



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS**  
**May 18, 2020**  
**(Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19)**

**Called to Order:** 6:11 p.m.

**Attendees:** Katie Belinson, Tom Bucher, Kevin Cottrell, Marc Eckmann, Jody Flynn, Sarah Gamble (joined late), Becky Giesecke, Marci Hartle, Ed Powers, Jenni Ripplinger, Kristin Sayles, Robin Winters

**Absent:** Ken Downy, Tasha Ferguson

**Prayer:** Lead by Katie

**Secretary's Minutes:** March minutes were reviewed. (No April meeting was held) A motion was made by Kristin to approve the Secretary Minutes. Robin seconded the motion. All directors approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jenni reviewed the financials for April and May. No major highlights, but concession cash was deposited back in the bank for the summer and fair deposit paid. Net income year-to-date of \$17,337.22

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jody. Kevin seconded the motion. All directors approved.

**AD Report:** Nothing to report as sports are on hold at this time. Following the State of IL guidelines.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership:** Nothing to report
- **Scholarship:** Ian Hartle, Macy Oldani, Madison Diercks, and Paige Lambright received this year's Booster Club scholarships totalling \$4,000. Due to no Senior night being held this year, scholarship packets were delivered by Jenni. The goal is to get pictures of all four recipients to share on the Booster's Facebook page and website. There was also discussion of sharing the information in the fall sports's program and possible sign on the merchandise trailer.
- **Merchandise:** Nothing new to report. However, yearly inventory will need to be completed at some point this summer when public access to the school is allowed.
- **Concessions:** Sarah noted that inventory needs to be completed and that there may be food items that have expired or are close to expiring. A motion was made by Jenni to donate items set to expire before September 1, 2020 be donated to a local pantry through BEA. Kristen seconded the motion. All directors approved.
  - It was determined on 5/19 that the chips were expired and the pop was set to expire by the end of May, therefore they can not be donated to a food pantry. These items will be given to the high school custodial staff.
- **BCMS:** No report, Ken not in attendance.

**Fundraising:**

- **Blue Thunder Open (8/1/2020):** The original date of June 19th is not feasible under current government COVID- 19 restrictions. Becky spoke with J.J. at Timber Point and there are dates available in August. A tentative new date of August 1 was set. Becky will continue to communicate with Timber Pointe. The event will be scaled back due to the current economic climate. Discussion included using prior hole sponsors signs as a thank you and in support of local business. Still planning to do brats and beer on the course with the gift being a visor. Overall goal of the event will be to have a fun day of golf and not a fundraiser this year.
- **Thunderfest (10/3/2020) :** Sarah had to leave the meeting early, no report.

#### **New Business:**

- **Yearbook Ad:** In cross checking previous expenses Jenni noted that a yearbook ad had not been purchased yet. Due to time constraints a repeat of last year's ad will be used. A motion was made by Jenni to purchase a full page ad in the 2019-2020 yearbook at a cost of \$275.00. Kristin seconded the motion. All directors approved.
- **Wish List Items:** All wish list items have been paid out except for the football bell stand.
- **Boone County Fair (8/11 – 8/16):** 2020 fair merchandise trailer deposit was paid. As of date, the fair is still scheduled.
- **Ferguson Family:** Discussion of ways to support the Ferguson family at this time include card, meal delivery, and memorial donation. Robin will send an initial card from club members and will take the lead on future support.
- **BNHS Administration Update:** Principal, Marc Eckmann, will not be returning to North next year. He will remain with the district and Boosters through June 30th. Katie and other board members thanked Marc for his service to the BTB. No new principal has been named yet.
- **2020-2021 Board of Directors:** Reviewed the directors continuing and those with terms expiring. Slate is full, but other nominees would be accepted.
  - **Directors with one more year of term:** Marci Hartle, Jenni Ripplinger, Kristin Sayles & Robin Winters
  - **Directors with terms expiring:** Katie Belinson, Tom Bucher, Kevin Cottrell, Tasha Ferguson & Sarah Gamble
    - Katie Belinson has agreed to a one-year term
    - Tom Bucher has agreed to a two-year term
    - Kevin Cottrell will not be renewing, he will continue to assist as needed, especially with trailer
    - Tasha Ferguson will not be renewing
    - Sarah Gamble has agreed to a two-year term
  - **New Directors:** Becky Giesecke and Ed Powers have both agreed to serve 2 year terms.

A motion was made by Katie to accept the slate as listed. Robin seconded the motion. Motion was passed by all directors. Jody thanked Kevin and the Cottrell family for all they have done over the years.
- **2020-2021 Officers:** Katie offered to remain president if no one else was interested. Ed Powers volunteered to be President. Robin Winters volunteered to fill the open secretary position. Kristin and Jenni agreed to continue in their positions. A motion was made by Katie to accept the slate as listed. Robin seconded the motion. Motion was passed by all directors.

Thus; our 2020-2021 Blue Thunder Booster Directors will be:

President – Ed Powers  
 Vice President – Kristin Sayles  
 Secretary – Robin Winters  
 Treasurer - Jennifer Ripplinger  
 Katie Belinson

Tom Bucher  
Sarah Gamble  
Becky Giesecke  
Marci Hartle  
Marc Eckmann  
Jody Flynn

**Old Business:** Jenni addressed the need for additional funds to finish purchasing QuickBooks. Purchase was originally approved in November, but did not approve funds to pay taxes. Kristen made a motion to pay an additional \$20.00 towards the previously approved purchase of QuickBooks for a total of \$320. Robin seconded the motion. Motion approved by all directors.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**The June meeting will be June 22nd<sup>h</sup> at 6:00 – Virtual Meeting**