



Blue Thunder Boosters November 24, 2008 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:05 pm in the BNHS Forum Room

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Mike Rogers, Carla Sullivan, Michel Johannes, Kim Larson, Hal Larson Denise Hauser, Gail Adkins, Michelle Dixon, Sandy Kaske, Karen Reynolds, Alicia Perez.

Secretary's Minutes: Joan Ollmann moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting, Kim Larson 2nd the motion. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Baseball worked the Castle Challenge and grilled for 3 football games so now they only owe us \$525. After getting the approval of District 100, we paid for the baseball fence. Joan will request an inventory from merchandise committee. Michel Johannes made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Kim Larson 2nd. All directors approved.

A.D. Report: Belvidere North High School will have its first athlete signing on Monday, December 8 at 6 pm in the cafeteria. Erin Hauser will be signing to play golf at Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa.

The YMCA Strong Kids Campaign will be holding a fundraiser December 20th at 1 pm. Games of "HORSE" will be played with words like "ELF" and "SANTA" and people can help by sponsoring the players to raise money for families who can't afford memberships.

Softball changed their Wish List item from outdoor batting cages to outdoor windscreens. They felt the batting cages would get damaged by the wind outside and the windscreens would be helpful for the players. This change will also save the boosters approximately \$2000.

Membership/Fundraising: Deb Shawd will call and email new Lifetime Members and verify spelling and listing of names, then take them to Barry T's for engraving.

We are going to have a membership drive to challenge all sports teams to increase their percentage of booster member families.

Thunder Bowl: Sandy Kaske and Deb Shawd agreed to co-chair a moonlight bowling fundraiser. Jenny Hazlewood and Kari Boling agreed to also help on this committee. The event will be held on Friday, December 12th after the basketball games. Registration will be at 10 pm and bowling will begin at 10:30 pm. If you sign up in advance it is \$30 a couple, or \$35 at the door. We will hold a 50/50 raffle and work on getting a few silent auction items. The committee will pass out flyers and have a sign up table at both home boys' basketball games on Dec. 5th and 6th.

Merchandise: Blue Thunder Merchandise will be sold from 6 pm to 8 pm during the following basketball games: Dec. 6th – boys' game, Dec. 12th – girls' game, January 16th – boys' game, February 7th – girls' game. Alicia Perez will have Paul Pecha post these dates on our website, and ask if he can set up a tab to showcase photos of our merchandise and prices.

Marketing/Website: Alicia will add Hammertime Sports as one of our sponsors on the website, and make sure our fight song is listed as well as an audio clip.

Concession: Volunteers for all girls' basketball games have been filled, and Jenny Hazlewood is still working on filling slots for the boys' games.

Thunder Spud: Sandy moved all our extra supplies to the closet in the concession area. Next year we need to decide if we want the potatoes washed and baked at Northwoods again or try to move it closer by asking Maplecrest or the Moose Club.

Cross Town Challenge: The final count to split is \$17,500, so each of the booster clubs will receive \$8,750. We should be receiving this during the January 10th boys' basketball game against the Bucs.

New Business: Our December meeting will be held on December 15th in the BNHS Forum room. Kim explained that the hi-pod equipment we purchased last year was not handled properly and a new control harness and remote had to be purchased by football for \$550. He requested the boosters reimburse them for this since the football team has no money left. After discussion, Joan moved to pay the \$550 for the hi-pod repairs and Alicia 2nd the motion. The motion was approved, but we decided the football team needs more volunteers so next year we will need a football booster parent to recruit volunteers at the beginning of the year.

A question was brought up by Mike Rogers about whether the North View newspaper group received a donation from us after they helped us work concessions during the Cross Town Classic game. Joan needs to consult with Sarah Gamble and the concession committee. Alicia made a motion to give Newspaper \$250 and Kim 2nd. The motion passed.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully,
Deb Shawd
Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters