

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

February 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Chairpersons Present: **Karin Monteparte** (Membership/CMS), **Dawn Fischer** (HS Scholar Athlete/Girls Basketball)

Representative Present: **Mike Mlecko**, (Cross Country), **Krista Colella** (Football), **Matt Gentile** (Ice Hockey) **Matt Lawrence** (In-line Hockey), **Kris Arnold** (Boys Lacrosse), **Paula Sansosti** (Boys Soccer), **Lori Heim** (Girls Soccer), **Jacki Herring** (Slow Pitch Softball), **Jennifer Grahor** (Swimming/Diving), **Peggy Ambrose** (Girls Tennis), **Joe Migliozi** (Track and Field)

Welcome Introduction: **Bob Bozzuto** welcomed all those in attendance. He asked all members to state their name and group and/or chair position.

November 8, 2017 Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Paula Sansosti, and seconded by Matt Lawrence. The November minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Heather Earle reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of 5,300. Treasurer's report will be on file, if anyone wants to review it.

Old Business:

- **Toys for Tots 2017 Program:** Very Successful. We were able to help a large number of families, we had assistance from Monte Cellos with gift card donations and the fundraisers. Fundraising help from Jimmy Johns and Texas Roadhouse. Thank you to members who shopped, the girls' basketball team and coach for wrapping gifts. Bob discussed that the families are identified by the principals of the schools, are kept anonymous and the families provide a "wish list" of gift ideas.
 - **Toys for Tots Chairperson-** Need to plan and fundraise all year round. Members asked for job description to seek volunteers from their sports organizations.
 - **Rename Program-** In order to clarify that program is different from National program, and that it specifically benefits the NA families. The name of "Toys for Tigers" was presented.

New Business:

- **Dates of upcoming events:**
 - Elementary Night- September 28, 2018
 - Hall of Fame- October 4, 2018
 - Homecoming- October 5, 2018

- Athletic Department Golf Outing- June 25, 2018 at the Allegheny County Club

Kennywood

- Kennywood- June 21, 2018. In school tickets sales May 30. Ticket price is \$30. Giant Eagle \$34.99 and \$48.99 at gate. To increase sales, tickets sold between from May 1-30, will receive a ticket for general admission to non-playoff sporting event at NA. These tickets will be effective for any athletic event from May 2018 - 2019 school year.
 - Discussion regarding the raffle baskets ticket sales. Paula Sansosti suggested we sell raffle tickets to NA community members, who did not buy a NA Kennywood ticket, at a higher price. Discussion about basket raffle being a fundraiser or a thank you and "non NA" members may win baskets.

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

Scholar Athlete Awards: Dawn Fischer stated that AD office is working on scholar athlete information and that ALL winter sports should have scholar athlete information for banquet.

Scholarships: Jacki Herring stated that the scholarship applications are online and due in the AD office by April 16, 2018. Please let your players know. Bob Bozzuto stressed that they MUST know what the UBO does. First round of interviews will be April 23rd. Interviews with scholarship committee will be the morning of May 1. Jacki asked for 4 non-senior parents to help with interviews. Krista Colella volunteered to be on interview committee.

Reps Reports:

The following Reports were read by their representative:

Football reported by Krista Colella:

The program includes players Middle School through Varsity. The board includes representatives from each grade, and the meetings are held throughout the season. The team had a successful season. Fees are \$325 per player receive a discount for second player (\$125) Fundraisers are car wash, program sales, and concession. Main income is fee from parents. Boosters provide team meals (pre and post-game), meals for camp, partially fund jackets, senior night, media day, banquet, team gift and senior game jersey.

Boys Soccer report by Paula Sansosti:

North Allegheny Boys' soccer has 5 teams and includes all school soccer players in grades 7-12. Open soccer clinics are available throughout the summer for interested players; tryouts for all teams are in August. Immediately following tryouts, all JV and Varsity players attend overnight training at Family First in Erie, in order to bond and prepare as a team for the upcoming season. All junior high teams (&, 8, 9) begin practices at NA immediately following tryouts. Bobby Vosmaer is the Varsity Head coach, assisted by Carlos Salgado and Lenny Muckle, JV Coach. The 2017 Varsity team, repeating for the second straight year, is the WPIAL Champion,

finishing with a record of 19-2-1. The JV team finished with 11-3-2. The junior high coaches are Alex Gianetti-9th grade, Tom Blackburn-8th grade and Dan Smyers-7th grade.

The NA Soccer Boosters Association (NABSBA) is a very involved group of parent volunteers. The 95 players and families of all 5 teams participate in NASBA. We have a great website (eteamz.com/naboyssoccer) that provides detailed information concerning activities, access to schedules, volunteer participation registration, and team expectations. Dues are twofold. 1.) A \$65 financial obligation for all players 2.) Lottery raffle tickets sales. Raffle ticket sales are based on age groups (JV/Varsity -\$70, 9th grade-\$\$%, 8th-\$35 and 7th- \$30) in total 33% of revenue is generated through dues and raffle sales. Senior players pay an additional \$40 to cover "senior extras" and families with multiple players are credited 3 lottery tickets pre extra player. The remaining 67% of revenue is generated through fundraising, car washes, restaurant promotions, spirit wear sales, game day programs, and concession stand. Additional items provided by boosters are bus snacks, senior night pizza, team dinners, senior team dinner, videos, senior posters and end of the season banquet for players and families.

On the philanthropic note, one really fun event is the combined Soccerfest/Pack the Pitch event held at the stadium every fall. It is a great day that promotes NA soccer, allows all soccer teams to support each other, and most importantly gives us the opportunity to support Ambassadors Football Pittsburgh, led by Lenny Muckle. Fundraising Basket sales and bake sales support over 300 players in urban communities. This program allows these kids to participate in academy programs, summer camps travel teams and winter programs, we also collect gently used soccer gear that is repurposed to Ambassador Players.

As with all NA sports, one of the most important accomplishments is the academic success of our players. Of the 63 9-12 grade players, 54 were scholar athletes. We are extremely proud of the players and their focus in the classroom and on the field. We are grateful for the support of the school district, which promotes overall success.

Girls Soccer by Lori Heim:

Coaches: Head Coach: Chuck Kelley, Assistant Coach / JV Coach: Melia Muckle, Assistant Coach / Middle School Coach: Alessandro Moreira, Assistant Coach: Megan Lenzi, Assistant Coach: Kelsey Schoeneweis

Players: 43 JV/V Roster girls combined
Middle School - 21 Gold, 19 Black

Tryout Process: 3 Day Tryout that includes fitness testing and skills assessment.

Practice Schedules: We practice or play throughout the season with one day off each week.

Facilities: North Park, Marshall Middle School, NASH and the Baierl Center

Fundraisers: We don't do any specific fundraisers - we make our money through concession sales. We also hold "Soccerfest" with all of the boys and girls teams.

Team Bonding: Created two murals at Paint Monkey- which we used at Senior Night and the Banquet. We also held Pasta Parties and a Team Camp.

Booster Fees: \$125 for High School, \$60 for Middle School
\$100 uniform fee that is returned the end of the season when the uniform is returned.

Banquet: Held at The Chadwick in Wexford each November

Committees: Multiple committees for parents to join:

Banquet: Wednesday evening, November 16, 2016 @ The Chadwick, Wexford

Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity, and *Middle School* teams

Description: Plans and implements banquet celebrating soccer season.

Clothing/Equipment (booster supplied): Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity

Description: design, order, and distribute supplemental clothing/equipment including new-player bags, game-day school shirts, and practice jerseys

Concessions-Football: August through December

Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity

Description: Purchase soccer-assigned concessions to stock the football concession stand; ensure volunteer slots are filled for NAGS-assigned football games (regular and post-season)

Concessions-Soccer: Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity

Description: Ensure volunteer slots are filled for Varsity and JV soccer games (regular and post-season); develop soccer-specific food items; purchase and supply soccer-specific menu items; print soccer-specific menus

Fan-base development: Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity, *Middle School teams*

Description: Plans events during soccer fest (Saturdays, 9/10/16 and 10/15/16); game-day themes; liaison for NASC and all NA schools

Fundraising: Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity

Description: Plans, coordinates and executes any needed fundraisers for the club throughout the year including: NASC winter clinics (for young kids); Restaurant dining day; Old uniform sales; any additional ideas

Game Day Needs: Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity

Description: Program design (solicits ads/graphically design program/have printed); Pre-game (warm-up tracts and National Anthem)

Middle School Team Representatives: Includes: *Middle school only*

Description: Communicate between coaches and team, coordinate team party

Photography: August through November

Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity, *Middle School* teams

Description: Coordinates team photos including senior photos;

Senior Night: @ Ponce Room, Baierl Center after game

Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity

Description: Coordinates on-field ceremony for seniors and parents recognition; Plans post-game pot-luck dinner for entire team and families; coordinate with senior parents for senior display

Statistics: August-November

Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity

Description: Takes game-day statistics for each Varsity game; writes Varsity game summary; forwards summary to web-master @ NA Athletics; enter stats into TeamSnap.

Team-Building & Community Service Activities: Includes Varsity, Junior Varsity

Description: coordinate outside volunteer opportunities for teams; team get-togethers; run homecoming parade and float activities

Girls Volleyball

Lisa Pilotta not present, will be added to next meeting agenda.

Athletic Director's Report by Bob Bozzuto:

- Winter Sports: Playoffs coming up for Boys and Girls swimming, basketball, gymnastics and ice hockey
- New 2 year PIAA Sport Cycle is out and will start 2018. New alignments.
- Fall Sport schedule will be out on website soon
 - Unsure if have Football Classic this year
- Winter sport schedule will be ready mid-March
- Spring Schedule should be ready end of April
- Capital Improvement Projects
 - Trying Turf NAI- the board is reviewing budget before approval.
 - Should know around February or March

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karin Monteparte and seconded by Dawn Fischer. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary

The next meeting will be on April 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm