



Blue Thunder Boosters March 18, 2009 Minutes

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

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Joan Ollmann, Gail Adkins, Craig Adams, Brad Johannes, Sandy Kaske, Denise Hauser, Michelle Dixon, Mike Rogers, Darrin Sisk, Jeff Nelson, Alicia Perez, Sue Rodakowski, Kari Boling, Carla Sullivan, Kim Larson.

Secretary's Minutes: Joan moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting, Sandy Kaske 2nd the motion. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joan said we have already paid \$5,300 for spring sports wish list items. After looking at the fall concessions recap a question was asked about the high expense for drinks and the low number for drink sales. Joan said the invoice comes from Aramark because our concession manager works for Aramark and she orders our beverages with the school beverages. We have no way of keeping track of our drink orders at this time. She is looking into this, but we need to form a new concessions committee for next year and hire a new concessions manager so we can order from other vendors at a cheaper cost and count our own inventory. Kim suggested another approach to fall concessions since we won't have a concession building by August. He said we could outsource food concessions and take a percentage of their sales. This is something all directors agreed to consider. Joan said she needs approval to apply for our Boone County Fair space. Sandy approved and Alicia 2nd, all directors approved. Jeff Nelson and Al Fielder have turned in their volunteer time to United Technologies field matching program for \$250 each, so we should be receiving a check soon for \$500. Kim approved the treasurer's report and Craig 2nd, all directors approved.

Athletic Director's Report: Spring sports just started. Interviews for a full time athletic director will begin in April. Darrin asked if fall sports can begin ordering for their approved wish list items now and all directors agreed they could.

Membership: Brad said, after researching other booster clubs, they have organized a tiered grid for asking current members for additional money and giving them additional benefits. They will send this information to Deb, the booster secretary, and she will add this to our membership brochure.

Fundraising: Kim said his father in law, Ken Ring, will have a sample of the Milt Brown Stadium collage we will sell at the April meeting. Mike and Brad said to keep the date Sept. 12 open for our big fundraiser, Thunder fest, to help raise money towards our stadium concession building and restrooms. It will be held at the Wings and Wheels Museum in an open airplane hangar and the Silver Creek Band will be the entertainment. We need to form a Thunderfest committee to work on this and form other ideas. Please email a booster director or let someone on the fundraising committee know if you are interested in helping.

Merchandise: Craig said they will be selling merchandise May 14 before the athletic awards, and they will be donating items for a large basket to raffle during the Thunderbowl fundraiser April 3.

Marketing/Website: Deb sent the approved wish list items and spring sports schedules to our webmaster to put on our website. She asked how to get our meeting dates listed on the district 100 web calendars and was told to contact Chris Goddard. She will also add the athletic awards date.

Concessions: Darrin asked if we will be selling concessions for spring sports. Sarah Gamble and Sara Barton need to be contacted and we need more people on this committee. Kari Boling said a lot of BCMS parents want to help and they need the money. The directors agreed if Kari would organize the people and concession food, the money could go toward BCMS. Kari said she would organize it.

Old Business: Thunderbowl - This fundraising event will be held Friday, April 3 at Concordia Lanes. Please sign up and send in your check soon. Registration begins at 7 pm and bowling starts at 7:30 pm. Deb read thank you notes from cheerleading and girl's track for the wish list items we purchased. Athletic Awards – Michelle Dixon and Denise Hauser will meet with Darrin about the food banquet.

New Business: Mike Rogers asked if we would be interested in hosting a gymnastics meet next spring in our gym. Terry Wight, owner of Wight Tumbling Academy, said 6,000 to 8,000 people attend and we could profit about \$10,000. Their National meet usually brings in around \$30,000. We would need a lot of volunteers for the event. All directors agreed this was a great idea and Mike said he would get further details from Terry.

Kari Boling said a lot of BCMS parents and students are upset that their school colors are still purple and gold. She said she has spoken to Mr. Gries and Central Office, but is still being put off. Mr. Gries told her it would cost \$28,000 to replace all sport uniforms. We need to get this on the agenda of the school board meeting. Mike said he would speak with Doug Smiley and Harry Gries about this. We need to encourage BCMS parents to become Blue Thunder Boosters and get involved to help raise money towards their uniforms.

Jeff Nelson said the baseball team has ordered Belvidere North flags with the "N" on it to sell as a fundraiser. The flags are 30 inches by 48 inches and the first 50 flags are numbered. They sell for \$50.

Darrin announced that our boys' track team just placed 1st tonight at the indoor Hononegah meet.

Motion made and approved to adjourn 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully,
Deb Shawd
Secretary Blue Thunder Boosters