



## Blue Thunder Booster Club January 28, 2008 Minutes

**Called to Order:** 7:01 pm  
**Adjourned:** 8:47 pm

**Attendees:** Deb Shawd, Sandy Kaske, Carla Sullivan, Joan Ollmann, Michel Johannes, Brad Johannes, Karen Reynolds, Tracy McConnell, Denise Hauser, Michelle Dixon, Curt Lindaas, Sherrie Morris, Craig and Judy Adams, Alicia Perez, Bob Moore, Mike Rogers, Hal and Bev Larson, Dave Adkins, Sue Rodakowski.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Joan Ollmann moved we approve the minutes from the December meeting, and Alicia Perez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All directors approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$500 was donated by Ron Wait for the dugouts. We took in a lot of money January 5<sup>th</sup> at the basketball jamboree against the Bucs, and we have \$90,000 at this point. Van Guard has paperwork to transfer money to gain interest. Michel Johannes made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Mike Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>. All directors approved.

**A.D. Report:** Karen announced that our Varsity Cheer squad placed 4<sup>th</sup> at sectionals and will be traveling to Bloomington Friday for the State finals. If they place in the top 10 out of 15 Co-ed teams on Friday, they will compete again on Saturday. The school will give them a student send off in the cafeteria with the band on Friday morning. The boys have home basketball games Friday and Saturday. We were supposed to host the regional basketball games but aren't able to because of the placement of our press box and microphone hook up area. This will be changed so we can host next year, but for this year the regional will be held in Marengo. Bob Moore suggested hosting a cheer competition here next year, as it is a big money maker. Karen said she would look into it, and she is trying to hold a girl's basketball tournament here next year as well. She has 4 teams signed on for this over Thanksgiving. Bowling could be another sport we could host for a tournament. **The Parent Spring Athlete meeting is February 13** with registration from 5 to 6 p.m. and the meeting at 6 p.m. Individual sports will meet with coaches at 6:20 p.m.

**Scholarship awards will be held May 14. Athletic Awards night will be May 15.** Karen suggested selling tickets for a dinner before the awards. We could offer pasta, salad, bread, dessert and a drink. Aramark would charge \$8 -10 for dinner and tickets would have to be purchased one week ahead. Karen asked if the boosters could pay for the senior athletes meal. Alicia suggested paying half of the senior's tickets and offer them a senior discount because next year we will have a lot more seniors to pay for. She also said we should donate some of the money from meal ticket towards a scholarship for an athlete. Michelle Dixon said she would contact Bravos for food prices because they are inexpensive and give a lot of food. Bravos could also benefit from our advertising. Denise Hauser asked what awards will be given out on May 15, since most athletes have received their numerals and letters. Karen said MVP and captain awards would be given out.

**Wish Lists:** Karen said most sports are pretty much set with equipment and uniforms right now, but all outdoor sports need additional outdoor storage space. Right now they are sharing and overcrowding the indoor sports storage. A suggestion about purchasing some mini sheds from Home Depot turned into a discussion about how the school board wants all outdoor buildings to be uniform in material and color. This was a requirement for the baseball dugouts. Mike told Karen it should be brought up at a school board meeting. This is considered an improvement to school property and BNHS wasn't built with enough outdoor storage, so the

district should pay for most or all of this. Brad suggested storage be included with the possibility of a new football stadium. Karen said she would talk with Mr. Kirchner about it.

**Merchandise:** \$950 sold since last month. They will be selling at the Feb. 16 basketball games. New items include: magnets, window clings, shoestrings, and license plate brackets.

**Marketing/Website:** Alicia asked if we could email our members a list of our business sponsors and the discounts they offer. Michel said she would do this.

**Concessions:** There have been some complaints about the food. Many people don't like the whole-wheat crust pizza from Aramark. Karen said we could order pizza from a restaurant, have them deliver it and send us the bill. Michel will check with Aramark to see if we can use their warmers to keep the pizza warm, and she will get her committee together soon.

**Fundraising:** January 15 we met with members from the Buc boosters and February 4 both fundraising committees will meet. Michel made a motion that our committee will discuss renaming the Castle Challenge to the "Cross-town Classic" sponsored by Castle Bank so our community understands what the event is. And it could be a weeklong event with Blue Thunder playing Bucs in all fall sports. The event should also be promoted more. Joan 2<sup>nd</sup> and all directors approved. The fundraising committee will report back in February.

**Old Business: Mobile House of Thunder** – Mike Rogers will have two quotes by next meeting.

**2008 Golf Play Day** – Brad Johannes said the date is June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Timber Pointe. Both booster clubs will get together to discuss this Feb. 4.

**Trial Strength and Conditioning** – Dick Kirchner will find out when this program can start.

**New Business:** An age 14 and under **baseball tournament** will be held at BNHS on June 6, 7, and 8. There is a possibility of having concessions in our mobile house of thunder or inside.

**Dean's Food traveling trophy** – Curt Lindaas said General Mills paid for the traveling trophy for the cross-town football game, and he'd like to have Dean's Food pay for a traveling trophy for baseball or the whole season of sports for Blue Thunder vs. Bucs. He will also suggest to Dean's a one time donation to both booster clubs. Carla showed everyone a thank you letter from the BNHS paper, North View, for our donation.

**Fair Space** – Should we rent space this year? \$500 fee for 20 x 30 foot space. We could sell season sport passes, cross-town classic tickets, merchandise and possibly P.E. suits. Our space needs will be determined by the size of our mobile house of Thunder. Joan made a motion to rent a space at the fair and Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>. All directors approved.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:47pm.

Our next meeting will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in BNHS Forum Room.

Respectfully,

Deb Shawd

Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters