



Blue Thunder Booster Club September 24, 2007 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:05 pm

Adjourned: 8:12 pm

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Michel Johannes, Joan Ollmann, Sue Rodakowski, Carla Sullivan, Alicia Perez, Sandy Kaske, Curt Lindaas, Mike Rogers, Richard Kirchner, Craig Adams, Judy Adams, Hal Larson, Bev Larson, Dawn Stone, Sharon Knox, Kathy Webster, Tammy Rentschler, Sara Barton, Bruce Barton.

Everyone was asked to review last month's minutes. Joan moved we approve the minutes from the August 27th meeting, Michel Johannes seconded the motion and all directors approved.

Joan gave the treasurer's report and said we have a current balance of \$92,762.45. No bills have been received for food or drinks for concessions, but our gross income for concessions from our first two home football games is \$8,060.54. Our gross income for Thunderspuds is \$2,496.00, and gross income from merchandise sales is \$5,641.56. The 50/50 Raffle net income is \$1,047.00 with the first two winners, Brad Johannes and Larisa Walters, donating \$250 of their winnings back to us. Joan said attorneys have been asked to help us receive non-profit status, and accountant Steve Lindstrom will help us with our accounting. His firm will help us to prepare tax returns and make sure we comply with all IRS and IL requirements for a non-profit organization. She will also discuss investment options with Brad Johannes and Kim Larson. Curt Lindaas moved to approve the report and Alicia 2nd. The treasurer's report was approved.

Karen Reynolds was unable to give the A.D. report because she was at a meeting in Rock Island, IL. Carla reported that the Fall Sports Awards would be given out at the end of the school year on May 15th, and it will be one big Athletic Awards night for all three seasons of sports. Also, the Winter Sports Athletic meeting and registration will be held Wednesday, October 17 with registration at 5:30 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. If your student was a fall athlete they do not need to attend the meeting at 7 pm, only their individual sport meeting at 7:30 pm.

Committee reports followed:

Membership: Mike Rogers said they have officially ended the drive for Founding Members with \$59,500. They are still accepting Lifetime Members for a minimum of \$250 and Annual Members for \$25 per year. He also displayed a mock up of the 3 foot by 4-foot plaque of Founding Members, which they hope to present to the school during the first home basketball game of the season.

Merchandise: Sue said they have brought in \$2400 from the first two football games, and have just over \$6300 in gross sales year to date. They have made about \$2500 in profit. She said they are getting new merchandise in soon and asked for suggestions of smaller items to sell. Pennants, foam fingers and window clings were suggested.

50/50: Michel said Jenny needed help at the future home games with selling tickets.

Marketing/Website: A press release about the Castle Challenge is on our website and boonecountysports.com, and it will be sent to the papers. Tickets to this event can still be purchased at the Athletic offices of both schools and Castle Bank.

Thunder Spud: Sandy Kaske said things are going well. Dawn Karns is still making calls for helpers and there are a few spots still open.

Concessions: Sandy Christianson is doing a great job! Central Middle School volleyball/football is helping this week. Michel and Deb talked to Sandy about ordering steak and chicken to sell for Thunderfest. We are still looking into purchasing a popcorn machine for indoor concessions.

Fundraising:Castle Challenge: Grillers and Set-up is taken care of. They need help calling to solicit sponsors, and with clean up after dinner. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help with this and golf cart drivers to pick up people from the parking lot. A parade organizer is also needed for the recognition parade of all Belvidere middle school and high school athletes. All these athletes were given ten tickets each to sell before the event. Many people said there was confusion about the event, and an explanation about Castle Challenge should be enclosed with the tickets next year. We have a few sponsors right now who have donated the minimum of \$500, but we need more people to call and follow up on the letters that were sent.

Old Business: Mobile House of Thunder: Mike Rogers said we could get a 8 foot to 20 foot trailer and it would cost from \$2,000 to \$30,000. For \$7,000 we could get an open trailer that we have to outfit. It was suggested we get an open trailer so we can design it especially for merchandise. Do we want it to have electricity or water? We may only use it for selling hot chocolate and packaged goods for concessions. Everyone agreed we wanted one with windows already in it, so we don't have to have them cut. Mike said he would bring more specific prices to the next meeting for a 16 to 20 ft. lightweight trailer with two windows and a door cut in.

2008 Golf Play Day – Brad Johannes is still working on a Friday or possibly Saturday date in July.

Open Discussion: Tammy Rentschler said 395 pairs of socks were collected for the troops at the last home game. Varsity Cheer is organizing a cook out for the Varsity Football team this week at Aberdeen Park since it is Thunderfest week and there aren't many activities scheduled. The cheerleaders are using their own fundraising funds to pay for this so she asked us for money to purchase the hamburgers and brats. There are 45 players and 10 coaches for varsity football. After some discussion, Michel made a motion for Tammy to pass a hat for donations at the cookout and if she came up short, to ask us again at the October meeting. Joan 2nd. Tammy also asked for support and suggestions for the band to sit in the stands or closer to the cheerleaders to help with rallying the crowd. After much discussion, we said we would talk to Karen about it.

Thunderfest: Student Council is decorating the locker bays at BNHS; there is a Co-ed volleyball tournament on Thursday, and a Pep Rally on Friday.

Mr. Kirchner told us the 1947 Belvidere State Champion Football team would be announced during halftime of the Belvidere North vs. Belvidere game. A traveling trophy for the winning team of this game every year was also suggested. Our new American Flag and NIC-10 banners are also now on display in the BNHS gym.

Dugouts: Hal Larson said he is hoping they will start work on Oct. 5th. They have donations for some items, except concrete. Parents have signed up to help. This does need approval from the Regional Board of Education, so they will come to the BNHS office to give approval of the drawings after Stu Kemp, an engineer, has signed off on them.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:12 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on October 22nd at 7:00 pm at Timber Pointe.

Respectfully,
Deb Shawd