



## **Blue Thunder Boosters December 15, 2008 Minutes**

**Called to Order:** 7:01 pm in the BNHS Forum Room

**Attendees:** Deb Shawd, Carla Sullivan, Michel Johannes, Joan Ollmann, Kim Larson, Mike Rogers, Denise Hauser, Brad Johannes, Michelle Dixon, Sandy Kaske, Alicia Perez, Bret Jenkins, Craig Adams, Sue Rodakowski, Sarah Gamble, Bob Moore, Dick Kirchner.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Joan Ollmann moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting, Kim Larson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All directors approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan reported that we have received charitable organization status which will be retroactive to June 13, 2007. We will now be recognized by the IRS. Our sales tax exemption from the state of Illinois paperwork can now be sent out and hopefully approved by February. We still haven't received our share of the money from Castle Bank from the Crosstown Classic/Castle Challenge, but a presentation ceremony is set for the home game at North vs. Belvidere. Softball received \$150 and Newspaper received \$250 from the Crosstown Classic game. Deb Shawd made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Sue Rodakowski 2<sup>nd</sup>. All directors approved.

**A.D. Report:** Dick Kirchner reported that Karen Reynolds has decided to return to teaching P.E. at Belvidere. Bryon Houy will be our interim athletic director.

**Membership/Fundraising:** Deb Shawd said eleven new nameplates were engraved and attached to the Lifetime Plaque in the athletic lobby for our eleven new Lifetime member families. The membership committee will draft a letter to all BNHS coaches about our membership drive. \$10 will be given to each sport for each new member that signs up within that sport. Dick Kirchner and Bryon Houy will distribute these to the coaches. A suggestion was also made to send an annual invoice to our annual members. Kim Larson said his father-in-law, Ken Ring, has created a collage photo of tickets, memorabilia, and photos from the dedication of the Milt Brown stadium that will be a commemorative piece for sale.

**Merchandise:** Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – boys' game \$261 of merchandise sold. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – girls' game \$718 sold. We will be selling at the wrestling meet on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> also. It was suggested we give Dave Gallano a sweatshirt and other merchandise as a thank you for storing our trailer.

Alicia spoke with Paul Pecha about putting photos online and setting up a pay pal account to sell our merchandise. Sue Rodakowski said this would take a lot of time to maintain and fill orders, but maybe we could fill orders once a month. Another suggestion was to just show photos of our merchandise on our website with prices and dates of when we would be selling. The directors agreed this was a good idea.

**Concessions:** Average concession sales for boys' basketball games has been around \$1000; average sales for girls' basketball games has been \$500; and average sales at freshman basketball games is \$150. It has been hard to get volunteers to help during the freshman games. Sarah said she is still waiting to purchase the cash

registers, but we should have them soon. We are also waiting for a hot water line for the cappuccino and hot chocolate machine. Several work orders have been filled out. Mr. Kirchner said he will make sure it is done.

**Old Business:** Moonlight Bowling – We had a great turnout with 33 couples! After we pay Concordia we will have a profit around \$1,240. Everyone who attended agreed it was fun and we should try to hold another one in February or March possibly earlier in the evening.

**New Business:** We have a date set for our Blue Thunder Golf Outing at Timber Point. It will be held on July 25, 2009 with a 1 pm shot gun start.

**Stadium Report:** Dick Van Evera, Michael Houselog, Curt Tobin and Kim Larson had a meeting about the future construction of restrooms, concessions, a ticket booth and locker rooms (which will come later). The school board will make recommendations to their plans by their February meeting, and hopefully construction will begin in April. They suggested the Boosters do special fundraising to help with the project. If the total project is \$500,000, they suggest we raise \$150,000. Before Paul Ollmann finishes the plans, he needs school board recommendations, then he would like input from individuals who work in concessions. Mike Rogers asked where all the money from our sporting event ticket sales goes and he was told it goes to district 100. He said some of that money should go towards helping with this construction project.

**Open Discussion:** Michel still has Gold Cards from the football fundraiser. Kim said to sell them for \$10 each and the money could go to the Boosters.

Wish List Committee: Deb, Michel, Joan, Alicia, Michelle Dixon, Sarah Gamble and Denise Hauser. They will look over the wish list application Deb created last spring and make any changes necessary, then email to the coaches so they have time to fill them out before they present their ideas at the February meeting.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Deb Shawd  
Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters