



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS  
MINUTES FOR JUNE 22, 2020  
(VIA ZOOM)**

**Called to Order:** Meeting was brought to order via ZOOM 6:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Ed Powers, Kristin Sayles, Robin Winters, Jenni Ripplinger, Katie Belinson, Sarah Gamble, Becky Giesecke, Marci Hartle, Marc Eckmann, Jody Flynn, Ken Downey, Kevin Cotrell

**Absent:** Tom Bucher

**Secretary's Minutes:** Secretary's Minutes were sent out by email earlier in the week, reviewed. Robin made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Katie. All directors approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jenni went over the highlights. She kept cutting in and out so asked that we review the Word Documents/Excel Spreadsheets. Nobody saw any additions or corrections. Motion made by Katie and seconded by Becky. All directors approved.

**A.D. Report:** Jody advised all of us that right now we are in Stage 1 return to play according to the IHSA guidelines which consists of some conditioning and weight training only at this time.

July 6th hoping to open up to Stage 2 which consists of open gyms more conditioning and weight training and going into more sport specifics. A question was asked regarding scrimmages. They need to have the District approval for that.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Robin will get with Jan to send out letters to parents regarding membership and benefits to Boosters. Also hit up 8to18 and/or email. Katie said she would help with sending out a letter regarding Boosters as well to (a) families to renew; and (b) families who are not members as of yet.

**Scholarship:** Wanting to see pictures of the scholarship recipients getting their money. Marci had a thank you card from Ian. Jenni said that she will continue heading up the scholarship committee. We have one picture from Paige. Marci to send in picture with Ian.

**Merchandise:** Back to School date August 6th (afternoon meeting was conducted Mr. Eckmann sent out an email correcting date for Back to School.)

Marci wants to get into school to do inventory. Mr. Eckmann to get Marci a date when she can get in and will contact her. Mr. Eckmann said we are going into Stage 4 next week according to the ISBE.

Kristin asked how long does it take if we were to order new inventory. Every year we pick a couple of new things for the year. Because of COVID-19 we are going to hold off and use up of inventory presently on hand. Marci said that the turnaround to order new merchandise normal takes 2-3 weeks if wanting to order for Back to School. We will have more information to add to July meeting if there are some new products and see where we are at to see where we go from here.

**Concessions:** Sarah kept cutting in and out during meeting – no report.

**BCMS:** They are currently going by the IHSA guidelines as well. Parent/Athletic Meeting held for August 6th. He would like to get banner at school that says BNHS Boosters instead of just a banner that says Belvidere North.

**Fundraising/Social Activities:** Becky and Jenni have been working on - August 1st at 1:30 will be the Shotgun Start - golf outing. Becky has been in contact with JJ and spoke about dinner or appetizers. Becky and Jenni are looking into dinner versus appetizers and price difference. Not that much. Asked how many attended last year which was 75-80.

Appetizers would be Italian beef, fruit and cheese and crackers. Dinner would be chicken dinner. The price has stayed at status quo of about \$95 fee for golf/dinner.

No hole sponsors for the year because of pandemic so therefore not asking for donations. But will put a clause in there that they are optional. Some wording like: due to the pending circumstances there will be no hole sponsorships; however; clause, because of COVID any donations would be accepted. Will use signs from last year to put out.

Katie and Robin were presently admins on FB page. Suggested adding Becky as admin to put updates on page as well. Katie has made a promise to really work on website for Boosters and FB. Katie is also going to work on a pamphlet to get to Jody for the coaches as far as golf outing and wanting to get mailed out prior sponsors and golfers as to details of event.

Marci is looking at visors for golf outing, more details to follow regarding sample.

Becky and Jenni were planning on meeting to narrow down details for golf outing.

**Old Business:** Boone County Fair - canceled. Jenni got a voicemail that as far as the deposit that we put down it would roll over until the next year

Ferguson Memorial - Robin sent out a sympathy card on behalf of Boosters to family. Robin also reached out to Tasha to see what we could do on behalf of Boosters for her family. Tasha said that all monetary donations would be going to purchasing two benches on behalf of Tyler, one at lake house and one at home. A motion was made to send \$150 on behalf of Boosters by Kristin and seconded by Jenni. All directors approved.

Administration Update - Marc Eckmann spoke and thanked all of us on Boosters for all of the years, dedication we have all made and time given to Boosters. He has been there for 10 years at Belvidere North and is looking forward to his new journey. Jody will inform new principal about getting the incoming freshman parents involved.

**New Business:** Ed talked about what the new normal will be 50/50 questionable, what changes will be made as far as capacity at games, etc., food for concessions. Will have to follow guidelines and recommendations by Health Department.

Jody mentioned that new guidelines may be that only 20 percent capacity for scrimmage games according to ISHA rules, what rules will be by superintendent, what will be happening for fall football games. Questions ranged from does that 20 percent include those working in concessions and coaches? Wondered if we would be able to sit outside of gate to watch games? Jody will let us know as the dates get closer and what he finds out.

Streaming games for families. Will there be a decrease in fees because of pandemic from NFHS?

Last items regarding face masks for attending school. Marci looking into buying face masks, hand sanitizers, looking at styles and getting pricing for those and ready for Back to School for all teachers and staff, North masks.

Will it be mandated that everyone wear them in order to return to school? Mr. Eckmann is waiting to hear what the return to school plan is and should hear something in mid-July.

Going back to mask price point \$5 would be good. We would want decent quality, multiple designs - all directions we can go with this regarding new normal. Again two- to three-week lay time. Marci will investigate further.

July 27th would be out next meeting for Boosters hopefully in person. If so, Jenni has offered her house to hold meeting.

A motion was made by Katie to upkeep of the domain website which expires in three weeks. Jenni read that a motion was made regarding a continuing running motion for keeping domain website running of three years admin.

**Adjournment:** Katie made mention and thanked that Ed stepped up as President. She also made mention to please make an effort to respond to emails within the 24/48 hour.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:02 by Becky and seconded by seconded.

**\*Next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020\***