



Blue Thunder Booster Club April 28, 2008 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:05 pm
Adjourned: 8:23 pm

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Michel Johannes, Carla Sullivan, Joan Ollmann, Curt Lindaas, Sandy Kaske, Richard Kirchner, Denise Hauser, Michelle Dixon, Tracy McConnell, Alicia Perez, Hal and Bev Larson, Bruce Barton, Bob Moore, Brad Johannes, Mike Rogers, Chad Schwebke, Sue Rodakowski, Rob Larson.

Secretary's Minutes: Michel Johannes moved we approve the minutes from the March meeting, and Joan Ollmann 2nd the motion. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: We paid \$8000 for the 4-wheeler Gator from the football wish list. IRS is asking for more information about money where our money is being spent before we officially become a charitable organization. We also have to make minor changes to our by-laws and send them to the IRS by May 2, 2008. We should hear back from them in 45 to 90 days, then we can apply online for tax exemption status. Alicia Perez made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Sandy Kaske 2nd. All directors approved.

A.D. Report: Karen was sick and unable to attend this meeting. Carla reminded members to purchase tickets to the Athletic banquet dinner by May 9th. The banquet is Thursday, May 15. Michel Johannes asked the committee chairs, Michelle Dixon and Denise Hauser, to meet with her and Karen on Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in Karen's office. The athletic department will advertise this event in the local papers and it is on the Website now. Michel will also send an email to all booster members about the banquet and awards night. It was also brought up that we should send thank you notes to Bravos, Flower Bin and Mark Sandwick with UPS for their help.

Membership/Fundraising: The Lifetime plaque is done and up on the wall at BNHS with our first Lifetime member engraved on it. We need to discuss further the idea of having free passes or discount passes to all home games for new members starting next year.

Merchandise: They will be set up to sell during the Athletic Awards night.

Marketing/Website: Alicia is trying to get our meeting nights printed in the BDR.

Concessions: Since we may not be able to have concessions this year at our new stadium a suggestion was made to have a "Taste of Belvidere" with local restaurants. They could set up booths and sell their food during the BNHS vs. BHS football game and we could charge them a flat fee or get a percentage of their sales. We would need a committee, which would include the Buc Boosters, to organize this if we decide to do this.

Old Business: Mobile House of Thunder – We will purchase this from Nite Equipment for \$14,394. They deducted \$145 because we are a non-profit organization and they require 20% down. The trailer is 27 feet overall, 8 feet high, all aluminum with vinyl floor. It will have a navy blue exterior, 7 foot 1 inch tall inside,

with lighting, vents, v-nose for storage, concession doors on both sides, stainless steel counters that flip outside, and plywood walls.

Fair Space – We will have our space in the 2nd main aisle near the restrooms. This is a good space!

Fundraiser for Football – The football team will be selling a Varsity Gold Card (Value card) during the week of June 20 to June 28. The cost of the card will be \$20 and will have discounts to local restaurants on it that can be used as many times as you want for one year. This will help pay for football camps and extra coach and chain gang shirts and hats.

Football Wish List Item – The 4-wheeler that football wants will be purchased from Hammertime for \$8000. Hammertime donated \$3000 towards this item.

2008 Golf Play Day –Saturday, June 28th at Timber Pointe with a shotgun start at 1:30 pm. Forms are ready to print, Michel has stamps and Dave Gallano will bring a trailer for the band. Golf Shack will sponsor a hole in one. There will be a silent auction and each sports team will be asked to put together a basket for this. Dick Kirchner is working on “Blue Thunder/Bucs Open” golf shirts with company logos for the golfers.

Dugouts – Roofs are on; need to finish the fascia. They will use the standard colors of paint selected at Sherwin Williams.

New Business: Chad Schwebke said baseball needs more money for their fence on their wish list because he found out the fence needs to be 8 foot high, not 6 foot high, and the footings have to be dug deeper. They have asked local businesses for donations and they also hope to make \$4,000 to \$5,000 at their tournament. Chad asked the Boosters for a loan of \$2,200 to help pay for an upgraded fence. The directors discussed this: Curt Lindaas said in the past we said we wouldn't get in the business of loaning money, but if the baseball coaches knew they needed more money for the fence earlier they would've had the correct amount on the wish list. The other directors agreed we should help and they can pay us back as soon as they get donations and money from their tournament. Baseball is asking for \$9,884.75 plus 2 foul poles for \$632 and a fence guard cover for \$412.50. Alicia Perez made a motion to advance the baseball team for one field of outposts and guard cover for \$11,029.25 and they will pay us back \$3500. Mike Rogers 2nd the motion and all directors approved.

Mike Rogers stated that he feels we are paying for capital improvements that district 100 should be paying for, and we, as boosters, should strictly be paying for athletic needs.

Carla passed around a thank you note from the cheerleading squad for our purchase of uniforms and warm-ups from their wish list.

Bruce Barton said he could ask the Candlewick Association if they would donate space for the Blue Thunder Boosters during big events if we are interested in selling our merchandise there.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:23 pm.

Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm at Timber Pointe. This will be new officer election night and elections for new 2-year term directors.

Respectfully,
Deb Shawd
Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters