

**North Allegheny Unified Booster
Organization
April 19, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: *Georgiana Thomas* (President/Scholar Athletic Coordinator/Website Chair), *Melanie Rutan* (Vice-President/Cheerleaders), *Pam Stone* (Secretary/Volleyball-Girls)

NA UBO Sponsor: *Bob Bozzuto* (Athletic Director)

Chairpersons Present: *Bonnie Genter* (Scholarships/Field Hockey), *Jill Dougherty* (Scholar Athlete HS/Boys Golf), *Kerry Beck* (Scholar Athlete HS Chair/Boys Volleyball), *Karin Monteparte* (Membership/CMS)

Representatives Present: *Peg Leheir* (Baseball), *Don Grimm* (Boys Basketball), *Bruce Martindale* (Basketball- Girls/ Softball-Girls), *Lynn Kovalchik* (Bowling-Girls), *Janeen Atkins* (Cheerleading), *Dan and Noellene Sabo* (Football), *Larry Mianzo* (Gymnastics), *Steve Negri* (Ice Hockey), *Lynn Anne Mauro* (Lacrosse-Boys), *Thomas Durante* (Lacrosse-Girls), *Trish Cloonan* (Rowing), *Sue Neal* (Boys Soccer), *Heather Earle* (NASH), *Jennifer Grahor* (Swimming & Diving), *Tracey Schenk* (Boys Tennis), *Mary Lee Kolano* (Girls Tennis), *Leeanne Schweiger* (Wrestling)

The UBO meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.

- **Welcome-** President Georgiana Thomas welcomed all of those in attendance. Due to same representative changes, President Georgiana Thomas requested all representatives to introduce him/herself and state the group he/she represents.
- **Minutes-** Motion made to approve the March minutes by *Kerry Beck* (Scholar Athlete HS Chair/Boys Volleyball); seconded by *Peg Leheir* (Baseball). The March Minutes were unanimously approved.
- **Treasurer's Report-** The treasurer's report was made available to members to view. The balance in the checking account as of April 19, 2017, was \$5,675.37. The deposits since the March 8th meeting were \$553.29. The expenses were \$400.00.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - The final UBO meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2017. This is a Monday evening, not the usual Wednesday night. Due to the refreshments planned prior to the meeting to recognize the UBO Scholarship recipients, President Georgiana Thomas requests all representatives RSVP to Karin Monteparte, membership. An invitation will be emailed to the membership.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- Tiger Spirit Wear: Various items are available tonight and on the web site, specialeventembroidery.com. The UBO receives 30% of the profits.
- Tiger Paw Magnets available for purchase. Contact President Georgiana Thomas or the AD office.

- **ONGOING COMMITTEES**

- Kennywood: Scheduled for June 22nd. Much discussion occurred about the date as the NA electronic calendar is incorrect and states the 21st. Jennifer Grahor (Swimming/Diving) stated the printed NA school calendar, mailed before the start of the 2016-2017 school year, has the 23rd listed as the Kennywood day. In the end, President Georgiana Thomas reconfirmed the actual date of Kennywood is June 22, 2017.
 - Middle school testing is changing the sales time so the flyer is not available – waiting for approval.
 - Tickets purchased between May 1st and June 9th will be sold for \$29 each. Tickets purchased from June 10th to June 22nd will be sold for \$31 each.
 - Posters are provided by Kennywood for distribution. All schools will receive posters to be displayed. Each UBO representative will take one to “post” around the community. Once posted, President Georgiana Thomas requests the location for future marketing purposes.
 - Kennywood assignments: Mr. Bob Bozzuto has selected sports to complete assignments. He gave the list of sports who would be selling tickets on June 21st and June 22nd in two-hour time shifts. Sports were asked to provide the names, email address and phone number of the person that will be selling for their group. President Georgiana Thomas said information/details would be sent to sellers.
 - Peg Lehw is the coordinator for Yard Signs and please see her after the meeting to get your sign. We ask that yard signs be placed in the represents home yard because of people taking them from intersection, businesses, etc. Yard signs will also be place at the schools. These signs can be reused each year.
 - Heather Earle is the coordinator for Informational Envelopes that are given out with the Kennywood tickets.
 - Need a coordinator for Ticket Seller on June 21 and 22.
- Membership: Karin requested everyone review the roster and make the necessary changes, especially since some groups are beginning to transition the role to another member. President Georgiana Thomas requested the roster be returned to Karin Monteparte following the review, as it was misplaced/ accidentally taken following a previous meeting.

- Scholar Athlete Awards: Kerry Beck said all is going well. Spring awards are based on the third nine week grades. Also, remember NO awards are to be left in the AD office for student pick-up.

- Scholarships:
 - There were seven finalists. Three winners were selected: Georgiana Thomas Scholarship recipients are Andrew Turzai (Football/Baseball) and Ethan Maenza (Football). The recipient for the Don Vandergrift Memorial Scholarship is David Mrazik (Boys Golf).
 - The winners will be recognized at a reception prior to the UBO May 22nd meeting. President Georgiana Thomas thanked the scholarship committee for their time.
 - Mr. Bozzuto stated there were approximately thirty total applications for both scholarships. He reviewed the applications and he selected students to go on to the next round. Students were then interviewed by the next committee which could include a principal and a counselor. Finalist applicants were then selected to go on to be interviewed by the UBO committee.
 - Bob Bozzuto explained his process regarding the Don Vandergrift Memorial Scholarship. There was a lot of discussion regarding this scholarship. Georgiana Thomas said that she would form a committee earlier next year to review this Don Vandergrift scholarship. Also, there was discussion on how to education our students about UBO. The committee would also list ideas on how our students can gain knowledge about the UBO.

- **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**
 - Girls Soccer: Not Present

 - Boys Basketball:
 - About 100-125 players enroll each year between middle, JV and Varsity teams.
 - We are a 501c3 organization. Dues for varsity are \$225 while middle school is \$67. Program ads and game day flyer ads are sold, lottery dues, concessions during regular and post season, Fall Shootout hosted by NA, 50/50, carwashes, restaurant sponsorships, team apparel sales through EASTBAY, and Poster-Game schedule advertising are ways the booster group raises funds.
 - Expenses include tax and business compliance (new), general office stuff, UBO contributions, website, State College Tip off (bus ride, hotel, food, travel expenses), player gear and clothing, lettermen jackets, bus food, senior night, banquet, WPIAL/State expenses, photo/video services,

middle school end-of-the-year party, varsity game subsidy, player recognition, etc.

○ Girl Basketball:

- The NA Girls' Basketball team had a great year and ended with a 28-2 record overall. They were section Co-Champions and went on to win their first ever WPIAL Championship. They also were able to continue to win and made it to the PIAA State Championship where they unfortunately lost after having a halftime lead. They had a wonderful trip to Disney World before Christmas where they were 3-0 and beat powerhouse IMG Academy in a 3-point game. Out of the 18 JV and Varsity players, there is one senior, five juniors, seven sophomores and five freshmen. Two players were named 1st team all-section and one player named second team all-section. The coach, Spencer Stefko, was named section Coach of the Year. Two players were named to the 6A All-State 3rd team. Everyone is very optimistic about the future of the program.
- Booster fees for this year were waived. Home games and WPIAL playoffs are important in the group's ability to raise money from concessions and 50/50 sales. Additional funds for the Disney trip were needed. These funds were raised through the sale of NA basketball socks, hoagies, candles, and car washes. The group became a 501c3 organization last year and obtained the small game of chance license.

○ Bowling:

- The season started with four weeks of pre-season intramurals which are open to all students interested. No experience required. The coaches worked with all of the students and encouraged everyone to tryout. After three days of tryouts in November, all student who tried out made the team: 20 boys and 8 girls.
- This year NA teams were moved into a new and more competitive section competing against Butler, Mar, Knoch, Seneca Valley and Shaler.
- The boys team was very competitive. Their only loss was to Butler, the 1st place team. The boys placed second in section and qualified for the WPIBL team championship. In addition, they qualified for the Regional championship. Alec Cook, T.J. Robinson, Mark Zahren, and Griffin McCoy all qualified for the WPIBL singles championships.
- The girls team struggled more this year. Only three players were returning. They did meet a team goal by throwing several 700 series games. Seniors Allison Frank and Carly Kovalchik qualified for the WPIBL singles championships. Allison's score at WPIBL advanced her to the Regional championships.
- The bowling team did not have an official booster organization. Parents voted to pay a flat fee of \$50 in lieu of fundraising. These funds were

used for the website, Kennywood UBO donation, senior day, and the banquet.

- The banquet will be a family bowling party.

○ Cheerleaders:

- Tryouts were in May. The program had a total of 95 members: 28 Varsity, 14 Junior Varsity, and 11 Freshmen. 42 girls comprised the three middle school teams. Cheerleading is a two season sport; football in the fall and basketball in the winter.
- A competition team is selected in late August and competes November through February. In a competition at IUP, the team took first place. They placed second at the UCA Allegheny Regional Tournament and at the WPIAL tournament. The team placed fourth at the PIAA State tournament. They traveled to Orlando Florida to compete in the UCA High School National Competition. The team placed 13th. In the "Game Day" Competition, new this year, the team placed 10th.
- Booster dues are \$200 at the high school level, \$80 at the middle school level. Parents are required to purchase warm-up suits, shoes, practice wear, and letterman jackets at the varsity level.
- The group has a 501c3 with multiple fundraisers throughout the year. Hosting a mini-camp which is the largest. Over 200 girls attended this past June. Girls range in grade from kindergarten to middle school. The high school girls teach the younger girls during the week with a performance for parents at the conclusion. Additional fundraisers include: blackout t-shirts, car washes and Chipotle night. New this year is the sale of cheer wear online. Also a one-night camp for girls during basketball season with the little girls performing at half time on a Friday night basketball game occurred.
- The middle school teams partnered with the UBO and the NA Toys for Tots program. The girls collected toys to supplement the funds UBO raised. The varsity team partnered up with the Tiger thon Committee and raised over \$150 for pediatric cancer at one of the basketball games.
- Two of the six senior will be cheering in college; one at a division 1 school and the other at a division 3 school

