

North Allegheny Unified Booster

Organization

March 29, 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: *Kristen Heckert* (IMS Scholar Athlete Chair/IMS/Band), *Kerry Beck* (Scholar Athlete HS Chair/Volleyball-Boys), *Mina Duroske* (MMS Scholar Athlete Chair), *Karin Monteparte* (Membership/CMS)

Representatives Present: *Peg Lehew* (Baseball), *Bruce Martindale* (Basketball- Boys/ Softball-Girls), *Ann Frank* (Bowling-Girls), *Janeen Atkins* (Cheerleading), *Bonnie Genter* (Field Hockey), *Dan and Noellene Zabo* (Football), *Rebecca Hayward* (Gymnastics), *Steve Negri* (Ice Hockey), *Kris Arnold* (Lacrosse-Boys), *Thomas Durante* (Lacrosse-Girls), *Heather Earle* (NASH Rep/ Soccer-Boys), *Laura Edwards* (Swimming & Diving), *Jennifer Grahor* (Swimming/Diving), *Tracey Schenk* (Tennis-Boys), *Mary Lee Kolano* (Tennis-Girls), *Joe Migliozi* (Track/Field), *Georgina McClellan* (Water Polo), *Leanne Schweiger* (Wrestling)

Pre-meeting presentation at 7:05 pm:

Leslie Szymanski, Post-Prom Chairperson, provided the UBO member an overview of the magnitude of the post-prom and reached out for volunteers and donations. Leslie thanks the booster groups/members that have already donated either financially or with their time. She discussed details about the prom/post-prom including, but not limited to; location, ticket costs, preparations, activities, tour and future fundraisers. Mrs. Szymanski thanked the UBO members for their time.

The UBO meeting began at 7:10 pm.

- **Welcome-** President Georgiana Thomas welcomed all of those in attendance. Then she asked for new members to state their name and group in which they represent. Tracy Schenk (Tennis-Boys), Jennifer Grahor (Swimming/Diving), and Janeen Atkins (Cheerleading).
- **Minutes-** Motion made to approve the November minutes by *Kerry Beck* (Scholar Athlete HS Chair/Volleyball-Boys); seconded by *Kris Arnold* (Lacrosse-Boys). The November Minutes were unanimously approved.

- Treasurer's Report- Georgiana review the treasure's report. Beginning balance \$5,967.02, Deposit \$1,773.75, Expenses \$2,218.69, Account balance \$5,622.08. The treasurer's report was made available to members to view.

- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - President Georgiana Thomas suggested moving the April 12th meeting to April 19th, because of the Easter break. Would the members prefer to have it prior to the Easter break or after the Easter break? All UBO members in attendance were in favor of the change. An email will be sent notifying all members.

 - President Georgiana Thomas stated the upcoming North Allegheny School District's Focus Group on Academic Pressure on April 6, 2017, and asked for a show of hands of those planning to attend. Approximately 4-5 members raised their hands. Georgiana asked everyone to please RSVP. There were three RSVP choices: Attend afternoon session, Attend Evening Session, Unable to Attend. Nollene Zabo suggested the participants include parents of graduates as they could provide a different perspective. Bonnie Genter stated that community members were invited to attend. When one RSVP one was not asked for contact information, so how would community members be contacted if necessary.

 - Tiger Paw Magnets: President Georgiana Thomas said an order was placed and received. Magnet are \$7 each and available tonight for purchase. Magnets will be available for purchase at the Athletic Office or you can contact Georgiana.

- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Toys for Tots: President Georgiana Thomas shared the following information with the group: gifts were given to thirty NA students between the fundraising of the UBO, Middle School cheerleaders and Monte Cello's. Jill Dougherty coordinated the Middle School cheerleaders efforts in collecting gifts, while Kristen Heckert and Bonnie Genter helped by sorting, and wrapping and shopping for gifts. Greg Wadlow, owner of Monte Cello's in Wexford, went above and beyond for the UBO program. Funds raised by UBO Monte Cello's fundraiser was \$515, Greg added to that amount and gave UBO \$650, he also donated, twenty, \$25 gift cards and one, \$100 gift card for a individual student in need. Bob Bozzuto said that Greg will continue to supply the student with gift cards as needed.

 - Tiger Spirit Wear: Earring are still available for purchase, \$12 a pair. A new item available is outerwear vests for men and women. The cost is \$35 and includes the NA logo embroidered on the left. Samples were passed around for

members to view and try-on. Additional NA merchandise for purchase available at specialeventsembroidery.com.

- **ONGOING COMMITTEES**

- 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 following the review, as it was misplaced/accidentally taken following a previous meeting.
- Scholar Athlete Awards: Kerry said all is going well. Georgiana asked Spring Sports to provide her with banquet dates. Also, remember NO awards are to be left in the AD office for student pick-up.
- Scholarships: Due March 31st by noon. President Georgiana Thomas said we need four people to serve on the interview committee, Matt Meehan and Noellene Zabo have volunteered, still need two more people. Heather Earle volunteered to be on the committee. All the committee members will need clearances. We still need a Scholarship chairperson. Bob stated that he will take care of setting up the meeting. Georgiana stated that we still need someone to send out letters, do certificates, and prepare Banquet Booklet. Bonnie Genter volunteered to be the Scholarship chairperson and do what was necessary. As of the meeting, only six students have applied for the three scholarships.

- **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

- Water Polo:
 - The boys team had 20 players and a regular season record of 9-12. They finished 7th at States. The girls team had 16 players and a regular season record of 11-11. Girls finished 6th at States and freshman Sarah Koehler was named PA co-Rookie of the Year. Athlete fees to play are approximately \$700 for the season. During our short season, the team had several fundraisers including Monte Cello's and Chipotle Nights as well as income from our Tiger Classic tournament. Our bank account is holding steady around \$5000 as we need to carry a healthy balance to outlay a lot of cash at the very start of the season. Going forward we're generally worried about declining numbers due to: 1) high expense largely due to transportation costs (parents pay all bus and hotel costs) and 2) waning support/crossover from the swimming program.
- Football:
 - Annually about 100 players (JV and Varsity)
 - Fall sport with conditioning ongoing throughout the year
 - Booster dues \$335 (\$235 booster dues, \$100 food charges, letter jackets provided to junior players)
 - Fundraisers included: car wash, restaurant nights, football programs and ad sales, weekly game 50/50, concession stand, Coach's fundraiser (Tiger Cards)

- Season Record for 2016 was 9 and 3 with the Tigers losing in the semifinal round of the playoffs to Seneca Valley in a heartbreaking loss.
 - Players and coaches are active in various community service projects both in and out of season often serving at The Woodlands.
 - Highlights: 10 seniors have committed to playing college football, Josh Lugg played in the Under Armor Army ALL-STAR Game played in San Antonio in January and aired on ESPN, Josh Lugg and Griffin Sestilli were named to the BIG 33 Pennsylvania Team, Ethan Maenza named WPIAL 6A Player of the Year.

- Soccer-Boys:
 - Approximately 100 players from grades 7-12. The middle school teams are made up of 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students.
 - Varsity won the WPIAL Championship. Lost in the semifinal round of the PIAA playoffs.
 - Dues are \$60. Daily # tickets are used as a fundraiser. Golf umbrellas were another fundraiser, 6 remain if anyone is interested. Dues are used to provide a bus snack for away games. These are purchased through the AD office. A car wash fundraiser was also conducted.
 - Currently they are in need of a new team photographer and are taking recommendations/referrals.

- Volleyball-Girls:
 - Tryouts were held in mid-August. There were cuts. Thirty-two girls made up the JV and Varsity teams. Many girls played both levels. There were 6 seniors, 10 juniors, 11 sophomores, and 5 freshman. Two of the seniors were new to the North Allegheny family, one coming from Oakland Catholic and the other from the state of California. Head Coach was Heidi Miller with Allyson and Russ Hoburg, Molly Tuman, and Bob Miller as assistants. They clinched a co-section title with Seneca Valley with a record of 9-1 and an overall record of 16-2. Following the regular season, and just before the start of playoffs, NA held its annual invitational. JV played at the Baierl Center while Varsity played at NASH. This is our largest fundraiser. I'm happy to report the JV and Varsity won their tournaments. Unfortunately, the playoff season would end too soon. In the semi-finals, NA lost the match 3-2 to the two-time reigning WPIAL champions, Baldwin. Maria Mobacher and Erin Carmody were named all-state. Maria signed to play at Duquesne University NCAA Division I on a full-athletic scholarship. Booster fees were \$140 which included apparel, matching warm-ups, concession start up items, a coach bus for playoffs (not needed this year), coach gifts, senior night, the banquet, etc. The overnight trip to Penn State for a tournament was an additional fee, around \$65, to cover bus/hotel/tournament fees/etc. This tournament occurred on the same day as NA homecoming. Fundraisers included: a

car wash, Monte Cello's night, 50/50 raffles at all games, game concessions and the invitational concessions.

