



## Blue Thunder Booster Club March 10, 2008 Minutes

Replaces 2/25/08 meeting cancelled from snowstorm and 3/24/08 during spring break

**Called to Order:** 7:03 pm  
**Adjourned:** 9:38 pm

**Attendees:** Deb Shawd, Sandy Kaske, Carla Sullivan, Joan Ollmann, Michel Johannes, Brad Johannes, Karen Reynolds, Tracy McConnell, Denise Hauser, Michelle Dixon, Curt Lindaas, Craig and Judy Adams, Alicia Perez, Mike Rogers, Hal and Bev Larson, Gail Adkins, Sue Rodakowski, Kim Larson, Heather Swinter, Janetti Miller, Kristine Schroeder, Tammy Rentschler, Gary Thacker, Mike Bradford, Chad Schwebke, James Paddock, Troy Yunk, Curt Tobin, Ken Hillman, Erin Jole and David Barelli.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Michel Johannes moved we approve the minutes from the January meeting, and Sandy Kaske 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All directors approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Van Guard account has \$5,000 and checking has \$89,529.16. Mike Rogers made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Curt Lindaas 2<sup>nd</sup>. All directors approved.

**A.D. Report:** Karen announced that several coaches were here tonight to present their reasons for items on their wish list. Presentations followed:

**Soccer** – Sean Norton requested soccer uniform and warm-ups for 20 on the girl's Varsity team and 20 on the boy's Varsity team with embroidery at a cost of \$7245. The warm-ups they now have could be passed down to JV and freshman. He also requested a tent rental for \$400 for this spring and a 10 x 14 x 7 foot high shed for \$473.

**Baseball** – Jim Paddock and Chad Schwebke asked for a galvanized chain link fence on the JV field for \$5200. They said it would last 25 years. They also mentioned they are having a baseball tournament June 6-8 and hope to raise \$4000.

**Softball** – Janetti Miller requested an outdoor batting cage for \$4999. This could also be used by baseball.

**Poms/Dance** – Kristine Schroeder requested 14 spirit jackets and 14 motion pants for \$1359.

**Cheerleading** – Tammy Rentschler requested 9 freshman uniforms and 8 freshman warm-ups to increase the number on the freshman squad from 8 to 12. The cost of these is \$1184. She also said the cheer squads will use their fundraising money to purchase 24 body bars, a storage rack, and resistance bands which they will share with other sports.

**Wrestling** – Gary Thacker said they have a need for a mat 2 feet 6 inches by 42 feet long to fill in a gap near the wall in the wrestling room. The cost of this is \$1225. This is a safety issue.

**Cross Country/Track** – Troy Yunk showed a video presentation on a Lifeline Fitness Circuit trainer for \$698. This could be used by all sports. He spoke for Mike Liscola about software for shot-put analysis, which could also analyze a golf or batter's swing or a hitter in volleyball. This is \$299. Heather Swinter spoke about the need for a springboard for \$380 and 6 powermax sleds at a cost of \$168 each for a total of \$1008.

**Tennis** – Ken Hillman requested an outdoor storage shed. His quote was \$2500 without a roof.

**Swimming/Diving** – Erin Jole requested a pool. (Her wish!) She also requested a pace clock for \$1250 and 4 bungee cords for resistance training at a cost of \$54.95 each. These would total \$220. They need new swimsuits at \$62 for the girls and \$43 for the boys, but she said they could fundraise to help purchase these.

**Basketball** – Mike Bradford requested a Dr. Dish Shooting Machine, which is programmable. It throws passes, has a counter on it and can be used by all levels for girls and boys basketball. This is \$8000.

**Football** – Curt Tobin requested a stadium with lights, bleachers and a restroom for only \$980,000. This was his big Wish. He also requested a Gator 4-wheeler for \$8000 to help carry equipment to the field and for transporting injured players. The football players will also be working on some fundraisers soon.

David Barelli from Great American Midwest Golf Suggested we do passive fundraising by creating an online store to sell our merchandise. His company also makes flags for golf play days. We could sell these to local businesses and have their logo printed on it for each hole.

**A.D. Report (continued)** Aramark quoted us \$35 per pan of pasta that will serve 25 at the athletic banquet. They also offered bread, salad and dressing for \$1.50 per person. Aramark would serve and charge us \$8 each for the dinner. Possibly a club or the newspaper could serve instead. We need a committee set up to contact Bravos for more pricing and to help set up printing of tickets. Carla made a motion for the Boosters to sponsor the athletic awards banquet. Michel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Michelle Dixon and Denise Hauser offered to co-chair the banquet committee. Karen has approved the chip for the engraved logo for new plaques. Now we can use this for the Lifetime Plaque. Karen also announced new awards that will be given out this year.

**Senior Spotlight:** a plaque in the hall and a medal for the athlete – senior athletes must apply for this

**Academic Team Award:** Varsity Level – Highest team average GPA – whole team recognized

**Community Recognition:** Coach provides documentation and photos of community service work

**Blue Thunder Inspirational Award**

**3 Sport Athletes:** All levels recognized for participation in all 3 seasons in one year

**All Sports Award:** Two major awards will be given for most improved and outstanding leader

**Membership/Fundraising:** No report

**Merchandise:** \$257 sold since last month. They will be selling at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Athletic Awards Banquet and at the Boone County Fair in August.

**Marketing/Website:** Alicia will put meal price and other information about the athletic banquet on our site.

**Old Business: Mobile House of Thunder** – \$9360 for the 20-foot long trailer with two windows from Nite Equipment. It might top out at \$15,000 with the addition of stainless steel counters, electricity, back up lights etc. and will take 7 weeks to have it custom made. There will be an additional price for the wrap with graphics on the exterior. The price from Advantage Trailers is \$9,562. We could use this to sell merchandise at the fair or other outdoor sporting events, as a concession stand and a place for scorekeepers during track meets. Joan made a motion to have Mike Rogers choose the vendor and purchase the Mobile House of Thunder. Alicia 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all approved. An email to all booster members should be sent out to ask for potential sites for indoor storage, help with carpentry and graphics for our new Mobile House of Thunder. Karen will have Mike and Troy choose 3 options for logos for us to vote on.

**2008 Golf Play Day** – Brad Johannes said the date has been changed to Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Timber Pointe with a shotgun start at 1:30 pm. They want to get the information out and start advertising in early April. It was suggested we have a silent auction with each sport providing a basket. Belvidere Bank will donate towels. Bryon Hoey has a friend in a band that will charge \$500 to play that evening.

**Trial Strength and Conditioning** – Starting June 1<sup>st</sup> Cross Fit will be included with the athletic camps and clinics. April 25 Karen will send out information about athletics for the summer. Deb will get an updated booster brochure to Karen so she can include this in her mailing.

**Dean's Food traveling trophy** – Deans will give \$1000 to District 100 to be split by both high schools. An All Sports Award Plaque will be chosen at the end of the season and presented at Awards night.

**New Business:** Next meeting will be April 28 at Timber Pointe. We need a chair and committee for the fair to get the space rented and set up a schedule for workers from 10 am to 9 pm. We will need a 30-foot space, which is \$600 and an additional \$10 for a 110 outlet. Michel made a motion to rent the space and Alicia 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved and Joan will secure the space.

Girl's Softball will be having a fundraiser scotch doubles tournament at Concordia Lanes on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. Student Council fundraiser for St. Jude's will be a volleyball tournament held March 15 at 5:30 pm.

Bob and Sue Moore will donate a lot they own north of the courthouse in Belvidere to build a home to sell for \$120,000 to \$130,000. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Blue Thunder Boosters.

Monday, March 31 at 7 pm at Timber Pointe will be a general meeting to discuss and vote on the wish lists.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 9:38 pm.

Our next business meeting will be held on April 28 at 7:00 pm at Timber Pointe.

Respectfully,

Deb Shawd

Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters