

## North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

### May 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

**Chairpersons Present:** Karin Monteparte (Membership/CMS), Jacki Herring (Scholarships/Slow Pitch Softball), Janeen Atkins (Scholarships/Cheerleading), Mina Durosko (Scholar Athlete/MMS)

**Kennywood Coordinators Present:** Peggy Lehew (Kennywood Publicity)

**Representative Present:** Mike Mlecko, (Cross Country), Matt Gentile (Ice Hockey), Patti McClure (Girls' Lacrosse), Kris Arnold (Boys' Lacrosse) Trish Cloonan (Rowing), Paula Sansosti (Boys Soccer), Jennifer Grahor (Swimming/Diving), Mary Lee Kolano (Boys' Tennis) , Michelle Latta (Girls' Tennis)

**Welcome Introduction:** Georgiana Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:31pm following the UBO Scholarship Award presentation.

**April 23, 2018 Minutes:** No recommended changes proposed to minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Karin Monteparte, and seconded by Mary Lee Kolano. The April 2018 minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Heather Earle reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of 2, 150. We will generate funds with upcoming Kennywood ticket sales. Heather encouraged everyone to take advantage of ticket sales during May to get free ticket to NA sport event. Treasurer's report will be on file, if anyone wants to review it.

#### **New Business:**

Executive Board for 2018-2017 Year

- President- Georgiana Thomas
- Secretary -Bonnie Genter
- Treasurer- Peggy Lehew
- Vice President- Needs Filled- let Georgiana Thomas know if you are interested.

Motion to approve new board made by Mary Lee Kolano, seconded by Kris Arnold. The motion passed unanimously

Thank you to outgoing Board members Heather Earle and Melanie Rutan

## **Ongoing Business:**

### **NA UBO Fundraiser items-** profits go to Toys for Tiger Program

- Paw magnets- \$7.00
- Earrings-\$10.00
- Stadium Blanket- \$35.00

## **Kennywood**

- Kennywood Community Day June 21
- Kennywood Tickets on sale
  - Every Kennywood ticket purchased through May 30, will receive one ticket for NA athletic contest for 2018-2019 year.
  - In school Ticket Sales May 30, 2018
- Kennywood Baskets Raffle
  - 40-50 prizes
  - Each group donates money for the purchase of basket
  - Tina Hamm is seeking additional volunteers to wrap baskets. The date for wrapping is June 11 and 12 at 8am. If interested, please let Georgiana know.
- Need additional 2 more Ticket sellers. One person June 20, 4pm-6pm and one person for June 21, 9am-12pm
- Kennywood Publicity- Peggy Lehew has "Kennywood Day" signs for reps to place in your yard. Information will be put on digital signs soon. Reminder for reps to place posters in businesses. Discussion about having superintendent, HS Principle, student section put info on twitter.
- Other discussion- Jennifer Grahor requested that we consider changing our Kennywood day to either a Monday or Wednesday, due to swimming team meet nights. The date has already been selected for 2018-2019 year. Georgiana stated she would discuss with Kennywood, as they assign date.

**Membership** Karin Monteparte, Chair passed around the roster and asked members to update information. If you have information on reps for your group for next year, let Karin know.

**Scholar Athlete Awards:** All spring sport awards should be completed soon. The Chairperson will contact the reps when report is ready.

**Scholarships:** Jacki Herring and Janeen Atkins did a great job of sending letters to scholarship applicants, creating certificates and award program. The winners of the Georgina Thomas scholarships were Julia Puntill (Girls' Lacrosse) and Ian Young (Boys' Lacrosse) the winner of Don Vandergrift Scholarship was AJ Schmidt (Volleyball). Jackie thanked the interview committee.

**Reps Reports:** The following Reports were read by their representative:

**Baseball Report-** Summary submitted by Kristen Heckert and read by Bonnie Genter

Baseball at North Allegheny is very competitive and is a cut sport. Try-outs last several days with cuts at the end of the try-out period. The JV/Varsity team is a total of 35 players; freshman team is a total of 19 players. We have 3 middle school teams with a total of 55 players. Carson with 17, Ingomar with 20 and Marshall with 18.

Each year the season is kicked off with our opening season event, called Tiger Fest. There all of the players and parents gather for some baseball camaraderie, light snacks followed by a presentation by the Boosters and words from Coach Heck and his coaching staff.

Our Organization does have Booster dues, at various costs for each level of play. Middle school dues are \$125 freshman dues are \$190 and JV/Varsity dues are \$225. Our dues are collected to offset various expense, including North Allegheny website, 501c(3) renewal fees, bank fees, Tiger fest expenses, practice apparel, yearend party for middle school players and the banquet and year end gifts for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> players.

The Baseball banquet was held this past Sunday, May 20 at The Columbian Hall in Wexford.

The baseball boosters typically have one or two fundraisers a year. The first fundraiser was a raffle with chance to win Penguins, Pirates and Steelers Tickets and memorabilia. Our second fundraiser is going on now through the month of May which is a raffle connected to the daily number.

The Varsity Team went to Myrtle Beach, SC this year in March. They played two scrimmages and one season game at the Cal Ripken Experience Complex in Myrtle Beach. It was a great experience for the team and coaches to start the season.

Under the command of Coach Heck, The varsity team had 10 wins and 10 losses within the regular season with a section record being 4 wins and 6 losses. This clinched a team playoff berth. The Varsity team won the first round of the playoffs verses Penn Trafford at Latrobe last week, and will be playing today at 4:30 in Upper St. Clair.

This was an exciting year for North Allegheny Baseball and will graduate 11 seniors. Best of luck to the Tigers in the years to come.

Boys' Lacrosse- Kris Arnold

Boys Lacrosse has 55 players (29 JV players and 26 Varsity) and 5 coaches. Dues are \$495 which pays for coaches' salaries, helmets, uniforms, travel and banquet. Our "face off" event dinner is early in March and the committees are filled. Fundraisers are Boars' Head Ham sale and golf outing. Raise \$5-6,000. Varsity Record for regular season w-8/L-7. The banquet will be held on June 3 at Knights of Columbus.

### **Girls' Lacrosse Report**-Patti McClure

- No cuts were made this year. 50 players, players move between JV-Varsity. Record 7-9 (in 9 losses, 6 were lost by one goal) did not make the playoffs. Fairly young team, will graduate 10 seniors.

- Fundraisers- Air Fresheners- 8 packets/\$10 and received 50%. Dues are 180, covers banquet, end of year gift, shooter shirts and warm ups.
- Banquet May30, at Wildwood country Club.
- Next year, will be playing in a new section with 12 teams

### **Rowing Report**- Trish Cloonan

The Team: Rowers 14 girls (3 seniors); 14 boys (2 seniors) 2 seniors plan to row in college  
Coaches Head Coach Dj Civiletti; 4 assistant coaches

Boathouse Montour Marina, in Groveton- on Neville Island Equipment- (2) 8+; (4) 4x; (4) 2x  
(3) launches; (1) trailer (20) Ergs at NAI

The Seasons: Fall- aka Head Season Head Races are rowed “against the clock”- typically 2.5-3.0 miles. NARA competes as a “club” against both scholastic programs and clubs Regattas feature racing at the high school/youth level, collegiate, open, and masters 3 Races- Head of the Cuyahoga, Dayton Invitational, Head of the Ohio 2 Scrimmages

Winter- aka Erg Season Rowers compete individually (2,000 meters) on the Concept II Ergometer\* Categories based on weight, SR/JR/Novice, and coxswain Most Fun to Watch: The mixed relay! (3 boys, 3 girls, 1 machine) 2 Erg Races- Pittsburgh Indoor Sprints, NA Indoor Rowing Championship - NA Rowing featured for first time a Middle School Race- with t-shirts for all participants

Spring- aka Sprint Season NA Competes as a “team”- with novice, jr/sr, and lightweight categories Rowers compete on a straight 1,500 m course lined up against 5 other shells. Most Regattas are scholastic 4 Races- 3rd Manny Flick, Pittsburgh Scholastic Sprints, Midwest Champs and Stotesbury Cup -This season’s weather proved quite challenging to the team. Many days of practice lost due to high water flow. Logistical stress of moving practices to TRRA, because the Allegheny flow numbers were considerably lower than the Ohio.

The Finances: \$3,000/yr per Rower Winter training & Summer Camps Additional \$33,000 annual budget Costs: Coaching; Practice Transport; Rack Space; Equipment Maintenance; Insurance Trip Costs: Transportation; Lodging; Entry Fees Fundraising efforts- to support Equipment Purchases Fundraising goal: \$20,000- Erg Race, Hoagies, Lottery The Future: - Learn to Row days-- June 2!! -Summer camps- June 25-29, August 6-10 & August 13-17 \*Ergs are available for rent for the summer!!

### **Softball Report** - Summary submitted by Dia McVay and read by Bonnie Genter

We had 58 girls participate in the spring season with 18 girls on varsity and 12 on JV, several of whom played up or down as needed throughout the season. There were also 28 girls on the two junior high (7-8th grade) teams who, after a rainy start to the season, were able to play a

full schedule of games.

Varsity started the season in March with spring training in Disney and the season wrapped up last night with a tough loss to Norwin in the WPIAL quarterfinals. Our banquet was held on May 6th and we are graduating 4 seniors this year who were recognized before our home game in May 2nd.

The high school girls hosted two clinics in January for girls in grades K-8 and a portion of the proceeds were donated to Thon. The team also made a donation to Wolf Haven International in memory of Mrs. Meister.

### **Boys' Tennis Report**- Mary Lee Kolano

The Tigers Boys Tennis Team recorded an overall mark of 10-3, including 7-0 in Section 2 play and 2-1 in WPIAL playoff action. They captured their 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive section title and their 14<sup>th</sup> in the past 15 years. Highlights of the regular season included wins over Hampton to clinch the section championship along with rival Upper St. Clair to close out the campaign. Playoff wins over Central Catholic and Upper St. Clair paved the way for a trip to the WPIAL Semi-Finals, where the Tigers lost to the two-time defending champions, Fox Chapel. In individual play, senior **Ivan Voinov** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Section 2 Singles championship and reached the quarterfinals of the WPIAL Championship. In doubles play, seniors **Voinov** and **Richard Hofmann** finished second in Section 2 play but reached the semi-finals of the WPIAL Championship, where they lost to the eventual champions, Shady Side Academy.

The team is losing four seniors, **Mark Chuirazzi**, **Richard Hofmann**, **Reed Stasko** and **Ivan Voinov**. The Varsity fielded 8 players this season and the Junior Varsity had 11 participants. Returning Varsity players for 2019 include Mark Chuirazzi, Jerry Huang, Rohan Cowlagi and Sanjit Beriwal. Outstanding talent from the Junior Varsity will fill in the remaining slots.

### **Track& Field Report**- Patti McClure

Boys WPIAL first place, girls runner ups.

Boy and Girls National ranked players. Leave Thursday, 19 players going to go to state finals.

### **Boys Volleyball Report**- Kerry Beck

President: Robert Beck

Treasurer: Cathy Mendes

UBO Representative: Kerry Beck

#### **Teams**

- JV has 13 boys, 3 sophomores, 10 freshman
- Varsity has 15 boys, 8 Seniors and 7 Juniors
- We lost 8 seniors las year

- We have summer, fall and winter rec that continues to grow the program along with Pittsburgh VB Club

#### Results so far( we are still in season)

- JV lost 3 games this season
- Varsity is undefeated so far going into Semi Finals tonight; in fact they have not lost a set in any match

#### Booster Fees/Uniforms/Biggest Expenses

- Booster Fees are \$225 per player, we did not increase from last year
- Uniforms are provided each year
- Uniforms, York Tournament (transportation & Hotel) and Banquet are the major expenses

#### Fundraisers

- We sold Hoagies, player pack fundraiser, Chipotle Night and tickets to Comedy Night out for the parents
- Concession stand is staffed by parents for regular games, playoffs and tournament with at least two shifts required for home games.
- Hosted the annual NA invitational Volleyball Tournament, with matches at NASH and Baierl Center
- 50/50 raffle

#### Communication

- Email and text is the constant source of information along with NA Volleyball Twitter Account and NA Athletic Department's website.

#### Highlights

- Senior Night was last home match with North Hills on May 10<sup>th</sup> with a post-game pizza party. North Hills' seniors were recognized and given snack bags.
- There were two pasta party's hosted by parents to kick off the season, one for JV and one for Varsity
- Banquet is set for June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Camelot
- Currently in WPIAL Semifinals today with Finals this Thursday, top 3 teams go to State

#### **Girls Basketball Report-** submitted by Dawn Fischer and read by Bonnie Genter

The Girls' basketball program consists of a JV and Varsity team made up of 20 players. Open gyms occur throughout the summer months and tryouts occur in November. We begin the booster season the weekend after tryouts with a luncheon to welcome all players and families to the program. It is a good introduction of the coaches, players and board members and we use the opportunity to discuss plans for the year, solicit chairpersons for special events or to solicit volunteers for many of our different activities that require them. Booster fees and paperwork are all collected at this event and we try to incorporate any spirit wear clothing we are selling so items are ordered early so families have them for the start of the season.

Booster fees are \$100/player but we have been able to waive those fees the last two years due to fundraising efforts by the booster families. Some of our fundraisers include a two- month lottery calendar that is shared with the boys' basketball program. Our program receives 500

tickets to be split amongst our players. The fees for the lottery calendar are paid up front but if sold, all monies collected by the families can then be kept so they don't incur any additional fees. Our other fundraising efforts this year included a fall shootout and pre-season and holiday tournaments where we can host the concession stand for much larger crowds than we typically have during our season.

Our varsity program won WPIALS for the second straight season and finished the year 28-1, losing in the state semifinals by 3.

The boosters provide away game meals, warm up shirts for the team designed by the senior players with their slogan for the season, Senior night posters and gifts and WPIAL championship shirts the past two years for all players, coaches, our trainer and our team manager and we purchased new warmup sweat suits this year and they are typically purchased every two years for the team and we supplement with new sweat suits for any new players in between. We host a NABA night and a Middle school player recognition night during the season. Both events serve as a thank you for their participation in a girls' basketball program and help us have a fuller gym on the night of the event so we try to plan for a good matchup team. We typically give each of the players a snack at halftime after their recognition has finished.

We held our banquet at the Chadwick at the end of March. This is the first time we have used that venue and was a very nice atmosphere for the size of our team.

The middle school teams changed seasons this year for the first time to coincide with our schedule. Those players and their families were invited to our tipoff luncheon at the start of the season. We had low attendance due to the quick turnaround from tryouts to the date. We are hoping to get information out to them sooner this year about the date to have better attendance. We are looking for additional ways to have the middle school programs involved more with our high school program.

### **Athletic Director Report- presented by Patti McClure:**

- Spring post season, all teams except softball and girls lacrosse are in playoffs
- TribLive (formerly called MSA Cup) - NA should win. This is based on number of championship teams. NA has won for the past 15 years.
- Capital Improvement Projects-
  - Have received approval for NAI to be completely turfed, lights, new dug-outs and track. Fencing is under negotiation.
  - Undetermined if Varsity team will play on field, based on fence height
  - This will open up more fields for practices
- NASH baseball/Softball Fields getting (2) bathrooms and (2) press boxes
  - Building construction donated
  - NA district paying for sewage
- Site for fall sport registration open June 1st, nothing changed, participation fee same
  - Concussion testing coming up for 7, 9, and 11th grade baseline.

- Physical need to be after June 1st
- Summer Rec- Less sports being offered this year- \$70
- Just 4 Girls Camp and Just 4 Boys Camp- weeklong camp to introduce sports to students in grades 2-8
  - Each sport have a few hours to introduce their sport, players get to help with drills
- All 2018-2019 sport schedules should be on website

Georgiana thanked everyone for their hard work this year. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Janeen Atkins and seconded by Karin Monteparte. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Next Meeting September 12, 2018 @ 7:00pm

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary