

NORTH ALLEGHENY UNIFIED BOOSTERS ORGANIZATION

Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Ponce Room – Baiarl Center

Board Members Present - **Kristen Heckert** (Vice President, IMS Scholar Athlete, Ingomar Middle School, Ingomar Elementary), **Daryl Mendenhall** (Treasurer, Bradford Woods Elementary), **Lisa Salamone** (Secretary, Franklin Elementary, Boys Soccer)

Chairpersons Present – **Twilley Delligatti** (Membership), **Melanie Rutan** (HS Scholar Athlete, CMS Scholar Athlete, Carson Middle School), **Kathleen Nachazel** (Scholarships, Boys Lacrosse, Wrestling)

Representatives Present- **Mary Lee Majewski** (Band), **Lauren Posati** (Slow-Pitch Softball, Bowling), **Beth Williams** (Cheerleading), **Bonnie Genter** (Field Hockey), **Yvonne Dominick** (Football), **Sue Phillips** (Girls Golf), **Marie Bartolomucci** (In-Line Hockey), **Gregg Hartung** (Girls Lacrosse), **Kathy Brown** (Rowing), **Elizabeth Cameron** (Softball), **Robbie Boyd** (Girls Tennis), **Ann Best** (Boys Volleyball), **Julie Riley** (Water Polo), **Kyle Nellis** (Girls Basketball), **Tery Taylor** (Ice Hockey)

It is the responsibility of each representative to pass along to your membership, all the information received at tonight's meeting.

Kristen Heckert (Vice President) called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. She welcomed the 2012-13 UBO Reps to the meeting.

Minutes

Lisa Salamone (Secretary) asked the membership if there were any corrections to the January Minutes. **Kathy Brown** made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by **Gregg Hartung**. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Daryl Mendenhall (Treasurer) reviewed the Treasurer's Report (handout) with the membership. A checking account balance of \$6,567.37 was reported as of March 13, 2013. A motion to approve the report was made by **Julie Riley** and seconded by **Kristen Heckert**. Motion passed.

New Business

May Meeting

Kristen reported that there will be an Appreciation Buffet Dinner at the May Meeting. Invitations will be sent by email in mid-April and will require a R.S.V.P.

Old Business

Tiger Paw Magnets

Kristen reported that the Tiger Paw Magnet Fundraiser is on hold until September.

Ongoing Committees

Kennywood

Kristen told the membership that we really need to boost our ticket sales this year. Kennywood Day is our main fundraiser. Every group has been assigned to a committee to make this fundraiser a success. Hopefully you have all been contacted by your committee coordinator. The Publicity Committee has already begun to work on advertising.

Lisa stated that the Yard Sign Committee will meet after the meeting to pick up yard signs. Yard signs will be posted on school campuses again this year.

Daryl told the membership that he will email his committee soon to distribute Kennywood Day Posters.

Kristen mentioned that we are looking for more ideas to increase our sales. Possible contests and competitions are being discussed.

Membership

Twilley Delligatti (Membership) introduced Ann Best as the new Boys Volleyball Representative, replacing Mike Murphy. Twilley also passed around the UBO Roster for the representatives to verify their contact information.

Scholar Athlete Awards

Melanie Rutan informed the group that the Spring Team Rosters should be emailed to Georgiana Thomas (gthomas521@verizon.net) by March 26th. Name, grade level, and shirt sizes are needed. Middle school teams should also include the school building (CMS, IMS, MMS).

Scholarships

Kathleen Nachazel asked the group to please send out a reminder regarding scholarship deadlines to their seniors. UBO Scholarship Award applications are due by noon on April 3rd. The Tiger Team of Merit Award applications are due by noon on June 3rd. Information regarding these awards is on the UBO website.

Kathleen told the membership that two more interviewers were needed. Interviewers cannot have a high school senior. Kristen Heckert and Marie Bartolomucci volunteered.

Representative Reports

Reports were given by the following groups. Notes were collected by the secretary and will be kept for record.

Ice Hockey

Tery Taylor reported that the NA Ice Hockey Program consists of: 1 AAA Varsity team, 2 Junior Varsity Teams, and a Middle School Developmental Program. This year 48 skaters and 6 goalies tried out for the Varsity and JV teams. The top 17 skaters and 2 goalies made the Varsity team and the balance of the players were split into 2 equal JV teams. The season starts in August with 4 open skates followed by 5 tryout sessions. The regular season runs from September to the beginning of March. Playoffs start in March. Their home ice is Warrendale Blade Runners Rink. Most of the team also simultaneously plays on amateur hockey teams that are part of the Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League. This year's developmental program included 6 skating sessions spread out between December and February with JV and Varsity coaches running the sessions. Approximately 33 middle school students participated. The program focused on skills work and team building. Fundraising includes spectator fees, 50/50 raffles, and hoagie sales. We were unable to run our biggest fundraiser this year, which is a Pre-Season Tournament in the fall at the Warrendale Blade Runners Rink due to team limitations. Most JV teams include 8th grade and NA does not. Hope to hold the tournament this fall. Fees include: Varsity (\$2600/player) and JV (\$1900/player). The JV team practices 4-5 times per month and the varsity team practices 8 times per month. The NA Hockey Association provides jerseys, hockey socks, and shell pants. Banquet will be held April 28th at the Four Points Sheraton in Cranberry. Teams are recognized and players receive awards. Seniors are given special individual recognition.

Last year's Wrap-Up

Tery stated that last year the program fielded 1 Varsity, 1 JV, and 2 freshman teams. The Freshman 1 team won its division (9 teams) with a record of 14-1-2 and won the playoff championship after 4 overtimes. The JV team won its division (14 teams) with a record of 14-4-0 and its playoff championship after winning 3 additional games. The Varsity team finished 1st in their section, but lost in the playoffs. The Freshman 2 team played an independent schedule and finished 9-4-1.

This Season's Results

Tery reported that the JV Gold Finished 2nd in the division with a record of 11-4-3 and JV Black finished 5-11-2. Both teams will be in the playoffs starting this week. The Varsity team finished 1st in their division with a record of 15-4-2 and won their first playoff game in the Penguins Cup. The 2nd playoff game is tonight against Bethel Park in the semi-finals. The Varsity team also won the St. Margaret's Tournament and the PA Hockey Showcase Tournament this season. JV and Varsity both played in an outdoor charity game against Pine Richland at the North Park Ice Rink on January 9th.

In-Line Hockey

Marie Bartolomucci reported that the NA In-Line Hockey Program is a club sport. This program allows as many boys and girls as possible to compete from grades 3 through 12. This year there were 130 players and 11 teams. Tryouts are three days (May 6th-11th) for grades 7-12. This process evaluates and places skaters at the correct team level. Two out of the three days are required. The third day is by invitation to place on Tier 1 teams (V1, JV1, MS1). Elementary (grades 3-6) are one day usually in August. Registration for tryouts is online from March 15th through April 19th. This year there were 28 parent coaches and 1 non-parent coach. All coaches are certified through PIRHL. The season begins in September with seeding tournament games. Teams play from October through February followed by playoffs that run through March. The teams practice three times per month at Robert Morris University Island Sports Center on Neville Island (Home Rink). Additional practices are sometimes scheduled by coaches at school gyms or deck hockey rinks. There are five venues in the area for weekend games and some travel for tournaments. The NA teams had great success: NA won back-to-back Varsity State Championships in the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons, a JV1 and M1 Championship in 2009-10, and an E2 Championship in 2010-11. Player fees include: Tryouts (\$50) and Team fee (\$450). Dues pay for league, referee, and practice time fees. Their own NA In-Line Hockey apparel is sold to raise money for the Eric Pelly Scholarship (\$1000). Marie added that concussions are common in this sport. There is an article in the January issue of Rolling Stone magazine about Eric Pelly. Eric's family has been very generous in sharing all that they know about concussions. There is a spring league (April through June 30th) at RMU in which many NA In-Line players participate. Their banquet is April 14th. Their web page is nainline.com.

Wrestling

Kathleen Nachazel reported that there were 28 Varsity wrestlers (grades 10-12) and 42 Junior High wrestlers (grades 7-9) on the NA Wrestling team this year. The Varsity team finished 3rd in the WPIAL and 8th in the state. Senior wrestler, Alex DeCiantis, won a WPIAL title at 182 pounds. Four wrestlers advanced to the Individual State Championships: Jesse Rodgers placed 4th at 138 lbs., Dom Forsys placed 5th at 113 lbs., Alex DeCiantis placed 7th at 182 lbs., and Ben Schweiger qualified for the tournament but did not place. The head coach, Jamie Kyriazis was voted Coach of the Year in Section 3 by his peers. Booster fees (\$200) are used primarily for uniforms for the wrestlers and coaches. Their main fundraisers are three wrestling tournaments: The Young Guns Youth Tournament, the Junior High Invitational Tournament, and the Mid-Atlantic Wrestling Association (MAWA) Qualifier. The Junior High Banquet is on Wednesday, April 3rd at Grazie Restaurant and Event Center in Wexford.

Athletic Director's Report

Kristen informed the group that Bob Bozzuto was in Hershey and unable to attend the meeting. His report will be emailed to the membership with the meeting minutes.

Kristen and Bonnie talked about Bob's idea for the Pep Assembly Program for next year. The pep assemblies would be scheduled on one or two days. There would be a morning

and an afternoon trip in which participants would be bused to the elementary schools. This program would allow for more participation and less time away from class. Bob is working through the details with Brian Miller.

Ann Best announced that there is a North Allegheny Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball Tournament on Friday, March 22nd at 3:30 PM.

In closing, Kristen told the representatives to remember to sign in, so that they qualify for the Participation Award (\$300).

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Beth Williams and seconded by Kathy Brown. **Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.**

Lisa Salamone
Secretary

Next Meeting:
May 22, 2013 – Buffet at 6:30 PM
Scholarship Presentations at 7:00 PM
Meeting after presentations
Ponce Room, Baiert Center