

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

April 09, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: **Georgiana Thomas** (President/Scholar Athlete Coordinator/Website Chair), **Patti McClure** (Vice President/ Girl's Lacrosse), **Bonnie Genter** (Secretary/Field Hockey), **Peggy Lehew** (Treasurer/Kennywood Publicity)

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

Chairpersons Present: **Karin Monteparte** (Membership/CMS), **Dawn Fischer** (HS Scholar Athlete/Girls Basketball), **Kristen Heckert** (IMS Scholar Athlete/IMS), **Jacki Herring** (Scholarships/Slow Pitch)

Representative Present: **Barb Liwosz** (Band), **Gregg Hartung** (Baseball), Jen Jordan (Boys/Girls Bowling), **Jill Dougherty** (Cheerleading) , **Mike Mlecko**,(Cross Country), **Lynnette McConnell** (Gymnastics), **John Arnold** (Boys Lacrosse), **Peggy Lehew** (Boys' Soccer), **Kristine Campsie** (Softball), **Jennifer Grahor** (Swimming/Diving), **Denise Benko** (Track and Field), **Jane Wright** (NASH)

Welcome Introduction: Georgiana welcomed all those in attendance. She asked all members to state their name and group and/or chair position.

February 13, 2019 Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Denise Benko, and seconded by Mike Mlecko. The February minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Peggy reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of 6,504.83. Treasurer's report will be on file, if anyone wants to review it.

NA Spectator Chairs: Available for sale. Chairs are \$20 each. You will receive a ticket to non- WPIAL athletic event with any chair purchased from now until May 15, 2019

May Meeting: You will soon be receiving an invitation for the May meeting. This meeting starts at 6:30 with awarding the UBO scholarship winners and refreshments. The meeting then begins at 7pm. Please RSVP to Karin so we can have accurate count for refreshments.

Fundraising/ email requests: Please send Georgiana and Bob Bozzuto any emails that you would like to be distribute to UBO Membership. These need approved before they can be sent. Some items cannot be distributed.

Ongoing Business:

Kennywood:

- June 20th is date
- In-school ticket sales date is May 23rd
- Kennywood Posters were distributed. Please place in public location- let Georgiana know where you hang

- Assignment- almost all filled, thank you. If you signed up for a committee, the coordinator will be in touch with you.
- There will be a new flyer emailed to you, please forward to your groups.

Membership: Karin Monteparte, Chair asked members to update information on roster at sign in desk.

Scholar Athletes: Spring Sport Awards will be based on third nine weeks grades. Info should be available soon and most groups should have info for banquet. Please let Georgiana know your banquet date.

Scholarships: Jackie reported that scholarship applications are due in UBO mailbox by Friday April 12- please remind your seniors. Gregg Hartung volunteered to be alternate interviewer. Interview date is April 24th (8am-1pm) please remind seniors they MUST know who UBO is and what they do.

Reps Reports:

Girls Basketball Leslie Watson not present, will be added to May meeting.

Bowling reported by Jen Jordan

- Intramural Season – October/November (Open to all interested students 9-12. Some middle school students have participated. Occur on Monday's and Wednesday's. Tryouts happen at the end of the Intramurals.
- Regular Season – November through February. Typically Practice on Monday with matches on Wednesday. Number of Boys-15, Number of Girls- 5
- Final Records for both Teams
- Boys Tied for 1st place in section with a record of 7-1
- Girls 4th place in section with finishing at 5-5
- Notable items:
 - There are 52 teams in the WPIBL (Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Bowling League). They are not divided up by school size, but are divided into sections based on location. We compete against Butler, Mars, Seneca Valley, and Shaler.
 - The Boys Team qualified for WPIBL Team Championships, the top 16 teams are invited. Finished in 2nd place behind Franklin Regional. Lost last two game by 1 pin each.
 - Two girls qualified for the WPIBL Individual Championships. (74 of the top bowlers in the WPIBL) and the PA Western Regionals. Julia Jorden finished in 13th place missing states by 4 pins.
 - Four boys qualified for WPIBL Individuals and all four also qualified for Regionals. Highest qualifier from NA was Dylan Scheidler finished in 25th.
 - The Boys Team then moved on to the Pennsylvania State Western Regional competing with the top 18 schools from the entire Western side of Pennsylvania. They finished in 8th place, only top 6 move onto States.
 - Graduating Seniors: Alex Cook and Ben Steffey

- High Game: Jeb Jordan; out of the 327 games bowled at WPIBL Championships, Jeb had the highest game of the day, 256.
- High Series: Dylan Scheidler 659; approximately 220 per game
- High Game and Series: Julia Jordan; 227 at Regionals and 602 series during the season

Banquet date: Sunday, April 14th at Perry Park Lanes – Pizza and Bowling, Awards presentation.

Cheerleading presented by Jill Dougherty

- Cheerleading tryouts occur around the first week of May. They run three days with
- The tryout on the fourth day. Open gyms are held through March and April on
- Mondays for individuals to come and practice tumbling and stunting.
- We have three high school squads.
 - Varsity consists of 28 girls, (7 seniors, 5 juniors, 11 sophomores and 5 freshman).
 - JV has 20 girls and freshman squad has 15 girls.
- Our dues are \$200 for high school level and 80\$ at the middle school level.
- We start off and running in May! In June we hold our annual Cheer mini- camp for Individuals from K- 8 th grade. The camp is held the first week school is out from 9-12 at NAI. This is our biggest fundraiser.
- Other fundraisers we do are the selling of the
 - District T-shirts (i.e. White Out or Black Out- although this year we are going to sell
 - Gold T – shirts for the Gold Rush). In addition this year we sold Save Around
 - Booklets.

The girls begin the year getting ready for football season. When the Fall Sports schedule comes around in August we typically begin with a two-day UCA camp. The girls then have practice approximately 2 days a week with the Varsity cheering both Home and Away Friday night games and the other squads just cheering home games.

During Tryouts a competition team is also chosen. The Varsity Comp team consisted of 20 girls. They practice another two days a week on top of the Game Day practices.

We also have a JV comp team, which is a no –cut, and consisted of 26 girls this year.

The comp team competes at 3 local competitions and then if they make a certain standing at the WPIAL they move on to States, held at Hershey PA. The team placed 4 th in the Varsity Large Division this year. The last completion is held in Florida at Disney. The girls do a Zroni roll fundraiser to raise money. During the competition season the girls are also cheering both Boys and Girls Basketball games. During the Holiday season the girls collected money for the UBO Toys for Tigers. Along with the never-ending Cheerleading season many girls are Scholar Athletes and involved in various other activities.

Gymnastics reported by Lynnette McConnell

- The program includes 9 high school gymnasts.
- There is one meeting prior to the season. Booster fees are \$125. They did not fundraise this year. We have a pasta night for team bonding.
- The girls placed 4 th as a team at WPIALS. At individual WPIALS, Reyna Garvey placed in all events and second All-Around. Jenna McConnell placed 4 th on Bars.

- They had one senior (Logan Falk) this year. Their banquet was held March 31 st at Andora.

Swimming and Diving reported by Jennifer Grahor

The NA Swimming and Diving team is comprised of students in grades 9-12. Coaches for swimming are Patrick Wenzel, Brittany Glass and Jordan Langué. The coaches for Diving are Patty McClure and Brian Wright.

Practice is held Mon. -Sat. during the winter season, both after and before school at NASH. The HS team also practices in the off season with the Allegheny North Swim Club (ANSC) from April –October. Summer practices are held in the morning at North Park.

Tryouts are held in early-mid November over several days of assessment. The 2019-20 roster, included 26 males and 31 females. 3 male divers and 9 female divers did not make the team. For swimming, 4 females and 7 males that tried out did not make the team. The Boys team roster this year was 26 swimmers and divers. The girl's roster was 31. There are 16 seniors graduating this year and several are going to swim in college. Of the 16 seniors, 6 have committed to swim in college and another 5 are also planning to swim but haven't committed yet.

