

# Arizona Prestige Boosters

## General Membership Meeting Notes Thursday Aug. 6th, 2026

**Attendees:** Binonka Dennis (President), BriAnne Turpin (Treasurer), Amber Wade (Secretary), Summyr Frew, Megan Thomasson, Tina Meador, Jenny Haskins, Kanisha Scroggins, Yolanda Maylett, Alicia Rivas, Abraham Munoz, Kim Rivery, Carl Miller, Kristen Fullmer, Anne Bich, Jacquie (Lucas' mom), Caitie Mead-Smith, Mallory Butler, Brittany Hamilton

### 1. Membership Structure & Fund Distribution

The Booster Club reviewed the membership structure for the 2026–27 season. The beginning of this discussion was not recorded, but the following points were confirmed during the meeting:

#### Active Membership

- Annual membership fee is **\$50 per family**, regardless of the number of competing athletes in the family.
- Active members will receive a Booster Club T-shirt as part of their membership.
- Remaining membership funds after T-shirt expenses will be divided:
  - **50% to the Booster scholarship fund**
  - **50% retained by the Booster Club for administrative/operating expenses**
- Administrative funds may be used for expenses such as taxes, website costs, supplies and upfront expenses associated with larger fundraisers.
- Active members participate in the proceeds from both **Active Member fundraisers** and **Associate Member fundraisers**.
- When fundraising proceeds are ultimately distributed, distributions are made **per athlete**, not per family.

#### Associate Membership

- Associate membership does not require the \$50 Active Member buy-in.
- Associate members may participate in designated lower-effort fundraising opportunities.
- Examples include restaurant nights and other fundraisers that require less direct volunteer involvement from the Booster Club.

The goal of the revised structure is to better reward families who actively volunteer while still providing opportunities for all families to raise money toward their athletes' expenses.

### 2. Communication

**Band will continue to be the Booster Club's primary communication method.**

The Booster Band group will be used for:

- Fundraiser announcements
- Meeting dates
- Agendas
- Meeting notes
- Volunteer opportunities
- Other Booster Club updates

Important information will also increasingly be posted on the new Booster website.

A Booster bulletin board/cubby area is also available near the front of the gym for occasional printed information.

Families who are not currently part of the Booster Band group should request access here:  
<https://band.us/n/abaeb32dVen6o>

### **3. Vice President Opening**

The Booster Club currently has an **open Vice President position**.

To be eligible:

- The individual must be an Active Member in good standing.
- Their athlete must have competed during the previous competition season.

Primary Vice President responsibilities include:

- Assuming the President's duties in their absence
- Attending general membership and Board of Directors meetings
- Serving as a liaison/chair for designated committees and parent/team representatives
- Performing duties assigned by the President and/or Board
- Assuming the office of President if the presidency becomes vacant

The leadership structure is designed as a three-year progression:

**Year 1:** Vice President

**Year 2:** President

**Year 3:** Immediate Past President/Advisory Role

Members interested in the Vice President position may submit their names for consideration. Some potential interest was expressed during and immediately after the meeting; final candidates will be confirmed before a vote/appointment. Summyr Frew and Abraham Muñoz have officially declared their candidacy for the Vice President position.

## 4. Board Structure & Bylaws

The Booster Club reviewed its officer structure and staggered terms.

- Vice President → President → Immediate Past President follows the three-year progression described above.
- Secretary and Treasurer serve **two-year terms**.
- Amber's Secretary term will conclude at the end of the current term.
- The following cycle will require a new Treasurer.

Staggering officer terms is intended to maintain continuity and prevent the entire Board from changing at once.

The Board generally meets approximately **two weeks before each general membership meeting** to prepare upcoming business and recommendations.

The bylaws include information regarding:

- Officer duties
- Meeting requirements
- Fund distribution
- Committees
- Club governance

The bylaws are available on the Booster website and have also previously been shared through Band.

An amendment will be needed to reflect the updated Vice President/President succession and term structure.

As membership grows, additional committees may be formed, including fundraising, volunteer and scholarship committees.

## 5. Team Liaisons

The Booster Club is establishing team liaisons to help maintain communication between coaches, teams and the Booster Club.

Current representatives:

- **Girls Gymnastics:** Misty Pasco
- **Boys Gymnastics:** Mallory Butler
- **Cheer:** Kristen Fullmer

Liaisons may assist with communication surrounding fundraisers, events and other activities involving their respective teams.

## **6. State Farm Stadium Volunteer Program**

The State Farm Stadium program continues to provide an opportunity for families to earn money **directly toward their athlete's account**.

If you'd like to join the State Farm Band Group please click here:

<https://band.us/n/a6a4b0bcp5NcH>

Volunteers may work:

- Cardinals games
- Concerts
- Special events
- Concession locations
- Beer/draft portable locations

Family members or friends may also volunteer on behalf of an athlete; the volunteer does not have to be the athlete's parent. Volunteers must complete the required orientation and other applicable training/certifications.

### **Upcoming Orientation**

- August 15
- Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Booster organizers in advance so their information can be submitted.
- Additional orientations are expected to be offered approximately monthly.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **August 22:** Cardinals vs. Cowboys — additional volunteers/extras are needed.
- **August 29:** Concert opportunity

Volunteers who have already completed orientation should make sure all remaining requirements, including alcohol compliance when applicable, are completed.

State Farm earnings are separate from general Booster fundraising proceeds. Once payment is received, the earnings are credited directly to the appropriate athlete account rather than being held until the end of the competition season.

Earnings vary significantly by event and assignment.

## **7. Rising Sky 5th Anniversary Open House**

Rising Sky will celebrate its fifth anniversary with Open House events.

### **Northwest Location — August 22**

- Booster Club will operate an **Ice Cream Bar**
- Booster members will also assist with the **dunk tank**
- Event time: approximately **1:30–3:30 PM**

A **SignUpGenius** will be created requesting:

- Ice cream bar volunteers
- Dunk tank volunteers
- Donations of ice cream
- Other supplies/toppings as needed

The signup will be shared through Band and linked from the Booster website.

The Ahwatukee location will hold its Open House on **August 29**. Booster participation at that event is still being explored with families from that location.

## **8. Upcoming Fundraising Plans**

### **August — Ice Cream Bar**

The next planned Booster fundraiser is the August 22 Ice Cream Bar at the Northwest Open House.

Customers will purchase ice cream and select their own toppings.

An additional **Associate Member fundraiser** for August is still being considered.

### **September — National Gymnastics Day**

National Gymnastics Day is **September 19**.

Planned activities include:

#### **Mini Pancake Sale**

- Similar to last year's successful pancake fundraiser
- Expected to take place in the morning

### **Flip-a-Thon**

- Athletes will collect pledges.
- Funds generated by an athlete's pledges will go directly toward that athlete.
- The Booster Club would like a volunteer to help organize/lead the event this year so that it is more visible and coordinated than last year's event.
- Anyone interested in helping coordinate the Flip-a-Thon should contact the Board.

### **Coin Wars**

A team competition is also planned as an Associate fundraiser.

Each team will have a collection jar. Pennies and dollars add to a team's total, while designated silver coins may be placed into another team's jar to reduce its total. A prize for the winning team will be determined.

### **October — Spooky Bake Sale**

The Booster plans to bring back the **Spooky Bake Sale**, which was very successful last year.

A simple Halloween-themed Associate fundraiser is also being considered, such as a "guess/fill the jar" activity.

## **9. Raffles & Donations**

The Booster Club would like to continue building raffle baskets throughout the season.

Families are encouraged to help obtain:

- Gift cards
- Admission tickets
- Restaurant certificates
- Products
- Services
- Other business donations

Past donated prizes, including attraction tickets and gift cards, have worked well.

Members are encouraged to reach out to businesses they already have relationships with.

## **10. Business Sponsorship Program**

One of the Booster Club's major goals this season is to develop a stronger **business sponsorship program**.

The Board is exploring:

- Sponsorship tiers
- Website recognition
- Logos on banners/signage
- T-shirt sponsorship
- Social media recognition
- Other promotional opportunities

A sponsorship flyer/materials will be developed so Booster families can approach local businesses.

The goal is to generate larger contributions than can realistically be raised through small individual fundraisers alone.

## **11. Previous Season Fund Distribution**

Approximately **\$3,300** in fundraising proceeds from the previous season was distributed to returning athletes near the end of June.

Distribution was delayed slightly while the Booster Club confirmed which athletes were returning following changes at the gym.

Per the bylaws, **10% was retained for Booster administrative expenses.**

Current Booster funds reported at the meeting were approximately:

- **\$251 in the checking account**
- **\$115 in petty cash**

The remaining eligible funds were distributed among returning athletes.

## **12. Booster Website**

The new Booster website is now accessible and nearing completion:

**AZPrestigeBoosters.org**

The website currently includes:

- Membership information
- Online Active Membership payment
- A separate form for families paying by cash/check
- Downloadable Booster bylaws
- Upcoming fundraiser information
- Contact information

Additional Board information and other resources will continue to be added.

Future possibilities include using the website for nominations, elections/voting and other member functions.

### **13. New Ideas & Volunteers**

Members are encouraged to submit:

- Fundraising ideas
- Business sponsorship leads
- Volunteer interest
- Raffle/donation opportunities

Ideas can be posted in Band or sent to:

**info@AZPrestigeBoosters.org**

### **14. Next Meeting**

General membership meetings are planned for the **first Thursday of each month at 5:00 PM.**

The next meeting will be held **Thursday, September 3rd.** Additional details will be posted through Band.

## **Action Items**

- Create and post SignUpGenius for the **August 22 Ice Cream Bar/Open House.**
- Recruit volunteers and supply donations for ice cream and the dunk tank.
- Confirm interested candidates for **Vice President.**
- Update bylaws to reflect the revised VP/President leadership progression.
- Recruit a volunteer to help coordinate the **September Flip-a-Thon.**
- Finalize details for **Coin Wars** for the September Associate Fundraiser.
- Associate fundraiser with Panda TBD in August.