- Diving:
 - 7 girls/3 boys- no cuts were made
 - 3 boys/2girls competed in WPIALs
 - Head Coaches: Patti McClure and Brian Wright with assistance from Amber Merhaut
 - Travel Meets: Lewisburg, PA
 - NASH is host pool for Diving WPIAL Championship

- Swimming:
 - 49 tried out- 44 made the team (24 boys / 20 girls)
 - 17 boys and 17 girls swam at the WPIAL meet
 - 12 boys and 8 girls (plus 4 alternates) swam at PIAA
 - Head Coach: Patrick Wenzel, Assistant Coaches: Brittney Glass, Nikola Malezanov, Jordan Lang
 - Two Travel Meets: Lewisburg and Wilkes-Barre: both teams remain undefeated in dual meets for 4 straight years.
 - Boys: 2017 WPIAL Champions and 2017 PIAA State Champions. Boys 200 relay broke the PIAA record as well as the National Public High School record.
 - Girls: 2017 WPIAL Champions and 7th at PIAA
 - Dues are \$90 per member plus additional account for meal/travel expenses- additional charges for clothing
 - Fundraising: concessions, clothing sales
 - Will be resuming community swim with funds going to the boosters as a fundraiser
 - Banquet was March 26th at the Chadwick

- **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Recapped the accomplishments of the athletic teams including, but not limited to; Swimming: WPIAL/PIAA, Girls Basketball: WPIAL/ PIAA runner-up; Wrestling: Jake Woodley: Two-Time State Champion; Boys Basketball, In-line great first year with new coaches.
- Leading Tribune-Review Cup and MSA Cup again this year
- NA hosted many WPIAL and PIAA games; this provided NA booster groups with great opportunities for fundraising in the concession stands
- Spring season is off and running. Rain is causing typical cancellations so schedules should be viewed as a guide only.
- Changes for the spring 2017 to Boys Volleyball. Will only include 7/8 graders.
- Summer Recreation Sports all-skills schedule should be up before the spring break.
- Summer Recreation Arts & Crafts schedule is on website.

- Fall/Winter schedules for the varsity level are done. Middle school is being finalized.
 - Changes to a few seasons: Middle school girls' volleyball will move from an "early spring" to fall season, Middle school girls' basketball will move from fall to winter. This will allow the middle school seasons to "mirror" the varsity seasons. In addition, this schedule will allow players to avoid conflicts in schedules with club sports overlapping seasons, especially with girls' volleyball.
 - 2017-2018 First tryouts schedules
 - Football Varsity (9-12 grade): August 7th for Heat acclimation (State regulation)
 - Fall Varsity Sports: August 14th
 - Football 7th/8th: Heat acclimation begins August 16th for 1st day
 - All other middle school sports: August 21st
 - Heat Acclimation: Trainers Association want it increased to 21 days
 - A Booster President Summit meeting: new this year. Looking to address 'needs verses wants' as it becomes more expensive for players to participate in athletics.
 - Cheerleading try-outs are scheduled for May 8-10 with decisions on the 11th for Middle School and the 12th for varsity
 - Capital Improvements:
 - Change and extend fence at Marshall Middle School
 - New gym floor at Carson, similar to the new floor at Marshall
 - Bathrooms for softball; the building is being donated. Utilities will be paid by District and AD department
 - NASH gym improvements are planned
 - Larger things are being discussed
- REMEMBER TO SIGN IN: President Georgiana Thomas reminded members to sign in.
 - Q & A: none

Meeting Adjourned: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kerry Beck (Scholar Athlete HS Chair/Volleyball-Boys); seconded by Heather Earle (NASH rep). The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT UBO MEETING IS April 19, 2017