

# North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

## February 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:** **Georgiana Thomas** (President/Scholar Athlete Coordinator/Website Chair), **Bonnie Genter** (Secretary/Field Hockey), **Peggy Lehew** (Treasurer)

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

**Representative Present:** **Leslie Watson** (Girls' Basketball) **Jennifer Jordan** (Boys and Girls' Bowling), **Mike Mlecko** (Cross Country), **Bernard Caputo** (Football), **Mike Gentile** (Ice Hockey) **Matt Lawrence** (In-line Hockey), **John Arnold** (Boys' Lacrosse), **Paula Sansosti** (Boys' Soccer), **Susan Schupansky** (Girls' Soccer), **Kristi Campsie** (Softball), **Jacki Herring** (Slow Pitch Softball), **Mary Lee Kolano** (Boy's Tennis), **Denise Benko** (Track and Field), **Paul Constantakis** (Boys' Volleyball), **Michelle Seaman** (Girls' Volleyball)

**Welcome Introduction:** Georgiana welcomed all those in attendance to the UBO meeting. Each member introduced themselves, stated their name and group and/or chair position.

**November 14, 2018 Minutes:** No recommended changes proposed to minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Paula Sansosti, and seconded by Mike Mlecko. The November minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Peggy Lehew reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of \$6473.83. Treasurer's report will be on file if anyone wants to review.

### **Old Business:**

**Toys for Tigers:** Georgiana reviewed tiger donations, profit from sales, and fundraising profits. Thank you to all of the groups and individuals who donated. We were able to provide gift to 40 NA students with gifts. (Each student received 100 worth of gifts). In addition Boys' Lacrosse purchased gift for 1 student and Girls' Basketball for 2 student. The AD office also purchased for 9 additional students, not included in these numbers.

### **Ongoing Committees**

#### **Kennywood**

- **Kennywood Assignments-** Each group is responsible for volunteering for a Kennywood committee. An additional assignment was added: Thank you notes for basket raffle donation. Need 3 individuals for this task. The sign up was passed around.
- **Kennywood Flyer**
  - First draft of Kennywood flyer was presented. No changes were recommended by members. Please be aware that this is a DRAT, do not distribute or share.
  - Ticket cost \$33.00 GE selling tickets for 47.99, Gate prices 49.99/54.99
  - NA will be positioned in new Pavilion at Kennywood.

**Membership:** The roster was passed around and members were asked to update information

**Ongoing Committees:**

**Scholar Athlete Awards:**

- Recently received grades, working on winter Scholar Athlete Awards. Winter sports should have in time for banquet.
- Once complete, the chairperson will contact you to pick up items and summary sheet will be provided.
- Bob shared that the Winter Scholar Athlete report will be sent out soon. He is happy to report that 30 out of 32 teams qualified for team awards.

**Scholarships:** Jacki Herring stated that the scholarship applications are available on UBO website and due in the AD office, in UBO mailbox by April 12, 2018. Please let your players know. Bob Bozzuto stressed that they MUST know what the UBO does. Students often confuse their booster groups with UBO. Interviews with scholarship committee will be the morning of April 24th. Jacki asked for 4 non-senior parents, with clearances, to help with interviews. Mike Gentile, Paula Sansosti, Peg Lehew and Leslie Watson volunteered to be on interview committee.

**Reps Reports:**

The following Reports were read by their representative:

**Boys' Golf**

Bob Dopkosky was not present boys golf will be added to next meeting agenda.

**Girl's Tennis**

Alicia Anton was not present boys golf will be added to next meeting agenda.

**Football** reported by Bernie Caputo

**Dues:** \$325.00/year plus 2-3 work shifts (opt out)

Use Team Snap for registration:

- Approximately 75 member families
- Granted 5 hardships – no fees
- 5 families declined to participate

**Fundraisers:** Car wash

Other revenue sources: Concession stand on Friday night (far side)

50/50 and Program sales

**Expenses:** Food including camp meals, and pre-game and post-Game meals for away games (no one is excluded);

HUDL- communications between coaches and players, game film, highlight films for players;

Banquet and programs;

Letterman jackets for juniors in good standing;

Coaches clinics and camps;

Website fee \$1800/year, which is more than double than any other sport.

Scholarships: Scholar athlete, MVP, two random.

Community Service: Woodlands

**Boys' Soccer** reported 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. Bobby Vosmaer is the Varsity Head coach, assisted by Carlos Salgado and Lenny Muckle, JV Coach. 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/naboysoccer](http://eteamz.com/naboysoccer)) that provides detailed information concerning activities, access to schedules, volunteer participation registration, and team expectations. Dues are two-fold. 1.) A \$65 membership fee for all grades. 2.) Lottery raffle tickets sales. Raffle ticket sales are based on age groups (JV/Varsity -\$70, 9th grade-\$45, 8th-\$35 and 7th- \$30). Senior players pay an additional \$40 to cover "senior extras" and families with multiple players are credited 3 lottery tickets pre extra player. 2/3 revenue is generated through fundraising, car washes, restaurant promotions, spirit wear sales, game day programs, concession stand, and casino night. Additional items provided by boosters are subsidize JV/Varsity team camp (3 nights at Edinboro University), bus snacks, senior night pizza, team dinners, senior team dinner, videos, senior posters and end of the season banquet for all players and families.

Highlight of season is the combined Soccer fest/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. Through soccer fest, boys' soccer team funds \$1,000-\$1,500 annually to this program. These funds help 300 players in urban communities to participate in academy programs, summer camps travel teams and winter programs, and 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 40 JV/Varsity players, 36 were scholar athletes. We are extremely proud of the players and their focus in the classroom and on the field.

**Girls' Soccer** reported by Susan Schupansky

Coaches Head: Chuck Kelley assistant coaches Assistant Coaches - Alessandro Moreira, Melia Major, and Kelsey Schoeneweis. Boosters encompass Middle school through JV/Varsity. Have 4 teams. 45 players on JV/Varsity- no division. Try outs and cuts made in August. Summer sessions 2 times per week, also optional strength training session. Following tryouts, players attend team camp, (Edinboro University). Team stats, 10-5-1 and 8-3-1 in section. Third place in section. Booster fees are \$125. Concession stand is the only fundraiser. Parents are required to work concession 1/2 football game, and 2 soccer games. Middle school players are ball girls. Booster board elections will happen February 28th. Boosters pay for team gift, which were boathouse jackets. Use Team Snap for payments. Banquet held at Chadwick. There are winter/summer sessions available to players. Many players also help volunteer coach younger players. 8 girls named to Big 56 Conference All section Team and 5 girls Western PA girls' coaches All State team. Team was invited to state capital and recognized. Great experience!

## **Girls Volleyball** presented by Michelle Seaman

During summer players attend summer rec. for 4-8 grade, with High school player's volunteer coach. This leads up to 3 day try-outs. 10 girls cut. JV team has 14 players with 2 crossovers, and Varsity has 16 players. Dues- 65 and parents required to volunteer for 2 games. 2 fundraisers, a carwash (made 1300) and NA Invitational. 18 teams invited and parents worked. Made \$3,200. Boosters provide gift and banquet. Team was back to back Quad A State Champions with 23-0 record. They have a 47 match win streak.

**Fundraising Items for Sale-** Tiger Paw magnets (\$7), earrings (\$10) and stadium blanket (\$35), portable field chair (\$20.00.) Profits go toward Toys for Tigers. 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.

## **Athletic Director Report:**

Bob Bozzuto thanked reps participating and reported:

- Winter sports, 78 percent of high school student athletes qualified for scholar athlete 3.4 and higher, average GPA 3.82. All 13 teams qualified for team award. At junior High, 70% of athletes qualified for scholar athlete 3.4 and up. Average QPA 3.6 Overall 75% all student qualified, with average QPA 3.74.
- Winter sports are ending and March 4 begins Spring Sports. Schedules for spring are on website. Remember, there will be changes based on weather.
- PIAA new rule -10 day rule. Cannot play on teams with more than 1 player, such as club or tournaments, or this will effect eligibility.
- Fall sport schedule will be on website in a few weeks, winter at end of March, and Spring April-May. All schedules will be out at the end of May.
- Winter sports start Friday November 16th.
- The AD office is offering a new fundraising option for teams-NA Cash Pass. It is a way to raise funds for your group. Individuals download the app. (there are 240 different stores/restaurants) and every time someone, in your group, uses the app to pay a bill, your sport groups gets revenue. The individual using the app also gets saving. There is donation fee to get the app, your group gets the donated money. There is a small fee. In addition, Every time someone uses app, your team will get the "click" revenue. It is a way to raise money for you sport. This has been presented at the Booster Presidents meeting.
- A few upcoming Capital Improvements:
  - Irrigation for fields at Marshall Middle fields
  - Bathrooms at baseball/softball fields will be started soon
  - NAI Turf Project- bid are in and the school board will vote Feb. 27. Possible partial or all project. New Main field/baseball/softball and lights. This will allow practices to be done by 7:30. Currently practices go until 10pm.
  - Wall mats at high school

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jennifer Jordan and seconded by Paula Sansosti. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Next meeting April 9, 2019

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary