

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: **Bonnie Genter** (Secretary/Field Hockey), **Peggy Lehew** (Treasurer)

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

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

Representative Present: **Barb Liwosz** (Band) **Molly Wetmore** (Band/ Slow-Pitch), **Gregg Hartung** (Baseball), **Danelle Tyler** (Bowling), **Jill Dougherty** (Cheerleading), **Mike Mlecko** (Cross Country), **Bernard Caputo** (Football), **Mark Wrigley** (Girls Golf), **Lynette McConnell** (Gymnastics), **Mike Gentile** (Ice Hockey) **Matt Lawrence** (In-line Hockey), **Kris Arnold** (Boys Lacrosse), **Susan Schupansky** (Girls Soccer), **Mary Lee Kolano** (Boy's Tennis) **Denise Benko** (Track and Field), **Paul Constantakis** (Boys Volleyball), **Michelle Seaman** (Girls Volleyball), **Courtney Halle** (Water Polo), **Liz Schaffer** (Wrestling)

Welcome Introduction: Bob Bozzuto welcomed all those in attendance to the UBO meeting. Bob asked all member to state their name and group and/or chair position.

September 18, 2018 Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Matthew Lawrence, and seconded by Molly Wetmore. The September minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Peggy Lehew reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of \$7176.47. Treasurer's report will be on file if anyone wants to review.

Old Business:

Vice President Position- Bob encouraged someone to consider being on the executive board. Please see Georgiana if interested.

New Business:

Kennywood Sign Up:

Every sport group is expected to volunteer in this fundraiser. Bob stated if you do not sign up, you will be assigned. Need Coordinator and volunteers.

Listed below are volunteer positions:

Yard Signs-Place "In-School Ticket Sale" sign, one week before Kennywood sales. When sale day over, need to remove this sign and place the date sign. Peggy will pick up signs after Kennywood.

Coordinator: Peg Lehew (Treasurer)

- NASH- Peg Lehew (Treasurer)
- HES/PES-Greg Hartung-Baseball
- IES/IMS/FES- Michelle Seaman- Girls Volleyball
- NAI/CMS/MES Liz Shaffer- Wrestling
- BWE/MMS/MES - Mike Mlecko- Cross Country

Ticket Sales- Tickets are sold in AD office after "in-school sales" are complete. We need volunteer to sell tickets day before Kennywood and Morning of Kennywood.

Coordinator: OPEN

June 19

10am-12pm

- Mary Lee Kolano-Boys Tennis
- Jill Dougherty-Cheerleading

12pm -2pm

- OPEN
- OPEN

2pm-4pm

- Mike Gentile- Ice Hockey
- OPEN

4pm-6pm

- Courtney Halle- Water Polo
- OPEN

June 20

9am-12pm

- Lynnette McConnell- Girls Gymnastics
- OPEN

Basket- Wrapping raffle basket. The volunteers/coordinator can set dates. Probably be end of May early June.

Basket Wrapping

Coordinator- Jen Grahor (Swimming/Diving)

- Molly Wetmore-Band
- Barb Liwosz- Band

Informative Envelopes: Deliver envelopes stuffed with Maps/Kennywood information to one school, at start of ticket sales, and picked up at another school at completion of sales. Need to be available in day on May 23

Coordinator: OPEN

- Denise Benko- Track and Field
- Susan Schupansky- Girls Soccer

NA Toys for Tigers:

- Currently fundraising efforts are following short of goal of \$1500.

