



Blue Thunder Boosters August 25, 2008 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:03 pm
Adjourned: 8:22 pm

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Sandy Kaske, Alicia Perez, Sue Rodakowski, Sue Sendelbach, Kathy Webster, Rhonda Jackson, Craig Adams, Carla Sullivan, Gail Adkins, Robert Loken, Curt Lindaas, Mike Rogers, Bob Moore, Kim Larson, Michelle Dixon, Denise Hauser, Judy Adams, Diane Johnson, Peggy Fry, Sara Barton, Bruce Barton, Dawn Stone, Sarah Gamble, Trudi Gleasman, Michel Johannes, Karen Reynolds.

Secretary's Minutes: Alicia Perez moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting, and Kim Larson 2nd the motion. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joan said she would break down the finance numbers according to school year by next month. Our balance to date is \$66,739.63 and Joan will be discussing with Kim Larson and Brad Johannes about investing a portion of this in a CD to save for a large item we may need in the future. She also said the directors need to pass a resolution tonight about a conflict of interest policy and approve the by-laws. Joan needs signatures from all 11 directors. We also need to file a non-profit corporation tax return and she spoke with Steve Lindstrom about this. Kim made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Michel Johannes 2nd. All directors approved.

A.D. Report: Karen said the football scrimmage went well. The girl's golf has already had 3 tournaments and brought trophies home, boy's golf just had their first match and soccer tied their game tonight. She also thanked Carla Sullivan, Michel Johannes, Deb Shawd, Gail Adkins, Sarah Gamble and Sandy Kaske for the many hours helping sell football season passes. Sarah Gamble and Sara Barton organized concessions for the first football game. Karen asked for help welcoming people and helping around the stadium Friday during the game. Alicia asked if Karen could have Mr. Kirchner ask for volunteers to work the October 11 game.

Membership/Fundraising: Michel asked how we could reach annual members from last year to encourage them to become a member again. Alicia said she would draft a letter to them. Kim said he and Michel sent a letter to Milt Brown and his wife, Mary Jo, thanking them for their generous donation of one million dollars towards our new Milt Brown stadium. We also made them Lifetime members and they received season tickets to our home games this season. Robert Turner's family was also made Lifetime members and given season tickets to our home football games this season.

Merchandise: Sue said the trailer is beautiful and we received a lot of positive comments about it. It is being stored inside now at the new property purchased by Dave Gallano of Gallano Trucking. Sales from the sports athletic meeting totaled \$532 and the freshman orientation brought in \$397. We sold 190 items at the fair this year totaling \$2600 including \$90 in profit selling the Belvidere North P.E. suits. Last year we sold \$875 worth of merchandise at the fair. For this school year we have sold a total of \$3700 and Sue is purchasing more Blue Thunder wear to sell at the football games. We also have 2-hour shifts available for volunteers to work in the Mobile House of Thunder.

Joan said for a one-time fee of \$95 and a small fee for each transaction we could accept credit cards to sell our merchandise. We would only need to give one week's notice and have the same two people responsible for processing the orders. We agreed this was a good idea and Joan will apply for this.

50/50: Please sign up to help sell 50/50 tickets at all home football games; we need many volunteers for the Crosstown Classic game on October 11 as well. Bob Fry won the 50/50 at the scrimmage game and donated his winnings back to us. Alicia offered to give a gift certificate for Neighborhood Cleaners to be given away after the 50/50 was won.

Marketing/Website: We sent a few changes to Paul, but sometimes he is out of town on business and can't update the Website right away. Alicia will send him the times and dates we need volunteers so he can post these asking for help. The photo for the Crosstown Classic/Castle Challenge will be taken this Saturday morning and we will get it into the paper.

Concession: Sara Barton and Sarah Gamble talked with Beth, our concession manager, about food orders and spoke with the health department. They need to set a meeting with Karen to ask a few questions. Prices for concessions will be raised because transportation and food prices have gone up. Twin Towers will be donating popcorn and bags with their logo on it for indoor concessions.

Thunder Spud: Sandy said she still needs volunteers, especially for the varsity games. Northwood's Nursing home will bake the potatoes again this year, we have volunteers washing them and Bob Moore and Mike Rogers will pick them up. Lori Lindaas will get the condiments for each game.

Old Business:

Mobile House of Thunder –Brad Johannes got an insurance quote from Bruce Nelson for the contents and comprehensive for the trailer for \$1000/year and \$20 dues for the Farm Bureau. Peggy Fry said she would get a quote from Jody Goad. Joan moved that we approve up to \$1200 for insurance for the contents and comprehensive for the Mobile House of Thunder and also get a 2nd quote. Sandy 2nd the motion and all directors approved.

Play Day – Seven hole sponsors still have yet to pay. \$8658 plus the \$1400 outstanding is approximately \$10,000 total from the Golf Play Day. This will be divided in half with the Buc Boosters so each club will make about \$5000. Last year the Pro Shop at Belmar did not charge for members who played, but Timber Pointe did. We made \$2200 in the silent auction.

Stadium – Kim said we are still on schedule. Tomorrow night at 8 pm the lights will go on for a test and we will have a few football player receivers on the field.

Baseball Projects– Dugouts: Even with outside donations the amount came to \$2,029.19 more than we agreed to donate. Hal is trying to get more donations. The hurricane clips still need to be put on and approved by the architect by Labor Day or they will be put on and charged to baseball. Karen said the baseball team ran concessions at the scrimmage football game and they will continue to work for us to make money to pay us back. Joan said we need to see a denial from district 100 about these projects and we shouldn't get involved in capital improvements in the future.

Fence: This cost more than baseball thought as well. We had set \$412.50 aside for fence guard covers which baseball doesn't want now. They paid us \$4,127.25 but they still owe us \$1,500. Baseball will grill for us for 3 games for free (instead of having us pay them \$75 a game) and they have a donation check from Wal-Mart for \$1,500 coming soon.

We've contributed \$10,929.25 total to baseball. Kim made a motion that we cover the \$1,029.19 for the dugouts and have baseball pay us \$1000 plus the Wal-Mart check of \$1500. Baseball will also continue grilling for us for 3 games to subtract \$75 for each game.

New Business – Tackle for the Cure at Belvidere North game vs. Harlem on August 29

The cheerleaders will be selling \$5 t-shirts at school for this and \$3 from every shirt will go to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research. They will also sell glow necklaces and raffle tickets for a raffle basket, which will be on display that night. The guests that evening will be Sandy Johnson, Harlem school board president, who has stage 4 breast cancer and Amy Brechon, a Belvidere North senior who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 8th grade and is in remission. The news channels and newspapers will have reporters and photographers at the game. Kim made a motion to donate two items from merchandise up to \$100 for the guests of honor that night.

Crosstown Classic/Castle Challenge game – Whitman’s from Dekalb will be catering the pork chops, chips and a drink for this event. We need volunteers to grill, wrap food and serve. All BNHS and BHS fall athletes will be asked to sell 6 adult and 4 student tickets for this game. If you are a Blue Thunder season ticket holder the meal is included with your ticket.

Open Discussion – Joan made a motion to adopt the by-laws of the Blue Thunder Boosters. Michel 2nd the motion and all directors approved.

Joan moved that we adopt the conflict of interest policy. Kim 2nd and all directors approved.

Upcoming Events:

October 11, 2008 – Crosstown Classic/Castle Challenge game (BNHS vs. BHS football)

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:22 pm.

Respectfully,

Deb Shawd

Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters