



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 28, 2020
(VIA GOOGLE MEET)**

Called to Order: Meeting was brought to order via Google Meet at 6:07 p.m.

Attendees: Ed Powers, Robin Winters, Katie Belinson, Becky Giesecke, Sarah Gamble, James Friesema, Jody Flynn, Ken Downey and Tom Bucher.

Absent: Kristin Sayles, Jenni Ripplinger and Marci Hartle.

Secretary's Minutes: Secretary's minutes were sent out for November for review. No additions, corrections or deletions. A motion was made to approve the November minutes by Sarah and seconded by Katie. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jenni was not present – None to report.

AD Report: Jody advised that the governor's office is going to be meeting with IHSA at the end of this month, possibly December 28th, to give an update on sports. Otherwise, nothing new to report.

Committee Reports:

Membership: None to report.

Scholarship: Jenni will be stepping away as she has a senior this year. We need to fill four spots. Becky Giesecke would step up as point person as well as Robin Winters and Sarah Gamble. Katie Belinson mentioned Marci Hartle, with her years of experience with Boosters as well as serving on this committee in the past, she would be a great fourth person to serve on this committee. Becki to email Marci to see if she will serve as fourth person on the panel. She will advise.

Merchandise: It was mentioned that Marci Hartle, last Tuesday, had gotten all the merchandise back in to the school with the help of her son Ian.

Concessions: Sarah talked about getting the annual certificate for concessions filled out and submitted. She has the application from last year and will change the dates and resubmit for the upcoming year. She also thanked Jody for taking care of the propane tanks and getting them out of concessions. Sidenote: Jody still has her keys for concessions. 😊

BCMS: Ken Downey reported that BCMS does not have much to report. Everything is still on hold. He has been keeping busy cleaning storage rooms, rotating and updating stuff. No activity as far as athletics at this time due to pandemic.

Fundraising/Social Activities: Blue Thunder Open – Becky noted she would be putting something on FB in the near future about marking your calendars for the event to take place on Friday, June 25, 2021.

Thunderfest – On Hold until 2021.

Old Business: Hold off on banner discussion at this time.

Wish lists were received by Jody and sent out to all parties of Boosters. Jody went over each of the requests in detail. Attached to December's Minutes are the requests by coaches for the year. Jody wanted to make a note that he made it very clear to all wish list applicants that because of current pandemic and no income coming in for the year as discussed at November's meeting, it would not be a guarantee Boosters approving anything of big monetary value this year.

There were a couple of smaller requests put in and then two larger requests from girls/boys basketball for a Shoot-A-Way (present one BNHS has is 13 years old and does not work properly). And then girls/boys tennis (spectator benches on wheels). Jody made a suggestion that if Boosters would consider paying for the two larger requests (\$6,559 for basketball and \$4592.45 for tennis) two-thirds of the cost for each he would be willing to pick up the last one-third of the cost for each.

Katie asked the question to Jody whether he thought that if we give the green light to those coaches and their requests for the larger-priced items, do you think other coaches in the future would feel comfortable that their requests will be validated or good enough (i.e., why did they get this, that, etc.) Jody followed up by saying that he has a very good rapport with all of the coaches and felt that it would be a nonissue with coaches as to how much was spent or requests being too large, etc. If something is needed, they feel free to fill out an application and make a request to Boosters.

Also mentioned by Jody is that we are big proponents of community service. He did not feel the need to ask of any community service projects from our athletes this year due to current situation.

Jody put in an oral request regarding windscreens for the tennis courts and his concerns that they are ripping and don't look good. They were purchased two to three years ago. He would like to reorder new navy ones with grommets located in different areas such as middle and ones that can allow air to flow through a little more. He would like to see if Boosters will pay half of the cost for new ones \$3,000 (half would be \$1,500 to Boosters) and AD budget pay the other half. Katie asked how baseball ones are holding up. Same ones were purchased and are starting to have the same issue of ripping around the grommets. We are in a windy area for what it's worth.

Everyone agreed at how nice aesthetically it makes Belvidere North look with the windscreens both for tennis courts and baseball fields. Robin asked Jody if he would fill out a formal Wish List Application and submit it for consideration.

Questions for wish lists can be submitted to Jody to answer. Coaches who submitted applications do not need to attend January meeting. Wish lists to be voted on at January 25th meeting.

New Business: Katie made mentioned as to the tragedy at Don Carters this past weekend. Stacy Lambrecht, whose family owns Don Carters, was a director for a couple of years with Boosters. Don Carters has been a big supporter for many, many years with silent auctions items, etc. When the world gets back to some sort of normalcy, maybe we can reach out and see how we can help Don Carters and their needs.

Ed went around and asked if there was any other comments or discussion from anyone regarding any new business.

Jim Friesema, Principal, said that there is an end in sight of all of this for the kids. He is excited that students will be coming back to school and expressed how hard this has been for many of them.

Also was mentioned that we will need a new treasurer as of next year with Jenni leaving Boosters after six years. Katie is done with having a senior this year and Marci is also done serving her one-year term as well. Ed mentioned that he may have one person to serve as a director and wanted to confirm with him before mentioning his name.

Katie asked Ed if she wouldn't mind mentioning something to Jenni about getting treasurer's report to us sooner than night before or morning of so we would have more time to review the treasurer's report before Booster meetings.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Ed and second by Tom at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2021, via virtual