



Blue Thunder Boosters October 27, 2008 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:01 pm

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Michel Johannes, Sandy Kaske, Karen Reynolds, Carla Sullivan, Craig Adams, Denise Hauser, Jen Hazlewood, Dean Hazlewood, Mark Grove, Hal Larson, Kim Larson, Alicia Perez, Sue Rodakowski.

Secretary's Minutes: **Sandy Kaske** moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting, Craig Adams 2nd the motion. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joan was absent so everyone present read the report prepared by Joan. Karen said she would talk with Twin Towers about the advertising they want to do on the popcorn bags. Deb Shawd made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Michel Johannes 2nd. All directors approved.

A.D. Report: Karen thanked everyone who helped with the Crosstown Classic game. The football team will play their 1st playoff game at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 1 in Wheaton at St. Francis. We can't sell tickets to the game early because St. Francis has chosen not to do this. The Cross Country Boys and Girls teams will compete at BHS in the Sectionals this Saturday, Nov. 1 at 10 am- boys and 11 am – girls. The Booster Directors approved the rental of 3 vans for \$68.99/day for the Cross Country team to take to State. The volleyball team will compete against Hampshire at 5:30 pm Thursday at BHS in their Regional's. Boys Soccer just lost to Hampshire during their Regional play. The Girls swim team competes for the Conference title November 8. Kelly Holsker is setting up the winter sports schedules and we should have those printed soon. Mike Houselog said WZOK is having a "We're backing you!" promotion and would like Blue Thunder merchandise for a giveaway. Alicia Perez said she could take a baseball hat and t-shirt to WZOK station tomorrow and she will ask them to mention all our sports in Regional's.

Membership/Fundraising: Jenny Hazlewood gave us information about Moonlight bowling. We can have 36 to 48 couples and Friday nights are more available and could start at any time. Saturday nights would have to start at 10 pm. We could also do 50/50 or raffle one or two large items. We could also bring our own food. A committee will be put together and set a date. Sandy Kaske and Deb Shawd said they would help organize this. Michel will send an e-mail to members asking for other volunteers.

Paul Zeien and Ken Ring took photos during the Crosstown Classic game which we can sell as limited edition photos from this inaugural event in our new stadium.

Michel suggested giving the sport with the highest percentage of booster members additional money to spend as they want. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. We need to come up with specifics and make a proposal at the next meeting.

Crosstown Classic Game: Approximately \$16,000 was made to be split by both booster clubs. Sponsorship was down this year and we had to pay more money for food.

Merchandise: Playoff shirts were ordered in long and short sleeve. Michel Johannes and Deb Shawd will sell them during lunch this week on Thursday and Friday at BNHS. Short sleeve will sell for \$12 and long for \$17.

50/50: If we can sell these at the ticket stand during basketball games we may try this at the Boylan and Belvidere home games.

Marketing/Website: Alicia and Deb will contact Paul Pecha about updating the website.

Concession: Jenny Hazlewood said she would organize volunteers to work during boy's basketball games. We need someone to organize volunteers to work during girl's basketball games now.

Thunder Spud: Sandy said to think of other items to sell next year with the potatoes. Sales were ok this year, but food prices went up quite a bit. Potatoes went from \$17/case last year to \$35/case this year.

New Business: Mr. Vermillion said his choraliars would perform for free at our meeting or any event. Student Council is holding a charitable drive called Adopt An Angel and they are challenging all school clubs and teams to support this cause with a \$25 pledge. This will provide Christmas gifts for foster children in Boone and Winnebago Counties.

Deb said the Equus yearbook is requesting us to place a full page ad like we did last year. Michel made the motion to do this and pay \$250 for the full page ad and Kim 2nd. All directors approved. Deb will layout the ad and bring it to the next meeting. We also placed an ad in the Regional Volleyball program.

Carla asked that Deb send a thank you to the Kiwanis club for the use of their trailer for concessions during the Crosstown Classic game.

Awards night for all athletes will be held on May 14. Karen asked for ideas for this event.

New Concessions/Restrooms/Locker Rooms: The school board has plans for concessions and locker rooms designed by Paul Ollmann, but they aren't ready to show and approve them yet. We still need fundraising for this. The estimate for concessions and restrooms is about half a million dollars and the locker rooms will be separate. Other ideas would be for an office with a safe and storage for the mobile house of thunder. This will take 6 to 8 months to build so we really need a strong push now if we want some of it done for next year.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully,
Deb Shawd
Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters