



## **Blue Thunder Boosters July 27, 2009 Minutes**

**Called to Order:** 6:58 pm at Timber Pointe Golf Club

**Attendees:** Deb Shawd, Michel Johannes, Tracy McConnell, Sandy Kaske, Carla Sullivan, Jeff Nelson, Richard Kirchner, Mike Rogers, Craig Adams, Judy Adams, Spencer Byrd, Michelle Dixon, Denise Hauser, Sharon Knox, Alicia Perez, Sarah Gamble, Mark Roden, Kim Larson, Brenda Tobin.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Tracy approved the minutes from the June meeting, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All directors approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Boys' golf team just ordered their shirts from the wish list & Joan sent Ron Anderson, the golf coach, an email questioning whether the golf bags have been ordered yet. Jeff moved to approve the treasurer's report and Deb 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all directors approved.

**Athletic Director's Report:** Spencer Byrd, our new A.D., said his official start date is Tuesday, July 28. He has opened his door to all coaches and has encouraged communication. Spencer also met with BHS athletic director, Bryon Houy, and said BNHS will try to duplicate pay and number of workers for concessions. The scrimmage football game will be set up as a regular game, but with free admission. We may set up additional security at games, if needed. Spencer has also met with the cheer coaches, Mr. Kirchner and the band director to set up a different theme for each home football game and a recognition night will be set up for other athletes, including the youth football program. Spencer will be encouraging all coaches to support the Blue Thunder Boosters and all of our events.

**Membership:** We are going to send an invoice to current members to ask for renewal. Michel said she would continue to take care of member registration if we wanted, and all agreed she has been doing a great job. Deb will take over sending out blanket email notices to all members.

**Fundraising:** Fifteen orders are in for the Milt Brown Stadium prints and we need to decide how many to purchase for future orders. Kim made a motion suggesting we order 100 prints. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all directors approved.

Brenda Tobin volunteered to chair the Thunderfest committee and Sandy Kaske said she would co-chair the event. The Silver Creek Band is already reserved. A Thunderfest committee meeting was set for Monday, August 3 at 7 pm at Timber Pointe.

**Merchandise:** Craig will order new merchandise for the Boone County Fair, and Mark Roden said the wooden custom frames are ready to sell at the fair.

**Website/Marketing:** Tracy will contact the BDR, GO section and RRS weekly to put in a press release about our merchandise and the Milt Brown stadium prints we will have at the fair. Alicia will send an email to Spencer Byrd so he knows the contact names for all the local papers and where to send photos and articles so he can pass this information to all the coaches.

**Concessions:** Kevin, the manager of Aramark, will meet with Sarah, Jeff and Alicia. Jeff will speak with Art Commare about a request for outlets at the stadium on Friday at 9 am. Alicia will also meet with them and possibly Greg Brown. We have a possibility of two food vendors besides our booster tent for football concessions this year; Sarah Jane's Cuppa Joe and the Wienie Wagon. Kiwanis club would like to sell food with key club, and the Lion's club has a trailer but hasn't gotten back to us yet. Sarah Gamble handed out a proposal for Cuppa Joe's. We can still use student athletes and parents for volunteers. Kim made a motion that the Blue Thunder Boosters will have control of all food and merchandise items for sale at all BNHS home athletic events. The motion passed. Jeff said Berg charges \$3500 to rent two 20 x 20 tents or we could purchase one large tent. He will create a layout of where the tents, mobile house of thunder, and port o potties will be placed.

**Thunderspud:** Sarah will allow us to use her restaurant, Sarah Jane's Cuppa Joe, to wash, wrap and bake the potatoes this year. The committee will need tables, coolers and storage. A modular pod could be used, but we need approval from regional office. Alicia will provide a list of items needed.

**Old Business:** Alicia will email her Crosstown Classic committee about the date and time for the meeting with Bryon Houy and the Buc Boosters. We need to start organizing this soon.

**New Business:** Our Blue Thunder Open golf outing brought in 53 golfers and 34 extra people for dinner only. The Silent Auction brought in \$1000, 50/50 raised \$690, the Raffle made \$590 and we had \$195 at the Betting Hole. Alpine Bank paid for half the cost of our embroidered golf towel gifts. We made a profit of \$5,300. Suggestions for next year include holding it on a Friday earlier in the summer, putting lights up in the tent, and asking for more attention to food and plate refills.

Mr. Kirchner announced that Mike LaScola will be the new assistant principal at North and he will continue one more season as the cross-country coach as well. A new band director will be hired soon and Band Camp will continue as planned. Starting this year, the far right side of the football stadium seats will be the Student Section and they will be allowed to stand the entire game. The band will sit behind the students and play songs at intervals during the game. We have 5 boys who will spell out "N-O-R-T-H" at half time and each game will have a different theme and music that the cheerleaders will promote. The students and cheerleaders want a horse mascot costume and Brenda Tobin found one online at half price. The volleyball and basketball games will have a lights out and spotlight to announce the starting lineup of every home game. Jeff made a motion to put \$500 towards a mascot costume. Rob 2<sup>nd</sup>, but it was voted down. Kim moved that we fund the mascot costume up to \$1000 and donate it to the school. Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all directors approved it. Brenda and Dick will order it.

The cardiac wing of Swedish American Hospital and District 100 will be offering free EKGs to all students with parental approval in October.

August 10 we need a director to speak at the Fall Sports Registration at both BCMS and BNHS. Brenda also suggested a drawing for a free booster membership at the meetings. Spencer said he would leave it up to coaches as to whether their athletes wear game day uniforms or dress up.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully,  
Deb Shawd  
Blue Thunder Booster Secretary