



Blue Thunder Boosters September 22, 2008 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:03 pm
Adjourned: 8:36 pm

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Sandy Kaske, Karen Reynolds, Carla Sullivan, Michel Johannes, Joan Ollmann, Kim Larson, Michelle Dixon, Tracy McConnell, Judy Adams, Craig Adams, Sharon Knox, Mike Rogers, Brad Johannes, Diane Johnson, Sue Sendelbach, Sarah Gamble, Lori Lindaas, Alicia Perez.

Secretary's Minutes: After two changes were pointed out in last month's minutes, Craig Adams moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting, Joan Ollmann 2nd the motion. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: We now have three accounts at Alpine Bank. Joan said \$30,000 was put into a 12 month CD with an annual percentage yield of 3.57%, \$40,000 was put into a money market with 1.74% interest and our checking account has a balance of \$17,867.85. We also now have liability insurance for our whole organization including the Mobile House of Thunder and insurance on the contents of the trailer with Country Companies. The cost of the insurance is \$872 per year. OSF donated \$45 to us through their donation program for school physicals. We will receive \$1500 from Wal-Mart to put towards the money baseball owes us for their fence. Joan just received bills for the rest of the wish list items so she will pay those today. Michel Johannes made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Kim Larson 2nd. All directors approved.

A.D. Report: Karen is still looking for volunteers to work the October 11 game by helping grill, take tickets, and help the custodians with clean up. Mike Rogers, Mike Shawd, Brad Johannes and Curt Lindaas volunteered to help grill. The winter parent/athlete meeting and registration will be on October 18 and Karen asked for help with registration. Deb Shawd, Michel Johannes, Carla Sullivan, Michelle Dixon and Joan Ollmann said they could help. Winter sports photos will be taken on Dec. 2nd after school. The refunds for fall athletes will be sent out this week by Central Office.

Membership/Fundraising: Michel said we have 10 new Lifetime Members and at least 30 new annual members. A letter was sent to last year's annual members and several have responded by becoming an annual member again this year. 15 people have purchased the general admission passes to all home games for \$100.

Merchandise: Craig Adams said we sold \$818.50 at the first home football game, \$2,200 at the second game and \$1,872 at the third game, for total net sales of \$4,890.50 for our first three home games.

50/50: We still need two volunteers to sell during the Varsity game on October 11. Do we want to sell during the freshman game? Discussion followed and we decided that we would sell 50/50 tickets during the freshman game on October 11 and pull the winning ticket at the start of the 4th quarter. We will have a different color ticket for the freshman game than the JV/Varsity game.

Marketing/Website: Crosstown Classic/Castle Challenge game ad was in the Shopper and will be in the RRS, BDR and Journal soon. Alicia will talk with Mike Doyle about having journalism students write articles about BNHS for the BDR.

Concession: Sarah Gamble passed around the artwork for our logo on a label which will be on bottles of water we purchased from Amanda Hills Water Co. through GFS. We will be selling these at the potato tent and in the Kiwanis trailer with our food concessions on October 11. Michel made a motion to accept the single logo label and purchase the water from Amanda Hills. Kim 2nd the motion and all directors approved. After the initial cost of \$1,178 for artwork, delivery and purchase of the water we will save 25 to 45% on our future purchases of this bottled water over the water we have been buying from Aramark. The only drawback is that we can't store our water in the Aramark coolers, so we will have to use the refrigerator or our own thermal coolers. Sarah listed several items we need to purchase for concessions to keep things running smoothly. The wish list included a stand up freezer, 4 roasters, a larger popcorn popper for indoors, a large popcorn popper for outdoors, pizza warmers and cash registers. The popcorn popper for indoors would cost approximately \$1,071. Sarah estimated all of these items except the 2 popcorn poppers and warming cabinet to be \$1140. Kim made a motion to give up to \$2,500 to concessions to purchase items for both indoor and outdoor concessions. Sandy 2nd. All directors approved.

Thunder Spud: Sandy said everything is going well. We will need new roasters for next year with non-stick inserts. She also asked if the potato committee could make suggestions for the design of our new Thunder Spud Booth when we raise enough funds to build this.

Old Business:

Stadium – The steel is up and the flat walk areas are attached; seating and press box will be up soon. The components on the visitor's side are ready to go up. Extra crew is working this week. A sound system is included with help from the district. Restrooms, concessions and locker rooms were not included, but will be built on the north end of the field after we have enough fundraisers to pay for all of this.

Crosstown Classic Game – Kim Larson and Mike Rogers said they would like to purchase a banner to advertise the game and it will have both BNHS and BHS logos on it and a Velcro section with the date on it. This will be placed on the back of the stadium and can be used every year with a new date. Joan Ollmann made a motion to approve this purchase and Alicia 2nd the motion. All directors approved.

Play Day – We had 86 golfers at our play day in June. In addition to the golfers, we had 44 people pay for dinner. The silent auction made \$2,200 for a total of \$9,746.19 to be split between us and the Buc Boosters.

New Business – Many people have asked about us holding a steak fry or another big social event fundraiser. A new idea was proposed by Brad Johannes and Mike Rogers for fundraising: a Moonlight Bowling night at Concordia Lanes with a possible silent auction or one big raffle item. Everyone thought it was a great idea and we will need to form a committee for this event. Mike said he also could get 2 Bears tickets and a parking pass for a Bears Home Game if we wanted to purchase these and raffle them off for \$20 a square at the 10/11 game.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:36 pm.

Respectfully,
Deb Shawd
Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters