



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS  
MINUTES FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022  
(BNHS LIBRARY)**

**Called to Order:** 6:03 P.M.

**Attendees:** Ed Powers, Becky Giesecke, Robin Winters, Tim Beccastro, Corinne Boatman, Sarah Gamble, Cindy Rowe, Ken Downey, Jim Friesema, Jody Flynn, Karen Hayes, Jackie Powers, Amy Bucci

**Absent:** Alicia Perez and Tom Bucher

**Secretary's Minutes:** Secretary's minutes were sent out for November by Ed Powers. A motion was made to approve the Secretary's Minutes by Becky Giesecke and seconded by Robin Winters. All directors approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tim gave a rundown of the treasurer's report. Tim gave Robin the new lifetime membership of the Walsh family. Jody got the information regarding what the plaque should read.

Tim handed out a Balance Sheet as of January 23, 2022 and reviewed and highlighted from November 22<sup>nd</sup> through yesterday, January 23, 2022, net loss of \$4,800. We paid sales tax for last two periods which added up to \$3,000. Income of note \$1,675 co-ed challenge, volleyball games \$520. \$3800 in revenue for that period. Money from safe from Sarah to be brought tonight from concessions.

Motion to approve treasurer's report from Corinne and seconded by Cindy. All directors approved.

**AD Report:** Jody mentioned that cheer has won every competition that they've been in for varsity. Won conference last week for 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Boys swimming qualified second in sectionals, beat Hono which is a big defeat. Sam Moran was mentioned as junior conference MVP. North wrestlers have had an outstanding year as well, most are North wrestlers, and will have conference this upcoming weekend in Freeport. They have had the best season North has ever had so far. Those are the big highlights from winter season.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is going to be spring parent athlete meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Robin has one new annual membership from Richard and Michelle Walsh. Jody has the information to take care of the plaque. I will be sending out their Lifetime Membership card in the mail.

**Scholarship:** Becky sent to Ed the files from Google Docs regarding scholarship formula, etc. Jim Friesema said there is a board meeting tonight and scholarships will be finalized at that meeting to include in packet to seniors to be sent out beginning of February.

**Merchandise:** Alicia was not present. She gave Ed some stuff to report on for meeting. Plan to go in and take pictures of what we have and do orders to those that need gear. She has started with an online store. It should be done by the end of the month.

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**IT/Social Media:** Ed speaking to Cindy regarding having one person to have access to everything regarding social media. Becky to get information to Cindy. Cindy mentioned that it is good to have multiple eyes out there sharing stuff and that everyone sees different stuff at different time, but please double check to make sure it's not doubled up out there. Cindy is doing an amazing job for us regarding social media. Becky is the only one that has full access right now and she is going to get information to Cindy. Becky to get Booster FB page updated and take Corinne's name off as well as my name if it's on there.

**BCMS:** Ken mentioned that boys basketball 8<sup>th</sup> grade team finished strong and took second. 7<sup>th</sup> grade also finished strong and took second. Girls basketball starting out slow and low on numbers for girls. Cheer co-ed program is taking off and finished 6<sup>th</sup> down at state. Cheer conference was held at Central and went very, very well. Wrestling program at Central is starting out strong and doing very well. Conference for wrestling is this coming weekend and hoping to have a good turnout. Ken mentioned that they are looking forward to track starting. Also hoping that some 8<sup>th</sup> graders, strong group, participate in track. Great group of kids.

Ken wanted to commend that Belvidere North Cheer team and Belvidere North dance team and their coaches that they came down and volunteered and were so helpful. Very much appreciated.

**Concessions:** Sarah mentioned that concessions are moving along. Girls basketball volunteers came through. Boys basketball. Most of the money is made during the end of the JV game and right at the beginning of the varsity game. Sarah mentioned that concessions is making about 45 to 60 percent of what we have from past games between Covid, etc.

Sarah mentioned that possibly she may have a volunteer to take over concessions Becky Fridley which would be amazing and will shadow during football season. Fingers crossed. If you know if anyone else that would like to help out or volunteer, please send them Sarah's way.

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

Blue Thunder Open – Becky mentioned that it is set for June. Need to get through state cheer and then she will be focusing on the golf outing. It is locked in at Timber Pointe and just a matter of getting everything up and running. The date will be June 24<sup>th</sup>. Jackie Powers said she will be helping out with that and Becky will be turning over a lot of stuff to her for the upcoming years to follow.

Thunderfest – Sarah mentioned that Corinne sent an email that nothing is available for August, September or October. We average around 300 people for Thunderfest so we need a facility that can hold that many people. Further discussion was had on that and Sarah and Corinne will continue to work on date/location, etc.

### **Old Business:**

None to report

**New Business:** Jody said that he has not reached out to coaches regarding wish lists yet because of how participation has been concerning concessions. Disappointed on volunteer participation. It's up to the coaches to get information out there for families to help out. An idea that Jody had possibly moving forward with wish lists is that Jody would like to go on a year-to-year basis. If your program helps out with concessions then we would like to provide you with a wish list request if you have one and donate money to your program. And maybe if they participate and volunteer then their program will be provided and given an option to request something as a wish list.

Basically, what would you like this year? Well, what have you done for us? Jody is open to suggestions. We all agreed that that was a good idea and maybe from this point forward we move in this direction. It's got to go beyond this room right here for volunteers. We're here for you guys, but you have to help us out as well. We're only asking for two hours of your time. We need to emphasize that at parents meeting, etc., to let them know. We need to get the lower grade

parents involved more and let them know what's expected. Ken mentioned maybe having the Central parents come up and help out in concessions at some point and to have them start earlier. Robin mentioned that parents may not be so scared as a freshman coming and helping out. Again mentioned was to have a Booster member there at the parents meeting, Central school, to explain what we are about and how they can help out. Possibly have a letter that the coaches read at their parents meeting stating what is expected which is volunteering time, etc.

Final point will be a year-to-year basis for wish lists from Jody and it was agreed upon with several other members from this point forward.

Ed would like us to please bring someone new to the Boosters meeting next month. Ed will be bringing pizza and soda. But if each of us can bring someone new to get involved. More opinions and more involvement and more perspectives.

We need to get information out about upcoming Booster Club Events a list of events that says here is where we need volunteers for, a calendar of events was mentioned by Cindy as to these events are happening. Jim Friesema to also will add a QR Code in our BNHS Daily Announcements. Discussion about 8to18 regarding whether we are a part of Boosters and whether it is linked to our webpage. The only social media that we have is Facebook and we may think to expand to Twitter, Instagram, etc. Robin mentioned to Jim about adding Boosters to his monthly newsletter with a link. Further discussion was had regarding social media and possible letter to go out via Remind and put Booster club events on it for people who don't have social media. Jim was going to create a Remind, add Boosters to newsletter and then add parent involvement to the other announcements and add QR Code to announcements.

Lastly, introduction of parents who came to the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn the meeting at by Ed at 7:30 p.m.

**\*Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 p.m. BNHS Library\***