – Planning fall party for swimmers 13 y/o and older – Event at SM Park after Swim-A-Thon
- f. Director of Volunteers – New Swimmer Evaluations beginning, volunteers have signed up to assist – Discussed getting QR codes with sign up information and link to website with what equipment is needed and practice schedules
- g. Director of Meet Operations –
- h. Director of Ways and Means – Swim-A-Thon – Save the Date will be sent out soon, Planning on utilizing same committee as last year
- i. Directory of Hospitality – OPEN - Marissa will lead

- j. Director of Marketing and Communications – Marissa working on newsletter for September
- k. Parent Liaison – OPEN –Outreaching candidates and inviting to next board meeting

7. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting: Wednesday 9/3/25, 6:00-8:00pm
 - i. Lenexa City Center Library – Conference Room 5