

In attendance: Tanya Ward, Jessica Valcik, Val Synakowski, Penni Eggsware, Candy Hudson, Shannon Gardell, Jim Van Ess, Nicole Radliff

Booster Club Meeting 08/25/2026

1. Treasurer Report
 - a. Account balances
 - i. Account changes since last meeting
 1. See print out
 - b. Funds Requests/Fundraiser Proposals
 - i. Approved: BNL Mountain Lions backdrop banner for photos
 1. Ordering from Best of Signs – tax exemption certificate was just processed
 - a. Girls Volleyball would like to use for photo shoot
 - ii. Approved: funds request by Tanya Ward for Volleyball Senior Night t-shirts
 1. *50% deposit needed up front; Tanya will have Malibu Creations invoice Booster Club directly*
 2. *If other teams/senior parents interested in purchasing, we can recommend Malibu Creations and/or Identical Crafters*
2. Public Comment
3. Co-President Report/Upcoming Fundraisers
 - a. Welcome to Val Synakowski!
 - i. New AP/AD for NL/BNL
 - ii. *Interested in ways to incorporate feeder programs to potentially get more student-athletes playing sports during middle/high school*
 - b. Soccer Tournament 2026
 - i. Scheduled for Thursday, 9/10, through Saturday, 9/12
 - ii. T-shirts
 1. Similar design
 - a. Will order 2026 version in charcoal (black and gravel 2024 and 2025)
 - b. Will be ready in 7 business days
 - i. *Ordered 110 shirts; will be ready for pick up on 9/9*
 2. Awards by Walsh's as a vendor again – cost effective
 3. Cairo-Durham Girls ordered 14 t-shirts
 - a. pre orders sold for \$12 to teams
 - i. *Including BNL (which we give to for free), there were 65 pre orders from teams*
 - b. \$20 or \$15 at tourney?
 - i. *Group in agreement that we will sell for \$15 at tourney*
 - iii. Request for food donations
 1. Price Chopper – \$100 gift card donated

- a. Will use to purchase concession items
 - b. Shannon to check with Sam's, Target, Hannaford
- 2. Concession ideas for this year's tourney
 - a. Walking tacos and mac and cheese always a big hit
 - i. *Since outdoor event, tend to sell more grill items*
 - ii. *Walking tacos seem to sell regardless of whether event held inside/outside*
 - b. Sell cow bells again with BNL mountain lion sticker on them
 - i. \$5
 - c. Any other input/ideas?
 - i. *Set up closer to school – potentially no generator needed*
 - ii. *Meal Deal (e.g., hot dog, chips, and a drink for \$1 cheaper than what we would charge individually)*
 - iii. *Squeeze bottle sour cream for walking tacos a must! 😊*
 - iv. *Student volunteers – limit to seniors needing volunteer hours*
 - d. Schedule posted and sign ups for food donations and concession volunteers will be posted tomorrow
 - e. Purchase any helpful concession items with general fund money
 - i. E.g., condiment containers?
 - ii. *Drink cooler*
 - iii. *Research costs and follow up with group*
- iv. 2026 Raffle
 - 1. YETI raffle and Blackstone raffle past 2 years
 - 2. Similar or any new ideas?
 - a. *Raffle bundle: utility wagon, heated chairs, wearable blankets, power banks, etc.*
 - 3. Will sell tickets for \$10 each again and do a pre-sale on social media
- c. Upcoming
 - i. Senior banners
 - 1. Wednesday, 8/26 in Berlin and Thursday, 8/27 in NL
 - a. *Great turnout; 12 NL senior athletes and 18 Berlin senior athletes*
 - b. *4 additional that Rachel will take photos of before order placed (Xavier Lamica, Lucas Zuke, Andrew Crimmel, and Aaiden DeGroff)*
 - 2. Order from Fast Signs once all photos taken (Fall sports since we will have another round in winter if not all seniors attend)
 - ii. Athlete of the Week
 - 1. Card, photo, and Stewart's ice cream scoop certificate

- a. *Photo frames a bit bulky and sometimes difficult to get home to families*
 - b. *Instead, either have families request photo or small 4x6 in cardboard frame – easier to transport home*
 - 2. Monthly drawing for larger prize?
 - a. *Rather than monthly, perhaps announce AOTW at seasonal sports awards night and names picked (one from each sport) using raffle tumbler*
 - iii. Any sport-specific fundraisers, Hoffman's Car Wash fundraiser, BNL umbrellas...
 - 1. *Revisit after Soccer Tourney*
- d. Miscellaneous
 - 1. Need to order XC warm up jackets and additional volleyball warm ups this week
 - a. *Feedback: gets cold, especially in later months, and opposing teams tend to look put together*
 - b. *Warm up suit (heavier material not windbreaker) preferred*
 - 2. Pick up Kanofsky's soccer jackets in NL
 - a. *Confirmed that he has 9 jackets in his classroom in NL; Shannon to pick up next week*
 - 3. Renew AIM insurance (September)
- e. Next meeting date?
 - i. *Thursday, 9/24, at Norte in Stephentown (5pm)*

4. Open Discussions

- a. *Parent gifts for Senior Nights*
 - i. *Rather than BNL water bottles and coffee tumblers which can accumulate especially if families have multiple children playing sports, give single rose (instead of bouquet) and equivalent amount usually spent in the form of a gift card to a local business (Maverick's, M&M's, Norte, Cherry Plain, Rocky Hill, etc.)*
 - ii. *Can sell water bottles and coffee tumblers already purchased at events*
- b. *Athletics survey tabled for now – revisit at end of school year*