



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS
MINUTES FOR MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022
(BNHS LIBRARY)**

Called to Order: 6:01 P.M.

Attendees: Ed Powers, Becky Giesecke, Robin Winters, Tim Beccastro, Ken Downey, Jim Friesema, Jody Flynn, Alan McCormick, Amanda Carlson-Hicks, Allison Smith, Tracy Torbert, Ken Husser, Brian Hilden, Jackie Powers, Holly Brown

Absent: Corinne Boatman, Sarah Gamble, Alicia Perez

Jody had coaches speak first so they were able to get to practices and on their way. Each coach who was present discussed their wish list requests, why they made the specific requests, told us a little bit about their program as well and shared their season highlights. At the end, the coaches thanked all of us for approving them their wish list items. Brian Hilden stopped in late and gave an update as to the girls softball. Ed finished off by saying it was our honor for all that you do for what the coaches put into their programs as well. Jim Friesema thanked all of the coaches as well and told them they are doing a great job and appreciates all that they do for our kids.

Secretary's Minutes: Secretary's minutes were sent out for January and February. A motion was made to approve both January and February the Secretary's Minutes by Jody Flynn and seconded by Becky Giesecke. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tim gave a rundown of the treasurer's report. Not a lot of new activity since last meeting since only three weeks ago. He has paid a couple of bills. Balance Sheets are about the same. All of our accounts a little over \$102,000 in bank. Just under \$43,000 in our checking account.

Becky Giesecke had a question regarding an old bill for hoodies and sweatshirts or new merchandise. Tim said that it was new and purchased and paid it the last period before. Motion to approve treasurer's report from Robin Winters and seconded by Jim Friesema. All directors approved.

OUT OF ORDER

AD Report: Jody mentioned that spring has just began. Highlights so far have been Cortlyn Hefty scored 8 goals in our first two games. She has scored all four goals in back-to-back game as a sophomore. Very strong player. They are off to a strong start of 2-0.

Ken Downey mentioned from Central level have had a good start for season, three indoor meets, large group of kids participating has been very encouraging, 65 on register in all categories. He also mentioned that they have a lot of talent.

Jody also mentioned that Nolan Cusimano mentioned his wish list (baseball coach) request. He never gave a request but wanted a pitching machine. After further discussion with the present Board, it was decided that he would need to make the request next year during the time line that they are due to be submitted and would be happy to consider helping them out.

Freshman open house is scheduled for April 7th at 6:00-7:30. Becky thought Alicia would not be available to do

merchandise for that evening. Robin said she would help out as well for open house. We would be able to pull racks out of the closet for open house along with possibly some new items. Holly Brown also mentioned that she would be able to help out if needed since she would be there with her son already.

It was mentioned to put something out on our FB website announcing the amount we granted for wish lists for the sports teams.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Robin mentioned no new members to report.

Scholarship: Ed said that we had many good applicants this year. In past years we have given away \$2,000 to \$4,000. Due to the number of qualified applicants we have this year. Ed would like to ask for approval for \$6,000 to give away in scholarships. With rising cost of inflation and tuitions and books, it makes sense to up the amount. Discussion was had. Tim verified money is there. Motion made by Tim to up the money from \$4,000 to \$6,000 this year and seconded by Jim for the 2022 year only. Next year a new amount can be made to adjust the amount accordingly if needed.

Concessions: None to report – Sarah not present.

Merchandise: None to report – Alicia not present.

Also Ed mentioned to us about the fair shirt being designed by the art students. Jim is getting information to students and details. \$100 prize to winner. We will narrow it down to top three and then the students will vote for winner. Discussion about limiting colors because of cost.

IT/Social Media: None to report – Cindy not present.

BCMS: Ken made a comment about the web page and the items that are being posted on there. He mentioned that with awareness, traffic will increase substantially. Mentioned that if people consistently see stuff like Remind it will increase traffic. If they are not aware, they were not search for it. Put right in front of them, we will increase traffic. Robin mentioned that the posts on FB have been really good. Ken mentioned that if there's a link, people are more apt to clicking it rather than go find it, they won't look for it. Easy access, convenience is the way to go.

Ken mentioned that track is underway at Central. Girls basketball did a nice job. That 7th and 8th grade did very well around middle of conference. 8th grade finished in third place and 7th grade was fourth. Golf, which is a club also down at the Central level because conference doesn't have any teams. Principal sets everything up for the club team.

Fundraising/Social Activities:

Blue Thunder Open – June 25, 2022, golf outing. Becky had a draft of the new flier. She wants to raise the price to \$15 per person with an early-bird discount price being right in the middle. The prices have been the same for over five years. After spring break she will be working with Jackie Powers, etc., on more details.

Thunderfest – Jim mentioned Corinne had gotten a date of September 17th at Timber Pointe Golf Club.

Old Business:

Becky talked to Sonny at Twin Towers regarding the trailer and wrapping it with new design or stickers and getting prices to us. Jim mentioned that it would look cool to get some Vegas gold, scarlet red and navy.

Jody also mentioned that we need to do a spring cleaning of the outdoor concessions this summer. Robin mentioned that we had the students help out one year. Ed mentioned that we also need to get items fixed on concessions popcorn glass cover, the duct tape needs to be removed and hinges fixed.

Ed is working on the Remind app with Jim. We have signed up for it but nothing has been sent out yet.

New Business: Fair deposit needs to be made by August 9th. Pay \$150 now and pay balance later or we can just pay \$940 now. Motion to approve payment to the Boone County Fair to \$940 by Becky, for 2022, and it was seconded by Robin. All directors approved.

Yearbook Ad, we put one in every year. We wanted to see what we do in the past. Jackie Powers checked with Riley and she confirmed that it was a full page. Full page is \$300, half page \$200, quarter page is \$100, eight of a page is \$75. In the past we have done a full page and where we put the scholarship recipients on that page as well. A motion was made to approve full-page ad for \$300 by Jim and seconded by Jody. All directors approved.

50/50 – renew raffle application. Discussion was had regarding a March Madness bracket. We are not able to do that for gambling purposes. Application just to support for raffle purposes. Robin to get that application completed for upcoming year for 50/50 and request a check from Tim.

Ed went around to see if there was anything else to discuss. Jim mentioned that he created a newsletter during our meeting of a recap of our meeting, key highlights of meeting. Jim thinks that this would be a decent way to be transparent and share with people and attach helpful links. He will send out to the group.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting at by Ed at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Belvidere Central Middle School Library