



**Blue Thunder Boosters
February 22, 2010 Minutes
Wish List Meeting**

Called to Order: 7:00 pm at BNHS Forum Room

Attendees: Deb Shawd, Alicia Perez, Craig Adams, Sandy Kaske, Jeff Nelson, Tracy McConnell, Michel Johannes, Carla Sullivan, Gail Adkins, Kristine Frank, Michelle Dixon, Stephanie Sturm, Robert Loken, Traci Torbert, Troy Yunk, Denise Hauser, Mike Bradford, Tammy Rentschler, Adam Lane, Sharon Knox, Donald Smith, Kelly Holsker, John Paddock, Olivia Lebensorger, Ken Hillman, Gary Thacker, Kim Larson, Joan Ollmann, Dick Kirchner, Jenee Blackert.

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

Treasurer Report: Joan said she just got the bill for our property and liability insurance. It is approximately \$1000. We have \$23,000 set aside for the stadium improvement fund and we will need to purchase equipment and utensils for the new concession stand in the fall. Sarah Gamble still owes us money from football concessions and we may need up to \$5000 for expenses between now and June. Keeping this in mind, we can only afford up to \$20,000 towards the purchase of wish list items this year. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Jeff and Kim 2nd; all directors approved.

Fundraising: The last moonlight bowling for this school year will be held March 12 at 8:30 pm at Concordia Lanes. Please sign up through booster email! Kim and Deb are working on a direct mail piece for the Milt Brown Stadium Prints. We'd like to send this out with one of the BNHS mailings.

Merchandise: Craig and Sue are putting together a small basket for the music booster's fundraiser.

Marketing/Website: A suggestion was made to add a fan page to our website with photos from our BNHS sporting events.

Concessions: Carla said she needs to do inventory. There will be an indoor track event on March 10 and we will need volunteers in concessions from 4:30 to 7 pm. Gary Thacker offered to find volunteers for this.

Old Business: We still need to know the date Spencer has planned for the senior athletic banquet. Boosters have committed \$2000 towards food for this event. Sarah Gamble may do a proposal for food since she still owes us money from football concessions. Michelle Dixon was asked to still get quotes for food from other vendors so we have an idea of cost.

Applebee's in Belvidere wants us to donate BNHS memorabilia to display at their restaurant. We will donate a Milt Brown Stadium print and Jeff will coordinate with Dick and Spencer for other items and contact Applebee's. A fundraising suggestion was made for athletes to sell tickets and serve at the restaurant for a portion of the money made. This is a fundraiser that Applebee's has done in the past. June 25, 2010 is our golf outing date at Timber Pointe.

The Turner concession and ticket building, a \$530,000 project, was approved at the last school board meeting. Ground breaking will be in the spring.

New Business: Deb requested we purchase a full-page color yearbook ad again for this year at the cost of \$250. All directors approved.

May 7, 2010 – we will hold the girls' NIC-10 conference track meet.

At the end of May, 2010 BNHS may get to hold the regional baseball tournament.

May 10, 2010 – we will host the boys' NIC-10 conference for tennis.

The softball team is selling BNHS garden flags for \$12; email Olivia Lebensorger to order.

March 13, 2010 – the dance team will perform at state. This is the first team in Belvidere to qualify for state in 30 years.

Dick said we have had an incredible winter season this year; the dance team qualified for state in jazz, Tammy Rentschler was named coach of the year for cheerleading, the W-club collected athletic equipment for an impoverished K-3 school in Chicago, and we had the walk of champions for the boys' bowling team, JV and Varsity cheerleading squads, and several band and chorus members, all of which qualified for state tournaments this year!

Wish List Guidelines: The boosters would really like to see the coaches involve their athletes in community service projects as a way to give back and thank our community who support us. We'd also like to get more volunteer time commitment from our teams, coaches and parents.

Presentation of wish lists by coaches:

Boys CC and Track, Troy Yunk: 8 protector pads for the wall for indoor track, navy w/logo, \$600.

Girls Track, Adam Lane: 8 hurdles for extra row for practice, \$900.

Boys Golf, Bo Smith: 8 to 10 golf bags if new JV coach is approved, \$1000. Bo said he would do "Beat the Coach" again at the golf outing in June.

Girls Tennis, Alan Schumaker: score cards, court dryer, numbers, video camera, \$1785.

(Spencer and Dick will talk with him about priority of items since no comm. service or fundraisers.)

Boys Tennis, Ken Hillman: teaching cart, \$200.

Softball, Olivia Lebensorger: motion pro software includes laptop, camera and tripod, \$2400.

Dance, Stephanie Sturm: costumes and poms, \$1200, or 5 x 6 mirrors @ \$150 each.

Boys Basketball, Darrin Sisk – TV, wall mount, and large pull down screen, \$1800.

Girls Basketball, Mike Bradford – HD Video camera, battery, tripod & bag, \$825.

Football, new coach - sideline turf protectors, home & away w/ logo, \$7,603.29

(need to know it will be maintained & stored properly as all equipment should)

Baseball, Jim Paddock – additional windscreens, \$1000.

Swimming, Traci Torbert – S stretchcordz for resistance, \$109.

Soccer (both), Kristine Frank, Sean Norton – Quik Goal or 25 embroidered backpacks, \$1200.

Cheerleading, Tammy Rentschler – 4 mat carts & a vacuum to maintain tumbling/stunt mats, \$980.

Wrestling, Gary Thacker – laptop (notebook) & software, \$770.

Boys Bowling, new coach - \$500 for new coach to decide.

Volleyball, Pat Meinert – Solo Spike for training, \$3199.

All coaches said they would try to do more fundraising and community service projects in Belvidere. A suggestion was also made to have a rotating plaque in the lobby of the gym entrance with the names of BNHS graduates who are currently playing college sports.

Next meeting will be March 22, 2010 at Timber Pointe Golf Club.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully,

Deb Shawd

Blue Thunder Booster Secretary