- This program benefits NA families that need assistance during holidays. Central provides ages/gender and "wish list", no names are revealed. UBO was able to provide gifts for all schools last year by fundraising approximately 1,900.
- November 20th is the last Monte Cello's fundraising nights. We will earn 25 percent profit all items sold during fundraising date and 100 percent earned goes directly to our Toys for Tigers Program. PLEASE encourage your groups to attend/purchase gift cards this night.
- Other fundraising efforts include NA items for sale.
- Suggestions from members for further fundraising included: asking individual sports groups for donations at banquet (checks can be written to NAUBO with Toys for Tigers in memo line), possibly using some of sport groups donation to UBO, perhaps schools can do "Hat Day" fundraiser, having a separate raffle at Kennywood to fundraise for Toys for Tigers (NA Painted cooler) a few groups expressed interest in shopping/sponsoring a family/child. If interested in shopping, let Bob know ASAP.
- Bob will have items for sale, old jerseys and possibly some new. Will have items on sale at Senior high school during lunch on November 29, 20 and possibly Dec 1 in the Baierl Center. Profits will go to Toys for Tigers.

Fundraising Items for Sale- Tiger Paw magnets (\$7), earrings (\$10) and stadium blanket (\$35), portable field chair (\$20.00.) Portion of money made goes to Toys 4 Tots and a portion to budget. All items available for purchase at this meeting, at we are open to direct donations to Toys for Tigers. Checks can be written to NAUBO.

Ongoing Committees:

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

Scholar Athlete Awards:

- Chairpersons, Kathy Egnaczyk and Dawn Fischer handed out the shirts and certificates to fall sport representatives.
- Kathy reminded representatives that the shirt size is based on Family ID and cannot be exchanged, but please let chairperson if there is an error on a certificate.
- Bob shared that the Scholar Athlete report will be sent out soon. He is happy to report that there was an average High School GPA 3.88.

Athletic Director Report:

Bob Bozzuto thanked reps participating and reported:

- Great fall season- 7 teams WPIAL wins, 3 state Titles (Girls' Volleyball is scheduled to play in state championship)
- Winter sports start Friday November 16th.
- Poor weather condition- Early morning practices are voluntary. If the road conditions are bad, there will be no penalty for staying home. This is the same with Sunday practices. If school is cancelled, the coaches will be notified, by noon, if they can practice or not.
 - There are some changes to boys and girls basketball schedule, listed on website.

- Tiger Thon- working hard for pediatric cancer. There will be a kickball game on Sunday, November 18th at Newman Stadium.
- Cash Pass has been delayed. It is a way to contribute to a program. You download an app, and can fundraise for a program. You may get a phone call regarding. It is a way to raise money for a certain sport. You will be getting information regarding this in the future.

Reps Reports:

The following Reports were read by their representative:

Band: (Barb Liwosz)

The NA Band has 268 Members. The only members required to tryout are Percussion, Color Guard and Dance, these tryouts are held the previous spring. Season lasts the duration of football season. Post season includes sporadic rehearsals in preparation for the spring trip. All awards are done within the section or by the directors. The fees associated with Marching Band are \$250 plus a \$50 participation fee. Indoor percussion has additional fee of \$450.00. There are several fundraisers: dinners at various restaurants, 50/50, band hosted regional band festival, donations for Halloween parade (most cancelled due to weather) and a variety of other. Banquet planned for May, but nothing scheduled.

Cross Country (Mike Mlecko)

Cross country is a no cut sport. There were 192 athletes on the boys and girls team this year. Both teams are coached by John Neff and assistants Eric Robertson, Tad Thayer, Jeremy Sabo, and Lisa Wheeler. Booster dues are \$125 dollars per athlete with a \$25 discount for a second athlete from the same family. In addition, the boosters had three fund raising events at Stacked, Emporio's and Chipolte. Each was very successful and fairly easy for all involved. Most of the parents were thankful that they included take-out orders as well as dine in. The teams' service project is Soles to Souls where gently used shoes are donated to underprivileged people. This year was the most successful shoe drive yet and collected over 4,000 pairs of shoes. All of the athletes run in all the meets except for WPIAL, PIAA and PIAA foundation invitational where only the top runners compete.

