



Blue Thunder Boosters January 26, 2009 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:10 pm in the BNHS Forum Room

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Sharon Knox, Tracy McConnell, Michelle Dixon, Mike Rogers, Curt Lindaas, Bob Moore, Craig Adams, Judy Adams, Brad Johannes, Carla Sullivan, Michel Johannes, Joan Ollmann, Kim Larson, Sandy Kaske, Alicia Perez, Curt Tobin, Sue Rodakowski, Bryon Houy, Kelly Holsker and Stephanie Sturm.

Secretary's Minutes: Alicia Perez moved to approve the minutes from the December meeting, Craig Adams 2nd the motion. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joan said she is in the process of converting merchandise from an expense to an asset. All our bills are paid including \$8400 for the outdoor concession large popcorn popper and \$1695 for the small popcorn popper for indoor concessions. We are still waiting for Scott Mortenson from Castle Bank to send us our check from the Castle Challenge. Our sales tax exemption is in the works. Joan informed the group that Hamilton Sundstrand employees will be able to submit Volunteer Grant Requests through the UTC website and the Boosters will receive donations from UTC. (UTC owns Hamilton Sundstrand) Booster members should document the hours they have volunteered and UTC will send a check for up to \$250 to the Boosters. Carla and Joan are currently working with UTC to have the Boosters recognized as a participating charitable organization and will notify members when this is completed."Baseball has worked concessions for us during 5 wrestling meets to pay off the \$525 they owe us. Now they owe \$150. Michel made a motion that baseball has paid their debt to us and won't need to work anymore to pay the \$150. Joan 2nd the motion. All directors approved. Alicia Perez made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Sandy 2nd. All directors approved.

A.D. Report: Bryon Houy reported that a new interim athletic director will be interviewed Friday and announced next Monday. Then the full time athletic director position for next school year will be posted Tuesday and after interviews, the new candidate will be sent to the school board for approval in March. Belvidere High School will be hosting the IHSA Cheer Sectionals this Saturday, January 31. North will perform first at 8:30 am. Admission is \$5 for everyone, the cafeteria will be selling food and spectators can enter the building in the back parking lot through the PAC.

Membership/Fundraising: Kim Larson has a letter we can send to Lifetime members for them to become a Lifetime sustaining member by agreeing to pay a certain amount each year. Alicia suggested we email invoices next year to Lifetime members. Kim set a meeting for the committee to discuss these items on Monday, February 9 at 7 pm at DeJuan's. Michel and Joan said we made \$1800 from season passes and we owe the district half of that, \$900.

Marketing/Website: Deb and Alicia will add cheer sectional date to our website.

Merchandise: Craig and Sue reported that we only sold 2 shirts (\$60) at the wrestling meet, so it wasn't worth all the time and set up. We sold \$125 of merchandise at the Jan. 24 boys' basketball game. Future dates for sales are Feb. 18 at the Spring Sports Registration, and May 14 at the Sports Awards Banquet.

Concessions: We are still waiting for a hot water line for the cappuccino and hot chocolate machine in concessions. Several work orders have been filled out. Bryon Houy said he will make sure it is done.

New Business: Wish List update – The committee made a few changes to the wish list application and Deb emailed it to Kelly Holsker so she could forward to all coaches. They need to be filled out and returned to the booster email by February 11, and then coaches need to present their ideas at our February meeting.

Athletic Awards will be May 14. Denise Hauser and Michelle Dixon agreed to chair the food committee again this year.

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.

Open Discussion: Stephanie Sturm, the pom/dance coach, introduced herself and spoke. She told us the dates of the dance competitions and said they just held a pom clinic as a fundraiser. She would like to build a costume closet so the girls won't have to purchase an outfit for each competition. We told her to put it on her wish list application.

A Christmas card from the cross country team with a photo of the 2008 State Runner-ups was passed around. Carla announced the 2008-09 memorial donors: \$10,000 from the Turner family to BNHS concessions, \$500 from the Branom family in memory of Robert Turner, and \$10 from Pam Gustafson in memory of Robert Turner.

Tracy McConnell asked if we could get signs for the gym to designate visitors, home and student sections.

Kelly Holsker said the art department has a machine to make banners.

Curt Tobin thanked Bryon and Kelly for all their hard work during A.D. transition.

Membership committee will give Deb any changes needed for the brochure before the spring sports meeting.

Deb, Joan, Sandy and Sharon Knox will help Kelly with the spring sports registration on Feb. 18.

The Crosstown Classic/Castle Challenge football game next year will be the 8th game of the year.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully,

Deb Shawd

Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters