



## **Blue Thunder Boosters January 25, 2010 Minutes**

**Called to Order:** 7:05 pm at BNHS Forum Room

**Attendees:** Deb Shawd, Michelle Dixon, Tracy McConnell, Craig Adams, Sandy Kaske, Kim Larson, Jeff Nelson, Joan Ollmann, Mike Rogers, Brad Johannes, Brenda Trimble, Alicia Perez, Dan Smaha, Spencer Byrd.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Joan moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting, Kim 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All directors approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Joan said all wish list items from last year have been paid except \$720 for girls' golf bags, which have not been ordered yet, and \$5000 towards softball dugouts. We will have many expenses for fall 2010 with our new outdoor concession building and grilling area. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Tracy and Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>; all directors approved.

**Athletic Director's Report:** Spencer said 4 to 5 volunteers are needed at the spring athletic awards on February 11. Registration will be from 5 to 6 pm; athletic meeting at 6 pm; then breakout meetings with the individual coaches. Winter awards will be held March 11 at 5:30 pm. The wish list application deadline for all coaches will be February 15, 2010. The coaches have been told that equipment needs should come from the athletic budget. Spencer said that no money has been put into the athletic budget for new uniforms and usually they need replacing after 3 or 4 years. Most of the sports teams will have to start ordering new uniforms next year. Joan said she would contact Greg Brown to ask what we should do with the \$5000 set aside for softball dugouts & if this is even in their plans. Deb said coaches should send their wish list applications to the booster email. The W club is collecting athletic equipment and monetary donations for a small K-3 school in south Chicago where Kelly Holsker's daughter is working. Donations will be collected at the basketball jamboree home games on February 6<sup>th</sup>. A press release will be forwarded to the boosters.

**Senior Athletic Award Dinner:** Spencer will pay for the awards if the boosters can pay for the food for the senior athletes. He is looking at holding this the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May on a Thursday. He will get us the total number of senior athletes. There will be an opportunity for athletes to volunteer at the Triathlon being organized in Rockford on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Walk of Champions:** Wednesday, January 27 at 8:30 am the Boys' Bowling team, JV Cheerleading, and several band and chorus members who are all going to State championships will walk as a parade throughout the high school.

We are still looking for a head football coach. Dan Smaha made a suggestion for a fundraiser to help boosters and the football team by holding a casino night through Rockford Charitable Organization. They charge \$200 for the gambling license and set everything up. We would have to be a 501(c) non-profit for 5 years though, and we just received this certification. Dan said maybe we could check to see if any other school organization in our district has been 501(c) for 5 years. This could be an idea for the future and football would give us 20% of the profit. Dan also said he would help set up volunteers for concessions any time we needed.

**Fundraising:** The last three moonlight bowling events have brought in \$492, \$466.50 and \$660 for a total of \$1618.50. We've been averaging 18 to 20 couples at each and would really like to fill the lanes with 36 couples and see more coaches participate in the future. Our next one is March 12, 2010.

**Merchandise:** Four items were sold at the boys' bb game for a total of \$70. The girls' game was postponed. The interest for merchandise hasn't been as high as it was during football season.

**50/50:** We will sell at the basketball jamboree games against the Bucs on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. Deb will contact Jen Hazlewood about setting this up and Dan Smaha will find volunteers.

**Old Business:** Groundbreaking for the Turner Concession and restroom project at Milt Brown Stadium will begin in the spring. The Apollo Theatre was suggested as a place to hold the senior banquet. The owners' son is a senior at North. The community building was another suggestion. We are looking at a date of May 6 or May 13, 2010.

**Thunderfest:** Brad will call about a date in September.

Next meeting will be February 22, 2010. The coaches will present their wish list items at this meeting. Motion made and approved to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully,  
Deb Shawd  
Blue Thunder Booster Secretary