The teams themselves are having a historic year. Neither the boys or girls team have lost in Pennsylvania this year. They both won WPIALs; the first time the boys and girls won in the same year since 1997. The boys were led by individual champion junior, Dan McGoey. The girls placed 5 runners in the top 13 to easily win the championship. They then accomplished a first in the AAA classification. They are the first teams from the same to school to win PIAA XC championships in the same year. The boys were led by a 2, 3 finish from senior Zach Kinne and junior Dan McGoey. The girls were led by three individual medalists Hannah Lindergeren 4th, Keeley Mituskalka 12th, and freshmen Rachel Hockenberry 16th. Due to their success at states, both the boys and girls varsity teams elected to run independently at the Nike Regional meet 11/24 in New York. They will compete as the Wexford Flats for a chance to go to the National XC Championship in Portland the following week.

This year, the banquet and senior night were combined into one Recognition Night. The event occurred at NASH after the TSCA Invitational which is the last meet where everyone

runs. Over 85% of the athletes attended with a total of 375 attendees including family members.

Field Hockey (Bonnie Genter)

NA Field Hockey team has started the season with 32 girls on JV and Varsity. Plus one middle school team. The teams are coached by Trish Herbert, and 4 assistant coaches.

The team finished the season with 10-7-1 overall including section and non-section games. The team fought hard against Pine Richland during the WPIAL playoff game, they played double OT and lost in a shoot-out.

Dues and travel were Varsity 285, JV 210 and Middle school \$50, plus 200 concession fee. If parents work their mandated 3 field hockey games and 1 football game then the 200 is refunded. The fees pay for coach training, warm ups, bus fees, meals, hotel, senior night, banquets, and gifts. The team traveled to Ohio twice for tournaments and once to Palmyra for an overnigher and tournament. Fundraisers include concession stand sales, car wash and comedy night. The comedy night was a new fundraiser, and the team made 1000 in one evening. Apparently easy to plan and run and was a fun night out. Our banquet will be on November 16th at Wildwood Country Club.

Discounted banquet cost for teams 25/per person and 12.50 under 12

The girls are encouraged to train year round. The off season activities include: Winter Indoor 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 fifth year the boosters and coaches are offering developmental programs for age's k-12. This introduces girls to the sport at a younger age and this benefits the team by building a stronger middle/high school program. Information can be found on NA athletic website, elementary eblasts and middle school announcements. 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.

Girl's Golf (Mark Wrigley)

Successful season with 3 WPIAL wins in row. Most significant event is losing head coach, due to a move. Looking for new replacement. Assistant Coach will hopefully continue. There are 7 girls on Varsity, and 7 JV. Losing 2 seniors. Had banquet at Diamond Run Gold Club, nice event. Great group of girls.

Slow Pitch Softball (Molly Wetmore)

This year was a transition year, with a 2 new coaches. It was overall a good season. Some teams brought a challenge- Plum, WPIAL Champions, was one of them. The girls played hard and had a great time. Have banquet scheduled for next week at Chadwick. Had a large number of

girls try out for middle school team, but not enough for 2 teams. Coaches created 3 rotating groups to keep girl playing. The team hosted a successful elementary day on senior day. There were 16-17 elementary girls that came out to watch. Booster fees are \$100 with no fundraisers due to surplus from previous year.

Water Polo (Courtney Halle)

Increased players on boys and girls teams from 2017. Boys had 21 on team and girls had 16. There are 10 players graduating. Boys had a good season with overall 16-5 and 3rd place finish in state championship. 6 players were named All-State recipients. Boys' team finished first at the Western Conference Championship. The girls had a regular season 16-15. They went on to finish 6th overall. 4 players were named All-State players and one freshman player was named the States co-rookie of the year. Fees are \$780 per player. Most tournaments are in eastern PA, and the players are required to travel. Fundraisers include Monte Cello's, Chipotle, Tiger tournament. The team continues to combat declining numbers, due to high cost of playing/travel. There are some crossover from swimming. Have a recreational club feeder program. Banquet next week Blueberry Park

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Courtney Halle and seconded by Danelle Tyler. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Next meeting February 13, 2019

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary