



## **Blue Thunder Booster Club November 26, 2007 Minutes**

**Called to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Adjourned:** 8:43 pm

**Attendees:** Deb Shawd, Curt Lindaas, Mark Roden, Brad Johannes, Mike Doyle, Lisa Norgard, Hal Larson, Bev Larson, Carla Sullivan, Michel Johannes, Joan Ollmann, Karen Reynolds, Sue Rodakowski, Gail Adkins, Sherrie Morris, John Young, Curt Tobin, Mike Rogers, Alicia Perez.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Everyone was asked to review last month's minutes. Michel moved we approve the minutes from the October 22nd meeting, Joan seconded the motion and all directors approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan said we have a current balance of \$91,436.06. She just paid \$5,517.00 to Barry T's for the Founder's Membership Plaque. We will have income from our basketball concessions in the next few months. She and Brad are still discussing where to invest some money. Joan will be talking with the Buc Boosters to finalize the raffle report for fall, and will discuss if a joint permit is possible for next year. Our sales exempt and sales tax exempt registration is being processed. Sue Rodakowski approved the treasurer's report and Curt Lindaas 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**A.D. Report:** Karen Reynolds said the boys cross country team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at State and a plaque with all their names engraved on it will be placed on the trophy and displayed in a case near the gym. Our BNHS State patch will be in the shape of the state of Illinois for all state winners. The Founding Membership Plaque is hung on the center wall of the gym lobby. New winter sports calendars are available in the main office, athletic office and at the Belvidere Bank. On January 7, 2008 a former Belvidere athlete, Andrew Sweet, will speak at the PAC at 6 pm about what student athletes should know before applying to colleges. Gail Adkins asked if Karen could put the photo of the boys cc team with their trophy on the district 100 website.

**Membership:** December 8 is a possible date for the dedication ceremony for the Founder's Plaque at 7pm between the basketball games. Our target market for Lifetime Members is BCMS families. It was suggested that the membership committee pass out brochures for membership at sport meetings and events.

**Merchandise:** Sue said they are looking to purchase more merchandise to sell at upcoming basketball games on November 30, December 7, 8, and 18, and January 5 and 25. We will add these dates to our website. Some merchandise will also be sold in the BNHS school store.

**50/50:** January 5, 2008 Basketball Jamboree vs. BHS is a possibility for using the Buc raffle permit and we would split the proceeds.

**Marketing/Website:** New membership cards are in and mailed. Keeping website updated.

**Concessions:** Boys basketball games are covered with volunteers Jenny had sign up. Curt Tobin said football athletes would take care of January 5 Jamboree all day. Michel said she still needs help during the girls' basketball games and two wrestling meets on Dec. 6 and Jan. 3. She will be contacting families who have girls

playing basketball. We decided to grill pork chops for the Jan. 5 basketball jamboree and Curt said the football players could grill. Board members will bring in roasters to use.

**Fundraising:** Any members who have ideas are encouraged to email Michel Johannes at [bluethunderboosters@insightbb.com](mailto:bluethunderboosters@insightbb.com) and she will pass this along to the fundraising committee. Curt Tobin said we should be able to get a raffle permit through district 100 so we can use it on our own at BNHS or BCMS. He will look into this and report back to us by our next meeting.

**Old Business: Mobile House of Thunder:** Mike Rogers said he is still waiting for another quote.

**2008 Golf Play Day** – Brad Johannes said the date is June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Timber Pointe.

**Dugout:** Hal Larson said the bricks and rafters are up and Curt Lindaas' dad is getting steel posts. The art department at North will paint it in the spring. Bev Larson gave a big thank you to Dean Hazlewood and his crew for their hard work.

**New Business: Dan Crossfit Colson,** a professional strength trainer from Achieve Fitness, spoke with Curt Tobin and Mike Rogers about giving a seminar to our coaches and some athletes on strength training and conditioning. If we liked the program, he and a few other trainers would do a 9-week program for interested students for about \$2700. Mike said he could talk to Dan about reducing the cost. Karen suggested having them come to the school on Sunday, December 9. Crossfit.com has more information.

**Message Board** – Mike asked Mr. Kirchner about this and he felt the school provided enough information on the flat screen TVs in the school, but we all agreed that parents need a sign outside with information on it.

**Flags for football stadium** – Karen and Curt Tobin have a meeting scheduled in January with Bryon Houy and Matt Weckler to discuss flags and signage at the stadium for next year reflecting both schools.

**Open Discussion: Mike Doyle** requested financial support for the school newspaper since he wasn't given funds from BHS to start a new paper at BNHS. Usually the yearbook is the moneymaker and supports the newspaper, so next year they should be ok financially. The students have had trouble selling ads to local businesses that have in the past supported the BHS paper. Fundraisers are planned, but right now they need \$850 an issue to print 1200 copies for all students. Alicia made a motion that we fund the school newspaper \$2,550.00 for placing Blue Thunder Booster ads in every issue through the end of the school year to help them pay to publish their next three issues until their fundraising can get underway. Michel 2<sup>nd</sup> and all directors approved. **Hal Larson** suggested looking into purchasing gas grills for football concessions next year.

#### **Upcoming events:**

Dec. 8, 2007 – Founding Membership Plaque Ceremony at 7 pm (between bb games)

January 5, 2008 – Basketball Jamboree all levels BNHS vs. BHS Noon to 8:30 pm

January 15, 2008 – Joint Fundraising Meeting at BNHS cafeteria 7 pm

May 15, 2008 – Athletic Awards Night

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:43 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on December 17th at 7:00 pm in BNHS Forum Room.

Respectfully,

Deb Shawd

Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters