



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS  
MINUTES FOR APRIL 26, 2021  
(BNHS LIBRARY)**

**Called to Order:** 6:07 p.m.

**Attendees:** Ed Powers, Robin Winters, Jenni Ripplinger, Katie Belinson, Marci Hartle, Becky Giesecke, Sarah Gamble, Jody Flynn, Ken Downey, Alicia Perez, Cindy Rowe, Tim Beccastro.

**Absent:** Tom Bucher.

Introductions of all present for this meeting.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Secretary's minutes were sent out for March. Motion was made by Jenni to approve the minutes, seconded by Becky. All directors approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jenni gave Robin (Secretary) a thank you card from Madison Diercks. Jenni then went over the financial highlights for the past month. Sarah had a question regarding concessions and wanted to confirm that there is no longer a credit card that will be used for concessions. Jenni confirmed that there is no longer a credit card for concessions, only for merchandise.

Katie made a motion to approve treasurer's report and was seconded by Sarah. All directors approved.

**AD Report:** Jody gave some highlights as to spring season with three sports playing. Varsity Football unfortunately didn't get to finish season. Sophomore and freshman had a pretty good football season. Jody also mentioned some highlights as to soccer and volleyball. Varsity volleyball won conference, JV second in conference and freshman won conference. Summer season is now on its way. Very grateful with what we had for this past season for sports. Hoping we will be back to normal coming this fall.

Otherwise, nothing else to report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Robin mentioned a new lifetime membership from Jim Friesema, Principal.

She mentioned that she still needs to get through all of the lists and create a master list with Ed. Ed was going to be working on combining and narrowing down the lists and get that all to Robin at some point.

**Scholarship:** Becky mentioned that scholarship night is happening district wide and scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Still waiting to hear back whether if we are presenting or not presenting for that night. Becky asked Jenni if she had a chance to email Mr. Povoris about yearbook ad. Jenni mentioned that she did not have a chance to do that yet but will be getting with him regarding updating and adding more information about Boosters and also highlight our scholarship winners within that ad. She mentioned that instead of the school developing the ad for the yearbook it would be Jostens and that we need to submit through their website. She needs to find out further details as to that information.

Discussion was had regarding putting the scholarship winners in the yearbook ad and that it's no big deal to give

the names so the ad can be completed for yearbook year to that person which would mean a new precedent for following years. Katie said she would generate the ad for future years if we just call her and let her know what the new names of the scholarship recipients.

Becky made a motion that the scholarship name winners are shared with the directors at the April meeting, Robin seconded the motion. All Directors approved. After discussing the scholarship winners will be kept mum until scholarship night.

**Merchandise:** Marci talking about back-to-school day in August. Huge day for sales. Inventory still needs to be done by Marci. Ed mentioned that there still is Buchanan Street Strolls and didn't know if we wanted to participate in those as well plus the fair in August. Becky said that she liked parking the trailer right by the main entrance of the school for sales as people are walking in and out of the school.

Alicia mentioned that she would like to get merchandise online which has been talked about in the past. It's sometimes hard to purchase it all at one time at the trailer if you have lots of kids in the family. All agreed that we would like to have an online store which we have talked about for a long time. Maybe we could put on 8to18 or link. Ed mentioned that Mr. Friesema is very motivated to promote the Boosters by making a video. Ed also mentioned that the principal has been very willing to help promoting Boosters. Marci said that she is all on board with helping and doing whatever needs to be done for links, online, etc. Marci said that she would have inventory to Ed by June.

**Concessions:** Sarah that she does not have much to report. Food trucks were a big hit at the games, Marvin's Tacos first time, Mario's Tacos broke even and was at the second game and Pizza Fresca all present. Pizza Fresca is going to be donating money back to Boosters. Sarah needs to get into contact with them. She thinks that is the way to go for Thunderfest. All agreed that would be a great idea.

Sarah also mentioned there is a surplus of beverages so she wanted to see how to get rid of it whether it be baseball games, tennis games, track meet, etc. Jody can get dates to Sarah as an idea for donating. Alicia also mentioned about BYB as a means of donating as well or possibly donating to a graduation party or staff. Numerous ideas for donating surplus of beverages went around. Sarah can put together idea of what she wants to do with it.

**BCMS:** Ken mentioned that they had a whirlwind for sports this year with all sports hitting at once. He spoke about some highlights. Did start up a spring sports, football 7 on 7 which was a good turnout, soccer co-ed had some games. Wrestling and track started and will continue to the rest of the school year.

Also mentioned tryouts for co-ed competition cheer with almost 40 girls for next fall. Poms had almost 20 girls for a camp. They put in for a fall poms coach to follow what Belvidere North in addition to the program where they just cheer at home football games. Golf Club started up 7-8 kids for that. Ken mentioned that he also has been working with basketball Coach Brannan regarding getting some camps up and running something similar like we have for Belvidere Thunder Youth Football.

Ed mentioned that when things get back to somewhat being normal of being able to conduct our meetings again at Central School, Ken said he would bring the pizza, 😊 and to having some of the meetings down at the Central School level so we can get parents to attend like we did and maybe alternate every other month.

### **Fundraising/Social Activities:**

Blue Thunder Open – June 25<sup>th</sup> – Becky said golf outing is right around the corner. She will be sending out a .pdf by email to cut down the expenses. Those should be going out in the next couple of weeks. It is on the FB page. Katie said she can put it on the website as well. Marci to get some quotes to Becky on things that she would like to sell for golf outing.

Thunderfest – Jenni said she has a ton of stuff for Thunderfest that she would like to get rid of from her basement that she has collected over the years. Sarah again mentioned said would like to do the food trucks and thinks it would be very easy to pull together. Would like to have Thunderfest during football season and thinks she can pull something together for it. Details to follow.

**Old Business:**

Social Media - Katie to transition emails to Ed.

Jenni said she would hand over everything when she is done on May 31<sup>st</sup> for keys, banking and passwords. Ed was wondering why the treasurer was checking the PO box rather than the secretary. She explained that usually the stuff that's in there are items that needs to be deposited. All bank statements are online. Fair information as far as contract goes to mailbox. She will give up the key on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Becky suggested that more keys be made. We will have to check with the post office.

Ed asked Katie about the Paypal account and maybe trying to put something on the website. Katie is working on that and will work on login information and get that all to Ed. Mentioned to Katie was somebody that could take care of the website information and is proficient/interest in websites which is Cindy Rowe, who was present at meeting. Katie has been able to maintain it via Word Press and the new person may want to transition to something simpler to work.

Becky suggested since we are having a transition in committees maybe starting up a social media committee or chair or something possibly beginning to take care of FB and website information and all of our social outlets only which is huge for us. Jody does the official athletic tweets and sports and Twitter side. Jenni mentioned that we still need help on these small committees.

**New Business:** Ed mentioned talking about getting back to the Bylaws and having an annual meeting first and then have a directors meeting to see if we were staying on track with directors only. Marci said she doesn't recall having an annual meeting outside of the normal month. Alicia gave some background as to why we had annual meetings. Robin mentioned that she would amend or update the Bylaws if they need to be for abiding by them and setting a meeting. Talk about setting up a meeting for May 3<sup>rd</sup> for continuing discussion with Bylaws. Another discussion was terms of directors, etc. Katie wanted to know if we wanted to have the financials posted to the website. Either we are going to follow the Bylaws or we are going to have to amend the Bylaws accordingly. We are missing out on a big target of parents as far as becoming new members and also with getting Booster information out in a public forum as far as financials, etc.

Terms of directors. In Bylaws it says, four terms of two years, five terms of one year. Jenni said she has it when it changed to all two years. Jenni read out of "not sure where" when it was changed. Alicia clarified that everybody is a two-year term after the first year.

Jody gave an update as to the Bell and the status of the work and have a plaque made up as far as who donated as far as working on the North Bell.

Ed went around to see if anyone had anything more to add to meeting. No new discussion.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Jenni and seconded by Jody at 7:43 p.m.

**\*Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., BNHS Library\***