



Santa Fe Trail Blazers Parent Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 9/3/25

6:00-8:00pm

Lenexa City Center Library – Conference Room 5

1. Call to Order

Attendance: Heather Feingold, John Rauscher, Amy Sponseller, Bill Gazda, Joey Tomsic, Kelley Stevens, Chris Knowles (ZOOM), Marissa Brown, OPEN HOSPITALITY, OPEN PARENT LIASION

Absent: Danielle Rider

Guests in attendance: Gretchen Gradinger, George Adcock, Dorothy Ogden

2. Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. 8/20/25 meeting minutes
 - i. Motion to approve- Joey Tomsic, John Rausher (2nd) All approved.
- b. 9/3/25 agenda

3. Updates from George

- a. Hiring update on coaching positions-
 - Interviews Complete with 5 Candidates, Process with HR for screenings and background checks.
- b. Ann Ketterer Meet & MV Athlete Awards – 9/20 1:30-4:00pm
 - Can possibly adjust days to accommodate all to attend MV Athlete Awards but constrained by SMAC facility rules & Lenexa Food Truck Frenzy.
- c. Vision for Team / Goals / Metrics
 - Undoubted Local Excellence leading to National Success.
 - Develop a team that dreams as a group.
 - We not Me
 - Age Group 100% of athletes participate in 1 meet
 - 50% Age Group Swimmers Qualify for Districts
 - 50% Junior II Qualify for Champs
- d. Mind Flex Program
 - Will be meeting with Becky & Besty Sept. 4 to go over season program and plan.
- e. Meets
 - Hosted Meets- Ann Ketterer, BB Meet, Winter Classic, Brain Howard, Age Group Champs
 - Blazer Series – Nov 14, Jan 31, April, May

4. Financial Report – John

-Working on setting up Google Account, **getting** purchasing card for hospitality, supplies etc., and working on Budget. Billing has been submitted through end of July.

5. Old Business

- a. JCPRD updates – Heather will be meeting Shannon at JCPRD once a month.
- b. Pool Parents – Pool parents have been set for the National, Pre-National, Senior, and Junior I as well as Site Leads for BVN, BVW, and SMN. Age Group and Junior II parents will be in place by end of September.
- c. USA Swimming certifications- Our SafeSport Recognized Club badge expires in 2025. There are two specific areas where we need help from parents and athletes. They both involve parents and athletes watching SafeSport training provided by USA Swimming. Both training courses starting 9/17 can be found by logging into your USA Swimming account, clicking on the education tab, then clicking course catalog. The parents' training is called "Parents Guide to Misconduct in Sport" and the athletes' training is called "SafeSport for Youth Athletes (13-17)". We need a minimum of 10% of all member families to get credit and we need a minimum of 10% of all athletes aged 13-17 to get credit. The training takes about 30-45 minutes.

6. New Business

- a. Annual parent meeting- Checking with Lenexa City Hall to rent the Community Forum 10/10.
- b. Team Photography- Tentatively scheduled for 10/10 at SMAC. All groups.

7. Reports from members

- a. Chairperson –
 - i. VP appointment- Heather nominated Bill Gazda. Motion to Approve- Kelly Stevens, Joey Tomsic 2nd, All approved.
- b. Director of Finance – Google Account
- c. Secretary -
- d. Officials Chair – Ann Ketterer working to fill officials. Will be talking at Parent meetings to recruit more parents as officials.
- e. Director of Special Events – Fall party will be 10/17 after Swim A Thon, Volunteer Appreciation Party date TBD.
- f. Director of Volunteers:
 - i. Approximately 54 families who failed to meet their volunteering obligations (defined as in excess of 2 hours remaining at end of season)
 - ii. Total collectibles of \$24,000
 - iii. New season volunteer email sent at 9am on 9/2.
 - iv. Jobs have been opened for both Ann K and BB Meet

- v. Will be running 2 timers per lane at Ann K and BB, reassess for WC and BB
- g. Director of Meet Operations – Ann Ketterer meet.
- h. Director of Ways and Means – Swim-A-Thon- A Save the Date email was sent to all members on 8/28/25.
- i. Director of Hospitality – OPEN, Marissa Brown will stay a Lead for Hospitality and working with a few volunteers until a new Director is in place.
- j. Director of Marketing and Communications –
 - i. Newsletter for September – Add Pool Parents
 - ii. Collaboration w/Mind Flex
- k. Parent Liaison – Introduction of Gretchen Grading, Motion to approve Kelly Stevens, Joey Tomsic 2nd. All approved.

8. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting: Wednesday 9/17/25
 - i. Lenexa City Center Library – Conference Room 5