



Santa Fe Trail Blazers Parent Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 9/17/25

6:00-8:00pm

Lenexa City Center Library – Conference Room 5

1. Call to Order

Attendance: Heather Feingold, John Rauscher, Amy Sponseller, Bill Gazda, , Danielle Rider, Kelley Stevens, Chris Knowles, Marissa Brown, Gretchen Grading, OPEN HOSPITALITY

Absent: Joey Tomsic

Guests in attendance: George Adcock, Dorothy Ogden

2. Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. 9.3.25 meeting minutes

Motion to approve – Danielle Rider, 2nd Kelley Stevens, All Approved.

3. Updates from George

- a. Hiring update on coaching BVN position
 - SMN filled, interviews for BVN completed 9/12. Working through hiring process with HR. One candidate is from out of town so may be a delay in starting with relocation.
- b. Ann Ketterer Meet
 - More athletes than last year. Sessions slightly longer
 - Looking at a line up redo for 2026. Need to balance events for new swimmers.
- c. Console operator/volunteers/Training/Costs
 - Omega will be at each meet to run console. Additional console operator needed for dual meets, Brian Howard, and Age Group Champs.
 - Possibly can train at BB Meet
- d. Requested goals and metrics from 9.3.25 meeting
 - Working on more detailed Zones data. It is manual process more updates 10/15/25 meeting.
 - Zone Blazer Qualifiers – Year 2022-12 swimmers, 2023- 11 swimmers, 2024- 13 swimmers, 2025-23 swimmers
- e. Connection opportunities for older swim groups w/younger swim groups

- Good integration with Junior 1, Senior, Pre National, & National – All are combined for practice on Fridays.
- Looking towards mid-October to have all groups implemented. Trying to be deliberate and purposeful
- f. Blazers Long Course Age Group Champs
 - Vote will be this weekend to determine location. We should win the vote after coaches meeting last week recommended KCB as host.
- g. Missouri Valley Senior Coach of the Year
 - Congratulations to Andrew Schmidt 2025 Winner

4. Financial Report – John

- a. Google Workspace
 - Workspace is created. John Rauscher, Danielle Rider, Kelley Stevens , & Bill Gazda will work on creating resource folders.

5. Old Business

- a. Swim-A-Thon
 - Shirt is ordered. SAT site is up in running with donations coming in.
 - Olympian clinic tentative date 1/4/2026 Location to TBD
 - Demo Table for questions and donations will be set up at Ann Ketterer Meet
- b. Annual Parent Meeting/Team Photography
 - Parent Meeting set for October 10, 5:45-6:30PM, Lenexa Hills Elementary Café. Email will go out to all families.
 - Team/Individual Pictures will be taken at SMAC
- c. JCPRD Updates
 - No signed contract as of meeting date.

6. New Business

- a. End of season survey results – Chris
 - Briefly reviewed. Will be sent to group to review further and discuss at next meeting to determine areas for growth and improvement.
- b. Meet hosting costs
 - Discussion on adding meet admission fees to more hosted meets to help with expenses.
- c. Vote to renew members-
 - Motion to renew – Danielle Rider, 2nd Bill Gazda, All Approved.
 - i. Kelley Stevens – Director of Meet Operations
 - ii. Chris Knowles – Ways & Means/Swim-A-Thon
- d. Vote to approve Santa Fe Trailblazers Association Board of Resolution
 - i. Voting to approve Tatjana Alvegard, Past Chairperson, to be removed from the Bank of America Checking Account and Credit Card and add Heather Feingold, current Chairperson and John Rauscher, Director of Finance. Motion to approve, Danielle Rider, Bill Gazda 2nd, All Approved.

7. Reports from members

- a. Chairperson:
 - i. Group picture for board webpage- No discussion
- b. Secretary:
 - i. Alum information on website- No discussion
- c. Officials Chair/VP:
 - Officials sent for Ann Ketterer Meet.
 - Still looking for more Officials.
- d. Director of Special Events:
 - Joey Tomsic Absent –
 - i. Fall party- Bonfire & Smores 10/17 following Swim A Thon
 - Blazers Ages 13 and up
 - ii. Volunteer Appreciation Party- TBD
- e. Director of Volunteers:
 - i. BB Meet 10.18-10.19 – no discussion
 - ii. Delegate VC responsibilities – no discussion
 - iii. November Blazer Series – no discussion
- f. Director of Meet Operations:
 - i. AK Meet
 - All set for meet.
 - ii. BB Meet 10.18-10.19 – no discussion
- g. Director of Ways and Means:
 - i. Swim-A-Thon
- h. Directory of Hospitality – OPEN –
 - i. AK meet
 - All food is ordered/purchased.
 - ii. BB Meet 10.18-10.19 – no discussion
- i. Director of Marketing and Communications:
 - i. Newsletter for October – no discussion
- j. Parent Liaison:
 - i. Pool Parents
 - Emails have been sent out to all groups.
 - ii. New swimmer resources/guide book- no discussion

8. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting: 10/15/25 from 6:00-8:00pm
 - i. Lenexa City Center Library – Conference Room 5