



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS
MINUTES FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 2022
(BNHS - LIBRARY)**

Called to Order: 6:01 P.M.

Attendees: Ed Powers, Alicia Perez, Robin Winters, Tim Beccastro, Sarah Gamble, Corinne Boatman, Holly Brown, Amy Bucci, Jody Flynn, Jim Friesema, Ken Downey, Sandy Cordroy, Jackie Powers and Corine Wehrle

Absent: Cindy Dimke, Karen Hayes

Secretary's Minutes: Secretary's minutes were sent out for September and October. A motion was made to approve both September and October's Secretary's Minutes by Corinne Boatman and seconded by Alicia Perez. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Playoff game generated about \$5,700, \$5,800. All accounts sitting right now at \$111,000 which is really good. A motion was made to approve treasurer's report by Alicia and seconded by Robin. All directors approved.

AD Report: Winter season is underway. Girls basketball started and doing well. Boys bowling has competed in a couple of invites. They took top five in both competitions. Boys basketball playing tonight for first game of the season and pretty banged up right now but looking for those players to come back and have a great year. Wrestling starts tomorrow night as far as first competition. Swim started tonight with first practice. So all winter sports are on their way now.

Winter preview night last Friday, first one they did, and went very well and was a lot of fun. Good way to start out the winter season.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Nothing to report. Karen not present.

Scholarship: No report. Committee: Sarah Gamble, Holly Brown, Jody Flynn and Sandi Brown.

Merchandise: Alicia reported that she is picking up stickers for cars with big "N" blue and white and little stickers to add (icons) with all sports to put around "N" as well as numbers with hashtag.

Alicia to wrap shirts on the back of wall with drycleaning wrap so not to smell from popcorn machine to display and will be available soon. Sarah suggested that we could put a merchandise button on cash register to still sell merchandise for our winter sports programs. Excess merchandise to tuck back in concession area and then put some on shelves in the back. Alicia will be accessing once she gets moved in for winter sports and will make decision from there on where to store items for sale and display.

Concessions: Sarah reported that she has successfully cleaned out outside concessions. She's working on indoor concessions to get ready. Sarah asked regarding time starts for games for half hour, 15 minutes which

there are two at 5:30 p.m. for JV games. Otherwise, nothing else to report.

IT/Social Media: Nothing to report. Cindy was not present.

BCMS: Ken reported not a lot to report this month. Wrestling has started. 40 kids out for wrestling. Cheer is going strong. Dance program going strong.

Boys basketball program are at the back half of the session at about fourth seed or third seed depending on how the season ends. 7th to play at Prairie Knolls and then 8th grade is being hosted at Belvidere Central. Ken was wondering if we wanted to provide concessions through Boosters for Saturday, December 10th.

Girls basketball tryouts coming up and track starting the end of March. Otherwise, nothing else to report at this time.

Fundraising/Social Activities:

Blue Thunder Open – Scheduled for June 16th, 2023 at Timber Pointe. Further discussion to be held.

Thunderfest – Ed asked Corrine if she was going to run it again next year. No confirmation from Corrine as of yet. Check in with her next year. 😊 Waiting to hear until January to know about Fairground availability. Further discussion to be held at a later point.

Old Business:

Kickball Tournament – Spring. Further discussion to be held.

Bricks for the new construction. Corrine and Ed got a sample. Cost to be at \$27.00 and could be sold for \$100 piece. So excited to get these up and selling. Minimum to sell would be 100 bricks. Ed to get with Cindy to get some fliers out and advertising out there. Questions about installation and laser or printing on them/blank ones if they are installed. Alicia suggested to putting an ad in the shopper to advertise and then put what we are raising the money for? Where they are going to be installed at? Jim Friesema to work with District regarding some questions. Ed to find out who they would recommend to laser on afterwards if there are some blank bricks or just in general. Athletic entrance would be a suggestion for putting the bricks and maybe comes down to stadium. Ed to follow up on some questions for that as well.

Ken to talk about final wrap for trailer and a design was passed around for us to approve. Suggestions were made for it and other fonts were suggested. We are trying to wrap it up and get it finalized for Ken to produce and get done.

New Business:

Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce - \$125 invoice. Question as to why we are joining and why? What do they do for us? What's the benefit? We are going to get rid of it and no longer pay for it. Canceling.

Wish Lists. Jody is revising sheet to send out to coaches and adding a line in there for, "What have you done for Boosters?" "Have you attended any Boosters events?" "Have you ever volunteered for Boosters?"

Reminder: We have already committed to paying 1/3 of the new cheer mats. Ken Downey has requested wrestling mats.

Co-Ed Challenge reminder scheduled for December 16th.

Ed went around to see if anyone had any other questions: Holly Brown asked a question re: timeline of construction of new outdoor facility? Matter has to be presented to the Board of Education and is in discussions.

Jody has question regarding what he gives his game workers and the officials and he marks off what he gives to them for food and drinks. Jody has been in the past giving it to them as cost. Jody wondering if we were willing to give him 10 percent off. The overall cost for fall was \$600. Boosters agreed to give Jody 25 percent off. A motion was made Sarah to give Jody 25 percent off for food and drinks for his game workers and officials, Ed seconded. All directors approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Corrine and seconded by Alicia at 7:02 p.m.

(NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 12/19/22 at BNHS LIBRARY)