



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS
MINUTES FOR MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022
(TIMBER POINTE GOLF COURSE)**

Called to Order: 6:03 P.M. (THIS TIME WAITING FOR ROBIN)

Attendees: Ed Powers, Robin Winters, Tim Beccastro, Amy Bucci, Holly Brown, Sarah Gamble, Jody Flynn, Ken Downey, Sandy Cordray, Sandi Brown, Corine Wehrle, Jackie Powers, Karen Hayes, Ludy White, Marcy Alonzo

Absent: Alicia Perez, Corinne Boatman, Cindy Rowe, Jim Friesema

Secretary's Minutes: Secretary's minutes were sent out for May. No June minutes were created, no quorum. A motion was made to approve May's Secretary's Minutes by Robin Winters and seconded by Sarah Gamble. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tim gave a status report for May and June. A couple of bills came in and were paid. Total Balance as of now \$80,190. Our checking account total as of this date \$22,343. Golf outing made around \$3,119. A motion was made by Ed to approve May and June Treasurer's Report by Amy Bucci and seconded by Karen Hayes. All directors approved.

AD Report: Jody shared that this coming Wednesday, July 27th is Fall/Parent Athlete Meeting at 5:30 in gymnasium for all incoming freshman and new students new to district who have not played a sport at BNHS. Jody said he would be happy to share to the attendees about Boosters and what we've done and what we are about.

August 8th – all of the fall sports start/first practice start.

August 11th is the Back-to-School day, all day event, 10-5 p.m. Alicia will be there selling some selected at the school. Robin will make sure to have updated forms for that event for new membership for the current year.

August 19th is scrimmage night/Family Fun Night. Middle School volleyball/football starting at 4:00 and then at 5:00 will be parade of athletes and then 6:00 will be the volleyball/football scrimmage at North. We will have a food trucks available for that event, Taco and Pizza trucks. Sarah will have selected items available through concessions.

First home game will be on Saturday, August 27th, due to shortage of officials, so the sophomore game will be at 10:00 and varsity game will be at noon. Jody would like to have concessions available for that game as well.

Jody also mentioned that he has the sign-up sheet out to all the coaches for the trailer for the Boone County Fair.

Jody was approached by the cheer coaches today regarding new cheer mats for this year and hand down our old ones down to middle school. Cheer is hosting co-ed challenge, hosting conference and hosting sectionals. Quote is close to \$10,000. Cheer would can go a 1/3 of that, Jody can go a 1/3 and Boosters, Jody is asking, if we can do a 1/3 of that. Wish lists are normally done in December but would ask for them now. He could pay for all up front but asking if he can be reimbursed \$3,000. It takes two months to come in. Does NOT want this to become a precedence with coaches. This is an exception.

Co-Ed Challenge, Fri., December 16th, Conference, Thur., January 19th and Sectionals, Sat., January 28th.

Sarah makes motion to reimburse Athletic Director Jody Flynn for a 1/3 of the money for the new matts for cheer. Amy seconded. All directors approved.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Karen Hayes - Robin to hand over stuff to Karen Hayes for membership. Sinae Hubbard got a temporary card some time ago and needs to get her permanent Lifetime Membership Card sent to her.

Scholarship: Sarah Gamble – Committee is Sarah Gamble, Holly Brown, Jody Flynn and Sandi Brown.

Merchandise: Alicia Perez – not present. Alicia Perez, through Sarah, said updates are fair shirts are ordered. Hats ordered. Online store is up and running. Alicia would like feedback to let her know. iPad and money are in the Athletic Office. Details about the fair were discussed.

Concessions: Sarah Gamble – Talked about raising the prices for concessions. Jody also going to put out the lists to the coaches for volunteers to run concessions. Sarah will have concessions open for Saturday, August 27th if Jody can get volunteers to help run it.

IT/Social Media: Cindy Rowe Dimke – not present.

BCMS: Ken Downey spoke regarding Parent/Athlete Meeting on August 4th. Ed said that he would attend to speaking regarding Boosters.

Ken mentioned they are looking for a volleyball coach for 7th and 8th grade coach. Also that they are supposed to be hosting the 7th grade jamboree for football on August 27th. Also hosting cross country conference for Belvidere Central scheduled for October 1st.

Ken also looking at ordering some new wrestling mats, possibly looking for Boosters help for that, he needs to get on the ball for that. It takes some time to get them in. Ken to send to Ed costs of wrestling mats. Again does not want to set a precedence but would like to get some new ones this year as well.

Fundraising/Social Activities:

Blue Thunder Open – Discussion was had regarding switching locations, 9 holes instead of 18 and just all in all revisiting regarding new ideas for the event. Further discussion to be held.

As of right now, we have a temporary date for Blue Thunder Open scheduled for June 16th, 2023 at Timber Pointe.

Thunderfest – Robin Winters gave an update regarding Thunderfest. A committee meeting was had, a letter has been compiled and getting it to print. Passed around an example of the letter and goal is to have it sent out by middle of August. Excited to see what donations will come in to raise funds for our outdoor, multi-purpose locker room for our athletes. Ed mentioned Corinne has some really good ideas for Thunderfest. A date for the next meeting with the committee has not been set. More details to come by next meeting.

Old Business:

Ken Downey spoke how he likes to do graphics and put something together as an idea for a wrap for the trailer and showed his ideas to us. Ken is open to ideas, Ed is still working on what he has and then we will all come together to vote on something for trailer as well as lead time for completion.

Tim asked about rough estimate of cost for wrap of trailer and we are looking at cost of about \$1,000. A private donor is going to donate the wrap itself and then Boosters is paying for materials.

Sarah still has Ed's card regarding purchasing of items out of cart for TLC items for concessions (indoor/outdoor).

Ed spoke regarding moving trailer to fair.

50/50 License, Ed gave it to Robin and she will pass that on to Jamie Effler along with items.

Ed spoke regarding tax exemption letter. Boosters expires on 12/01/22. We want to get that updated.

Ed brought up electronic payments for concessions ... Venmo, etc. Discussion was had regarding that. Tim to look into some so kids and parents can use debit cards and such as well as Wi-Fi capabilities better for concessions and trailer.

New Business: Kickball Tournament – Ed mentioned that we could put together a kickball tournament, 32 teams, ideas still to be determined, but getting some parent/student activities together for the spring.

Ed went around the room to see if anyone had any other questions.

Sarah brought up about setting up and tearing down for concessions for the season and being paid for it for future predecessor. An idea was made that we can get some volunteers and students to help out with setting up and tearing down.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ed and seconded by Robin.

(NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 8/22/22 AT BNHS (LIBRARY) AT 6:00 P.M.)