



**BLUE THUNDER BOOSTERS
MINUTES FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023
(BNHS - LIBRARY)**

Called to Order: 6:00 P.M.

Attendees: Ed Powers, Alicia Perez, Robin Winters, Sarah Gamble, Cindy Dimke, Corinne Boatman, Amy Bucci, Jody Flynn, Jim Friesema, Jackie Powers, Corine Wehrle, Karen Hayes, Samantha Vanco, Martha Rathbun, Brian Hilden, Todd Chapman, Drew Pivoras, Robert Hunter.

Absent: Tim Beccastro, Ken Downey

Introductions of everyone present at meeting.

OUT OF ORDER

AD Report: Jody asked the coaches who provided Wish Lists to come to the Booster meeting to interact with us and also to present to Boosters why they are making the requests that they are making and to hear it directly from the coaches. All coaches attended.

Each head coach who had their Wish Lists granted spoke about why they requested what they did and were very grateful to Boosters for granting their wish lists: Todd Chapman, Drew Pivoras, Brian Hilden, Martha Rathbun (a thank you card was presented to Boosters), Brian Hilden, Drew Pivoras and Robert Hunter.

Next, Jody also introduced and welcomed Sam Vanco from Belvidere school who is now the new boys' volleyball coach which is a co-op team. She has attended Belvidere booster meetings but is now excited to be attending our meetings as well. She has been with the program going on her third year at BHS.

Jody gave updates on sports: Girls basketball, varsity level is struggling a little bit this year and it was announced that they also have a new head coach. Girls freshman record at the time is 12-2. Their season is going very well. The boys' varsity basketball, continue to work hard. Tough conference. Boys' freshman is doing well. Wrestling conference tournament is upcoming weekend away. Solid group of wrestlers. Swim team is very competitive, co-op team and very solid and good. Boys' bowling finished 3rd and are going down state next weekend. Bowling in our conference is very strong and hoping to finish in the top 10 at state.

Spring Parent Athlete Meeting is Monday, February 13th at 6:30.

Cheer varsity is doing amazing and brought down the NIC-10 title, now going to sectionals, which we are hosting, and then are looking forward to attending state the following week. JV got second best score next to varsity and did an amazing job as well. Good week for cheer. Big couple of upcoming weeks for cheer.

Dance wrapped up their competitive season and got 5th at conference over Hono and 12th overall. Great year for them as well.

Secretary's Minutes: Secretary's minutes were sent out for December. A motion was made to approve December's Secretary's Minutes by Cindy Dimke and seconded by Alicia Perez. All directors approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tim not present – Ed going though Balance Sheet. Tim moved money over to the stadium improvement fund. Checking account balance is \$47,316.82. Total operating checking account is \$105,153.56. Total assets at the end are \$126,834.21. Ed gave Robin a copy to put in with the minutes. \$20,000 has not come out yet from the Wish List items. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by Robin and seconded by Sarah.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Nothing to report by Karen.

Scholarship: February 3rd, scholarship applications open; February 21st, application process closes; Monday, March 6th, Booster Scholarship Committee gets them. Committee: Sarah Gamble, Holly Brown, Jody Flynn and Sandi Brown.

Merchandise: Alicia wants to hang up at concessions or somewhere all the new window decals for vehicles. She has advertised on FB. She put together a Google doc so people can fill out the order form to order. A suggestion was made to put on a black or gray posterboard to be able to see the decals better and hang it in a couple of spots. Alicia would still like to clean out closet and shelves at BNHS for storage of merchandise. Alicia would like to donate a double-sided rack for inside merchandise sales

Concessions: Sarah made mention about staying on for another year with the help that she has been receiving. She would not be available for September 1st game though. Four home games total, Belvidere, Freeport, Harlem and Guilford so a total of six events.

Jim Friesema mentioned that District is getting new kitchen equipment so it may be possible to get some of the old stuff for concessions. Jim will reach out with an email to District with our needs and wants.

IT/Social Media: Cindy – nothing new to report.

BCMS: Ken Downey not present.

Fundraising/Social Activities:

Blue Thunder Open – Scheduled for June 16th, 2023 at Timber Pointe. Ed working on gifts/games.

Thunderfest – Alicia working on getting a date for the fairgrounds possibly in the next week or so.

Old Business:

Wrap on trailer. Ed mentioned that Darius was working on switching some wording around for wrap, Ed spoke with Ken and was going to be sending him some information regarding the wrap. Design is almost complete to be looked at again to Boosters by next meeting.

Kickball Tournament – Spring – date TBD

Bricks – Already discussed - delayed a year due to HVAC in school. It will give us time to sell bricks and do a fundraiser for it.

New Business:

Alicia mentioned about being a member of the Chamber. It's a \$50 fee and we would get on a master list which would be good for marketing.

Ed went around to see if anyone had any further questions or comments.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Robin Winters and seconded by Ed Powers at 7:00 p.m.

(NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 2/27/23 at 6:00 p.m. at BNHS LIBRARY)