



Blue Thunder Boosters August 24, 2009 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:03 pm at Timber Pointe Golf Club

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Denise Hauser, Sharon Knox, Sandy Kaske, Bob and Sue Moore, Carla Sullivan, Lori Lindaas, Kim Larson, Craig Adams, Judy Adams, Sue Rodakowski, Joan Ollmann, Diane Nelson, Jeff Nelson, Tracy McConnell, Alicia Perez, Michel Johannes, Brad Johannes, Janice Hejmej, Mike Rogers, Brenda Tobin, Gail Adkins, Patti Kotarba, Dick Kirchner, Spencer Byrd.

Secretary's Minutes: Craig approved the minutes from the July meeting, Joan 2nd the motion. All directors approved.

Treasurer Report: A check for \$500 came in from United Technology's Volunteer/Matching Grant. Carla has a check for \$577.34 plus \$20 from the Castle Bank fund that needs to be split with Buc Boosters. Sandy asked if the 4 roasters, 6 large tables, 4 coolers for spuds, 2 large coolers for condiments and the beverage containers were ordered. Alicia will ask Sarah Gamble about this. Kim moved to approve the treasurer's report and Deb 2nd the motion; all directors approved.

Athletic Director's Report: Spencer reported that the port-o-pots will be in tomorrow and 2 dumpsters will be delivered to the stadium. District 100 will pay for these. Dick, Mike Lascola and Spencer looked at a shed from Home Depot and should have it soon. We can borrow the cross country tent for ticket sales at the gate and police have been secured for the games. The middle school athletes have been invited to the first home game and will be recognized at half time of the varsity game. 60 passes have been sold for the preferred parking behind the stadium and we have 120 spaces so we will use blockades on the half nearest the stadium. Additional spaces will be saved for administration and booster workers. Dick says the electric is in place and we have 2 carts to plug into the transformer; one for tickets and one for boosters. Tables are by the athletic office and can be picked up there during set up. Our new band director, Neil Shipton, is working with Tammy Rentschler, varsity cheer coach. Nobody will be allowed inside the field fence unless they have a field pass; security will watch this. You will need to ask Spencer or Dick if you need a press box pass. It was mentioned that the boosters will need a pass for the 50/50; Joan can give it to the person working 50/50 each night. Dick said after meeting with the superintendent of District 100, both high school principals and both A.D.'s, it was decided that no athletic event can be sponsored by one individual business. Mike asked if we can store the stadium flags in the press box for the season and Spencer said yes.

Membership: Michel needs the updated member list by Tuesday, August 25 so she can give it to Kelly Holsker for the athletic program. We need to announce at the game that new booster members will be given a free ticket to Thunderfest. Michel also sent out invoices to try to get renewals.

Fundraising: Twenty-one Milt Brown Stadium prints have been sold and Kim is setting up a time for a signing with Milt.

Merchandise: We've sold \$2100 of merchandise so far this year and sold a lot of clearance items. Inventory will have to be done again because many of the fair volunteers didn't keep track of all items sold. Sue has a sign up sheet for booster members to help sell merchandise during games. A suggestion was made about using a swift tagger to tag merchandise and then half the tag could be ripped off and kept when it is sold. Also, Sue said they would be setting up a "New Merchandise" section. Tammy Rentschler spoke with Deb and asked if the cheerleaders could sell t-shirts at the Boylan home game for "Tackle for the Kids," a fundraiser for St. Jude's children's hospital. The merchandise committee and the directors agreed they could do this as long as the cheerleaders were selling them and not the boosters.

50/50: Jen Hazlewood is in dire need of volunteers to work 50/50. We need to get the message out that *parents of all athletes need to help with booster volunteer time*. Spencer agreed that he could assign athletic teams to work at all home athletic events that require booster volunteers and parents of these athletes would be asked to help. Approximately 30 parents are needed to work at least half a game for football and possibly 15 at indoor athletic events. Alicia will contact the BCMS athletic parents also.

Website/Marketing: Deb has designed several ads for Thunderfest that will run 2 weeks in the Boone County Shopper, the Boone County Journal and the BDR. The website has also been updated recently and includes information about Thunderfest.

Concessions: We need to get a pod for storage to be placed near our concession tent. Jeff has a layout for a 20 x 40 tent that will stay up for the entire football season; this will be set up on Wednesday. Thunderspud, Sarah Jane's Cuppa Joe, and booster food items will all be under one tent. The pod rental is for 3 months and will cost \$525 for rental and delivery. Kim made a motion and Tracy 2nd to approve this purchase. All directors agreed. Mike Rogers will set up the rental. Michel will call for popcorn popper and popcorn delivery from Badger. Mr. Kirchner will ask District 100 if they will pay for or help pay for the \$1600 tent rental and \$525 pod rental since we are raising money to donate back to the school stadium fund. Jeff will check on the cost of renting an ice machine and Jan said the YMCA has a freezer the boosters could use for the 1st home game.

Old Business: Chairs are needed in the trailer. *Thunderfest* – Planning is going well; already have 150 tickets sold. We have a great catering rate, silent and live auction items (we could use more). Dick said he could give us 2 student parking passes.

New Business: *Bowling for Boosters* - Concordia Lanes is offering Friday night specials for students after the games starting September 4. Students showing their athletic permit card or school I.D. can have pizza, pop and unlimited bowling for only \$12 and the boosters will receive \$2 of this amount for each student who bowls.

Carla and Deb are going to produce laminated cards with the Blue Thunder Fight Song to be handed out at the first football game. The homecoming parade will be the Thursday of homecoming week, Sept. 17th, and the girl's powderpuff games will follow in the stadium. Student Council asked if they could sell candy and drinks during powderpuff. This is fine with the boosters and Lisa Volkmann will contact the concession's committee.

Dick asked if there was any objection to moving the Milt Brown Stadium sign closer to the stadium and all agreed that was a great idea. Mike Lascola is possibly going to paint a mural on the back of the stadium press box with "Milt Brown Stadium" on it.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully,
Deb Shawd
Blue Thunder Booster Secretary