○ Gymnastics:

- It was a great season. There were 11 girls who competed for the team this year. Two seniors who were injured were the team managers. The team grew in size by 7 from last year.
- They practice at Jewart's gymnastics in November. Despite some tough injuries, including losing last year's all-around WPIAL champion due to a fractured back, the girls performed well, even defeating the WPIAL champion, Moon, during the regular season meet. The team qualified for the team championships in February. In a tight race, ended up in fifth

place. Senior Taylor Bertini had a strong year, hitting every routine at every meet.

- As for costs, the parents voted and 100% preferred not to fundraise, instead paid dues of \$150. The dues covered items such as cost of the girls' banquet dinner, a warm-up jacket for each girl, four senior portraits and plaques for the high school, and the senior gifts.

○ Ice Hockey:

- The costs for JV are \$1700 and Varsity are \$2800. Most of this cost is due to ice time fees.
- Varsity finished in 2nd place in the AAA bracket of the PIHL, advancing them to the semifinals of the Penguins Cup, where they lost to Peters Township
- JV1 were the Tier 1 champions, however they lost to Peters Township in the semifinals
- JV2 finished 500 in their tier. Their rostered goalie broke his thumb during a scrimmage which resulted in having to utilize a rostered defenseman in the net.
- Tryouts occur in early August, fielding one varsity and two JV teams.
- Fundraising: Held three this year. Two hoagie sales and one autographed penguins jersey raffle.

○ Inline Hockey: Not Present

○ Wrestling:

- Na wrestling is made up of the Jr. high team 7-9 and the JV/Varsity team 9-12. The varsity had 27 wrestlers with 10 seniors. Head Coach Sonny Abe with assistant Matt Chalstead, Dan Heckert, Jared Lux and Eric Nutter.
- Team earned all scholar team award; many believe the study hall before practice every day assisted wrestlers maintain high academics during the season.
- Won team section and placed 3rd in the WPIAL, advancing them to states in Hershey. They lost in the blood round by 2 points and just missed placing at states.
- Five individuals went to the individual state tournament. Jake Woodley earned Back-to-Back State Champion in his weight class. Eric Hong placed 3rd, Jake Hinkson placed 4th, and Sean Hoover and Luke Landefeld attended but did not place.
- Six of the ten seniors will continue wrestling in college. Jake Woodley at Oklahoma University; Jake Hinkson at Kent State; Luke Lndefeld and Sean Hoover at Seton Hill; Zach Stedeford at RIT.
- While the season is officially over, freestyle wrestling club continues along with conditioning throughout the summer and fall.

● **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Presented the summer recreation schedule. Activity fee for each is \$65.
 - NA Athletics will sponsor two Just 4 Girls Sports Camps this summer. Flyer passed out to representatives.
 - May 1st schedules will be up to date except for gymnastics.
 - Holding a Boosters Summit on May 15th (Monday). The purpose is “looking to scale back”, “back to the basics”, financially speaking. Are they needs or wants? This will also be discussed with the coaches.
 - April 20th, tomorrow, Boys swimming/diving will be given the Champions breakfast. Also, the coach was named Coach of the Year.
 - Concern over behaviors of parents and NA fans attending NA sporting events. This is NOT the image of the majority of NA parents/fans, but negativity spreads quickly.
 - Ethan Maenza (Football) and Anna Lee (Tennis) earned WPIAL Scholarships.
 - Jennifer Grahor (Swimming/Diving) inquired about participants not being able to pay booster due/fees. Mr. Bozzuto stated he will be discussing this at the Booster Presidents meeting under the topic of “needs vs wants”. In the event this is the situation, contact the AD office. The \$75 participation fee is waived for hardship.
- REMEMBER TO SIGN IN: President Georgiana Thomas reminded members to sign in.
 - Q & A: none

Meeting Adjourned: At 8:43 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kerry Beck (Scholar Athlete HS Chair/Boys Volleyball); seconded by Jennifer Grahor (Swimming/Diving). The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT UBO MEETING IS MAY 22, 2017