The swimming and diving team has a very committed group of parent volunteers. They do everything from running our meets through set-up & take-down and timing all events, finance, take food orders for away meet, organize snacks for away meets, make reservations for travel meets and organize social events, to name a few.

The swimming & diving team does not hold fundraisers. Parents pay out of pocket for their child's expenses. Money is raised through concessions during dual meets and some basketball games as well as 50/50 raffles. This money is used to offset the cost of the banquet and to pay for Coaches/Swimmer gifts. The banquet was held at the Chadwick in Wexford on March 22th .Each swimmer/diver is expected to pay \$100 for a Booster Fee and money toward an Activity Escrow Fee. For returning diver's, the escrow fee is \$90 & for new diver's if \$170. For returning swimmers, the Escrow was \$300. Incoming swimmer's pay \$390 toward the Escrow. This fee included a warm-up suit for all new members. The Escrow Fee is used for meals before away meets and travel meets. Each swimmer/diver gets to order personally. Basically, each swimmer/diver's escrow money goes into a personal account. At that the end of the season, expenses not used by the swimmer/diver is returned. Some swimmers/divers, depending on how much they ate and their travel expenses to the State meet, may own money at the end of the season. There are a few "optional" expenses that are not included in the Booster/Escrow fee, such as an NA Swim Parka, "Fast" Suits, goggles etc. Depending on what a swimmer decides is necessary for their success, extra suits/goggles may add several hundred dollars to their expenses. In addition to their WPIAL schedule this year, the team attended an Invitational at Bucknell University and the All-American Invitational in Willes-Barre. The team also hosts "Last Ditch" at NASH. This is a meet where teams from area schools come to get one last chance to make a WPIAL cut. It is a fun experience for all since no team scores are kept. This year, the NA Swimming & Diving team had many successes. Both the girls and boy's teams compete at the same time during a dual meet. At these meets, swimmer's & diver's hope to obtain specific individual times. If

they do, they may have an opportunity to participate at the WPIAL meet. Both the men's & women's teams went undefeated. An amazing statistic is that the graduating seniors are ending their HS career with ALL undefeated seasons! That is AMAZING!! With many qualifying swimmers & divers, both the NA boys and girls were able to take 1st place at the WPIAL meet this year. This makes 13/14 consecutive WPIAL wins for the boys and 11 years straight for the girls. For the State meet, 13 boys & 11 girls (10 swimmers/1 diver) traveled to the meet. The boy's team then went on to win its 3rd straight PIAA State Championship. The girls had a great showing at the State meet by coming in 8th .

The following reps unable to attend and will report at the May meeting: Boys' Basketball (Kathy Egnaczyk), Ice Hockey (mike Gentile), Inline Hockey (Matthew Lawrence) and Wrestling (Mark Coy)

Athletic Director's Report given by Bob Bozzuto:

- Tiger Thon- Students did a great job and raised 100,900 with thon.
- Spring Sports are going well, as the weather has been nice. Season is in full swing
- Schedules for 2019-2020 seasons: Some are on website currently. Spring will be last to be posted and will be available mid-May at earliest.
- New Turf/Lights at NAI have been approved by board. Do not know if will be ready for August start.
- Other Capital improvements:
 - New HVAC system, weigh room ceiling, locker room, asphalt/concrete work at NASH, swim lockers, Irrigation at Marshall fields, softball score boards.
- Senior Fundraiser- Class president is looking to host a senior celebration. They are coming up short on funds, and are asking groups for donations.
- Athletic Leadership Academy to be held on August 1, 2019 at Double Tree in Monroeville. Opportunity for many kids to attend. Will be a great program with speakers on culture, diversity, social media, college recruitment and compliance. Expecting to host 500+ students. Information will be sent out soon.
- Question was asked about gate fees and is there a "family fee" for family with multiple children. Bob explained reason for fees. Gate workers will work with families if there are multiple children (2 adults/2 children max charge). Also encouraged everyone to be respectful of workers.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karin Monteparte and seconded by Mike Mlecko. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary

The next meeting will be on May 20, 2019 Award presentation/refreshments at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00 pm

