

## North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

### November 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:** **Melanie Rutan** (Vice President), **Bonnie Genter** (Secretary/Field Hockey), **Heather Earle** (Treasurer/NASH)

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

**Chairpersons Present:** **Karin Monteparte** (Membership/CMS), **Kristen Heckert** (IMS Scholar Athlete/Baseball/ IMS), **Mina Durosko** (MMS Scholar Athlete/MMS)

**Representative Present:** **Katherine Graham** (Band), **Kathy Egnaczyk** (Boys Basketball) **Dawn Fischer** (Girls Basketball), **Janeen Atkins** (Cheerleading), **Mike Mlecko**,(Cross Country), **Mark Wrigley** (Girls Golf), **Matt Gentile** (Ice Hockey) **Matt Lawrence** (In-line Hockey), **Kris Arnold** (Boys Lacrosse), **Trish Cloonan** (Rowing), **Paula Sansosti** (Boys Soccer), **Lori Heim** (Girls Soccer), **Jacki Herring** (Slow Pitch Softball), **Jennifer Grahor** (Swimming/Diving), **Peggy Ambrose** (Girls Tennis), **Kerry Beck** (Boys Volleyball/Slow Pitch Softball), **Lisa Pilotta** (Girls Volleyball), **Georgina McClellan** (Water Polo), **Liz Shaffer** (Wrestling)

**Welcome Introduction:** **Melanie Rutan** welcomed all those in attendance. She asked all member to state their name and group and/or chair position.

**September 13, 2017 Minutes:** No recommended changes proposed to minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Kerry Beck, and seconded by Janeen Atkins. The September minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Heather Earle reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of 5,583.35. Treasurer's report will be on file if anyone wants to review

#### **Old Business:**

- **Elementary Night:** Bob Bozzuto shared that elementary night was a great success. All elementary school participated, the students took photos with tiger and football players. Very special and Bob has gotten lots of positive feedback from the evening.
- **OPEN Positions:** Melanie Rutan shared that we have open chairperson positions:
  - **Chair position for High School Scholar Athlete.** She stressed that this position is urgent, as grading period has ended, and sports banquets are upcoming.
    - Make a summary sheet, with student name and award.
    - Print certificates, order t-shirts
    - Distribute awards and summary sheet UBO representative.
    - Melanie shared that it is a rewarding position, and Bob offered that AD office will help.

Kathy Fischer, Kathy Egnaczyk and Katherine Graham expressed interest in cochair position.

- **Position for Scholarship Chair.** Need chairperson closer to end of year. Description of position reviewed. Please let Georgiana know if interested.

**NA Toys 4 Tots:** This is for NA families who need assistance during holidays. Goal is to raise \$2,000. Current fundraisers at Monte Cellos upcoming dates November 20 and December 4th. Need volunteers to wrap and deliver packages. Group expressed using Key Club members to help wrap and have an evening sessions for wrapping. Gifts are due December 18 -20 at Central. Other fundraising efforts include:

- AD office selling NA apparel in office with football ticket sales.
- Possibly include other dinner/take out locations, currently looking into Texas Road House
- Faculty basketball game in December.

**Roundtable Discussion:** Membership was divided into groups, to share ideas on increasing game attendance and fundraising ideas for Toy for Tots.

- Attendance ideas shared:
  - Bob Bozzuto expressed that he spoke with Student Council Leaders for ideas. Students expressed that money is not the reason students do not attend.
  - Each sport have a "Youth Night"- this would include free admission for student or they could bring a donated toy for Toys for Tots as admission.
  - Sports could select a date that they wanted to fill stands and could have a "shirt (like white out shirt), themed days, raffle baskets and alumni night.
  - Several sports expressed that they already have elementary/middle school night for their sports.
  - Activity Bus- afterschool take kids from school to games.
  - Include sports games on calendar- Bob expressed that there are many changes to games due to weather, that it would be very outdated.
  - Middle school announcements- include what games are happening that week.
  - Eblast communication of sporting events.
  - Another district has weekly newsletter, called "Toilet paper" that list all the activity each week(It is posted on back of bathroom door stall. It spotlights different events (not just sports) and is written by student council.
  - NAI received new smartboards- can teachers have information on screen before each class starts? Bob shared that district is looking at TV monitors to be throughout the school.
  - Offer "Season pass" thought is, if you pay, you are more likely to go to more games. It could offer a free coupon for restaurant.
  - Big buddy MS/HS program. Team buddies up with younger child. Commit to attend one game. HS student would attend a MS game, etc.
  - Look at student leaders to form a spirit committee. Student section does not need to be only for football game. Need to get students involved.
- **Toys for Tots ideas**
  - A collection to collect cash at games.

- Toy donation night at sport games.

**Fundraising Items for Sale-** Tiger Paw magnets (\$7), earrings (\$10) and stadium blanket (\$35). Portion of money made goes to Toys 4 Tots and a portion to budget. Can purchase items from Jill Guthrie (UBO makes 30%) [sportsspecialties11c@gmail.com](mailto:sportsspecialties11c@gmail.com)

### **Ongoing Committees**

**Kennywood:** NA Kennywood Community Day June 21, 2018. In school Ticket sales, May 30th. Kennywood biggest fundraiser. Have \$100 donated from each group, to make raffle baskets. With each ticket purchased, there is a ticket to possibly win a raffle basket. This is done as a "thank you" for supporting NA UBO. Volunteers are needed to help purchase items for basket, either on sale or Black Friday.

**Membership:** Karin Monteparte, Chair passed around the roster and asked members to update information.

### **Reps Reports:**

The following Reports were read by their representative:

### **Band report by Katherine Graham:**

The North Allegheny "Tiger" Marching Band is comprised of students in grades 9 through 12. Membership is typically in excess of 250 students and includes woodwinds, brasses, percussionists, color guard, dance team, majorettes, banner carriers, tiger mascots and band managers. The Marching Band also includes a nationally recognized and award winning indoor percussion group, as well as a competitive majorette squad.

The Marching Band provides entertainment and school spirit for all varsity football games. They also perform at local community events, such as the McCandless day parade and the trick or trot run. Additionally, the band can be seen regionally at the Allegheny Valley Marching Band festival and both the Labor Day and Veteran's Day parades. They have had the high honor of being asked to lead the last 2 Stanley Cup victory parades in Pittsburgh.

Marching Band begins with a two week band camp at the senior high school in August and students rehearse two days a week, after- school during the football season. While musicians do not participate in try-outs, they must be enrolled in concert band, symphonic band or wind ensemble. Musician who aspire to a leadership role, such as Section Leaders or Drum Major, have to audition for those positions. All three auxiliary units- color guard, dance team and majorettes- hold tryouts each spring.

The Band will rehearse a few times in the spring to prepare for the spring trip and band adjudication. For 15 years the band has received superior ratings and grand champion awards at festal in Virginia, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Ohio and Illinois. This year, the Marching Band will perform at the Pegasus Parade, which is part of the Kentucky Derby. The band is a past winner of the Basil Commissar Grand Champion Award at this parade. Another

past accomplishment of the Marching Band was their successful audition to march in the 56th Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington DC.

The Marching Band sponsors a number of fundraisers through out the year. Some of these fundraisers- such as Dinner for the Band at Moe's and Monte Cello's- are for the Marching Band general fund. Other fundraisers- Giant Eagle gift cards, Mixed bags Design, Zroni Rolls, Peppi's Subs, Indian River Fruit, Candy bar/Pretzel Rods- are for student specific trip accounts. Cost of the spring trip, per student, can be \$700 and up.

There are other annual costs involved with Band as well. One is the school's participation fee. Another is a requested registration fee to the NA District Band Parents (NADBP). This year's fee was \$225.00. Additional monies may also be required for instruments or other equipment.

A final fun fact...the marching Band is one of 9 finalists for the WPXI Skylight Band of the year. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to go to the WPXI website and vote.

### **Cross Country Report by Mike Mlecko:**

80 Boys participated, 3 placed in sections, 3 WPIAL winners and 12 in States. Dan McGoey, sophomore- 3rd WPIALs, 2nd States. The Boys have attended States every year since 2004.

90 Girls participated, 1 placed in sections, 3 WPIAL winners and 4 in States. Clara Savchik, Senior, was 3rd WPIAL and 2nd States. Girls have attended every years since 2001.

Dues are 125 per runner, 100 for additional runner with family. Booster participation, 90%. Out of 170 runners, 17 did not pay booster dues despite reminders.

Current surplus approx. \$2000

### **Field Hockey reported by Bonnie Genter:**

NA Field Hockey team has started the season with 36 girls on JV and Varsity. The with one middle school team.. The teams are coached by Trish Herbert, Michelle Couch, Megan McGinley and Michelle Murray.

The girls had a trying season and with 8 win 2 losses in our section. The team beat two time WPIAL winner fox chapel and advanced to WPIAL Championship, where they lost to Pine Richland. The team advanced to PIAA

Dues and travel are \$250, plus 100 concession fee. If parents work their mandated 3 field hockey games and 1 football games then the 100 is refunded. The other fees pay for warm ups, bus fees, meals, hotel, senior night, banquets, and gifts. Fundraisers include concession stand sales and a car wash. Our banquet will be on November 19th at The Holy Trinity Center.

The girls are encouraged to train year round. The off season activities include: Winter Indoor Season on club teams and tournament play, winter weight training program offered by the boosters, Spring/Summer club play, summer conditioning offered by team captains, and summer weight training offered by the boosters.

This will be the fourth year the boosters and coaches are offering developmental programs for age's k-12. This introduces girls to the sport at a younger age.

These developmental programs (Indoor winter and spring) teach younger girls about the game and help improve their skills. Information can be found at [nafhboosters.org](http://nafhboosters.org). These sessions are taught by the coaches and varsity players. Student coaches develop leadership and coaching skills. In the spring, we host a similar outdoor developmental program on the turf. The instructional league teams participated in several local tournaments and we hosted a tournament last May.

### **Girls Golf reported by Mark Wrigley:**

The Girl's Golf team finished the season in perfect form, winning the state championship for the 2nd time in the past 3 years, at Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York, PA. This capped an undefeated 18-0 regular season record. The golf team had a new home course this year, Pittsburgh North Golf Course in Gibsonia. The end of the season banquet was held this past Friday (11/3/17) at Sewickley Height Golf Club. Head Coach Mike Hambrick and assistant Coach Bob Steinbeck threw out an ambitious challenge for next year, which is to break the all-time scoring record at the state championships. This is not an unrealistic goal, given the fact that only 1 senior was on the roster, which is comprised of 2 juniors, 5 sophomores and 2 freshman.

### **Slow Pitch Softball reported by Jackie Herring:**

President- Anna MacDonald, Vice President-Dawn Crean, Treasurers- Missi Marangoni and Molly Wetmore, Secretary-Jacki Herring, UBO Reps-Jacki Herring and Kerry Beck.

Teams:

- **Junior High** had one team consisting of 15 players
- **JV** had 11 players, 2 were invited to play varsity and one lettered. Record- 3 wins and 11 losses.
- **Varsity** had 2 freshman, 1 sophomore, 5 juniors and 6 seniors. Record is 11 wins and 4 losses and they are still in playoffs.
- We are a deep team if all players return next year. Skills and techniques are earned during spring and summer rec programs. Practices are 2 times a week and mostly consist of scrimmage, with double header games on weekends.

### **Results so far, we are still playing:**

- JV had a 3-11 record
- Varsity 11-4 record, was 4th seed in playoffs, hoping to finish this weekend.

### **Facilities:**

- All home games and practices are at Marshall Middle
- We did get a new fence this year (higher and pushed back)

- We don't get bathroom facilities (we use the porta johns), could use another one for next year (fills up)
- Our score board needs fixed or repaired

### **Booster Fees/Uniform/Biggest Expenses**

- Booster fees are \$100 per player
- Uniforms: a number jersey is provided, JH has shorts, JV and Varsity wear pants
- Girls have own glove/bat

### **Fundraisers/Committees:**

- Sold DiBellas subs, spirit wear and had a Monte Cello's night
- Concession stand is staffed by parents at home games
- Parents sign up for 2 committees
- The service project was making blankets: 40 blankets were made and delivered to NHCO

### **Highlights:**

- Senior Recognition
- Banquet was held on 11/7/17 at Chadwick
- Great group of parents that volunteer to make season special

Girls Tennis reported by Peggy Ambrose:

Girl's tennis had a winning season. Varsity captured the WPIAL title and the PIAA Team State Championship Title. Ashley Huang captured the PIAA Singles Championship Title. Varsity ended regular season play with a 19-0 record.

We are not a fundraising team, all funds come directly from the booster fee parents make at beginning of season. This year our Varsity team had 10 players and our JV had 12. Three coaches help train our teams. The booster fee is 155 and all money goes back to players.

We have our banquet at Grazi Restaurant in Oxford Athletic Club Complex. Try ours are held in mid- August.

### **Water Polo by Georgian McClellan:**

This season we had a new Head Coach, Dan Matanovic, from Montenegro. The boy's team had 16 players and a regular season record of 14-3-1. The boys finished first at Western Conference Championships (besting their rival Cathedral Prep) to advance to States. They finished 4th at States, with four players making All-State team- Joel Songer, Drango Marjanovic, Ben Phillips and Jacob Hollo.

The girl's team had 12 players and a regular season record of 9-14. They finished second at Western Conference Championships to advance with Villa Maria Academy to States. Girls finished 7th at States where Ryley McClelland and Sarah Koehler were named to an All-State Team.

Baseline athlete fees were approximately \$700/player for the season. We held several fundraisers including Monete Cello and Chipotle nights, and hosted our Tiger Classic home

tournament. Our bank account, which has in the past held steady around \$5000, stand at \$3,300. The reduction in our account is largely due to unexpected busing costs and a decreased total number of players. Going forward, we are generally declining number due to 1.) High expense of transportation shouldered by parents and 2.) Waning support/cross over from our swimming program (which Corky historically strongly encourages)

Our banquet will be 11/19/17 and new officers will be elected as our 2 year terms are up.

**Athletic Director's Report by Bob Bozzuto:**

- Great fall season. Report on WPIAL Championships will be handed out at next meeting.
- Winter sports start on November 17th, except indoor track, it will start December 4th. Next year fall schedule will be posted end of January.
- Swimming pool issue, will take 4 days to repair. Should be ready by next November 17th for try-outs.
- Will be presenting adding turf and lights to NAI field, at next week's school board meeting,

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Katherine Graham and seconded by Trish Cloonan. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary

The next meeting will be on February 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm