



## **Blue Thunder Boosters November 23, 2009 Minutes**

**Called to Order:** 7:00 pm at Timber Pointe Golf Club

**Attendees:** Deb Shawd, Brenda Trimble, Craig Adams, Michel Johannes, Brad Johannes, Carla Sullivan, Alicia Perez, Joan Ollmann, Jeff Nelson, Richard Kirchner, Traci Hartfiel, Sandy Kaske, Tracy McConnell, Patti Kotarba, Troy Yunk and Robert Loken.

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

**Treasurer Report:** Joan emailed the missing page from her September report to the directors. Sandy made a motion for approval and Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup>; all approved. We have \$22,500 in our stadium improvement fund, \$500 in our S.I. checking account for a total of \$23,000. All donations will now be deposited into the S.I. checking account. We are still waiting for an Aramark bill to come in from the football play off game. Spencer said to hold our \$500 we have set aside for softball dugouts because they are still fundraising and this project may take some time to complete. Joan will look into putting this money in a CD to raise interest if they aren't going to need it this year. The title for the 4-wheeler needs to be transferred from the Dewan's to the owner, which is us right now. Joan sent letters to donors who donated over \$250 to us at Thunderfest for tax purposes. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Rob and Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>; all directors approved.

**Athletic Director's Report:** Spencer said the fall athletic awards went well. He asked again if the boosters would like to help fund and organize a senior athletic banquet at the end of the year. He would like to hold a dinner at a restaurant, have a speaker and give each athlete a plaque listing all sports they participated in during high school. These would cost about \$10 each and total financial help he is asking boosters for would be approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000. Discussion followed about how we would like to help with this but our big fundraiser is helping with the stadium facilities and we still need money to help all sports with their wish lists. A suggestion was made to help with the senior banquet but cut back on costs by holding it in the cafeteria and getting bids on catering. Alicia will contact Michelle Dixon about food ideas since she set up the banquet for the year-end awards last year. Dick Kirchner said he has some ideas for sponsors to help with this. The BNHS varsity football team will be recognized for making it to the quarterfinals at the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> basketball game and the boys' cross country team will be recognized for taking 1<sup>st</sup> in state at the Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> basketball game. The large popcorn popper will need to be moved to another location because the ticket booth has other storage needs and a different electrical outlet would have to be added for it to work. This is too costly to do for one season until it is moved to the new outdoor concession building so the large popper will not be used for indoor concessions. Linda Kapusta, the librarian, has requested to hold a book fair Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> during the girls' basketball game. All directors approved this. Troy Yunk gave the boosters a thank you card and a signed cross-country state program. He also said the team will be recognized at the Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> city council meeting.

**Merchandise:** Merchandise will be on sale at the boys' basketball game on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and the girls' basketball game on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. They have some year-end clearance and hope people will buy items for Christmas gifts. \$330 was sold at the last football game; \$869 at the home playoff game; \$2,687 sold in just the sales of playoff t-shirts; \$70 in small banners sold at the playoff game during quarterfinals.

**50/50:** We will sell at Boylan and Belvidere home games.

**Website/Marketing:** Deb will send new information to Paul to update the website.

**Concessions:** Bids on construction of building going out before the end of the year.

**Thunderspud:** Sandy introduced Brenda Trimble, who will be taking over the Thunderspud next year.

**Thunderbowl:** Our moonlight bowling on November 13 went well, but we could have had more bowlers. We had 17 couples and made \$62 on our 50/50 ticket sales (Sandy Kaske won \$62), and \$90 on Thundershots for a total of \$492 profit after paying Concordia. Our next one will be held December 18<sup>th</sup> and we hope to have a larger crowd.

**New Business:** Dick said they would be dimming the lights at basketball games to spotlight our players as they are announced and Bolt will also come out with the players. He is considering an All State wall with a plaque and individual photos; possibly recognizing State teams on street signs near the school and getting banners for the gym. A suggestion was made again that we need to have Home and Visitor signs posted in the gym.

Alicia proposed a fundraising idea where boosters won't have to put up any money, but will make 5% of sales of products through Melaleuca. They sell non-toxic, safe cleaning products online. Alicia already has 6 clients she will put under Blue Thunder Boosters and we will get a check every month from their orders. We just need to get the shopping information out to people. After discussion, we decided to try it for 6 months. Joan made the motion, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup> and all directors approved.

**Open Discussion:** Brad said the Mobile House of Thunder ballasts for the fluorescent lighting have been fried possibly due to plugging them in to the wrong type of outlet. He asked for and got approval for purchasing new ballasts. Tracy Hartfiel asked if anyone knew about donations from Sonic. They were having a BCMS night and gave a percentage of sales to the middle school. This would be another fundraiser to look into. We also need to set our dates for Thunderfest and the golf outing.

**Upcoming Events:** YMCA Triathlon – May 29, 2010

Next meeting will be January 25. Directors will need to email about information regarding the senior night banquet so this can be organized.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully,  
Deb Shawd  
Blue Thunder Booster Secretary