

## North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

### May 20, 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), Jill Guthrie (Past President)

**NA UBO Sponsor:** **Bob Bozzuto** (Athletic Director) attended Scholarship award ceremony only

**Chairpersons Present:** **Karin Monteparte** (Membership/CMS/ Alt. Wrestling), **Dawn Fischer** (HS Scholar Athlete/Girls Basketball), **Kristen Heckert** (IMS Scholar Athlete/IMS)

**Representative Present:** **Jane Wright** (NASH), **Gregg Hartung** (Baseball), **Mike Mlecko**, (Cross Country), **Kristen Collela** (Football), **Mike Gentile** (Ice Hockey), **Kristi Campsie** (Softball), **Jennifer Grahor** (Swimming/Diving), **Mary Lee Kolano** (Boys' Tennis), **Denise Benko** (Track and Field), **Paul Constantakis** (Boys' Volleyball), Michelle Seaman (Girls' Volleyball), Courtney Halle (Water Polo)

**Welcome Introduction:** Georgiana welcomed all those in attendance. She asked all new members to state their name and group.

**April 9, 2019 Minutes:** No recommended changes proposed to minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Karin Monteparte, and seconded by Mary Lee Kolano. The April minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Peggy reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of 6504.83. Treasurer's report will be on file, if anyone wants to review it.

**NA UBO Fundraiser items:** Available for sale Tiger paw magnets- \$7, Stadium Blankets- \$35, Earrings-\$10, Chairs- \$20 each (2 chairs left)

### **Ongoing Committee Reports:**

#### **Kennywood:**

- June 20th is date
- In-school ticket sales date is May 23rd.
- Ticket sales through May will receive a ticket for any non WPIAL event for 2019-2020 season.
- Yard signs are available tonight
- 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.
- Please encourage your groups to support Kennywood ticket sales.

**Membership:** Karin Monteparte, Chair asked members to update information on roster at sign in desk and if you know who rep will be for 2019-2020 year, let Karin know.

**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:** Prior to meeting, scholarship winners were announced and scholarships presented. Due to an anonymous donation, were able to offer 2 additional Georgiana Thomas scholarships. Certificates will be provided to all scholarship finalists.

**Attendance:**

We appreciate the reps who attend meetings and share the information with your groups. Reps who attended 4/5 meetings will be receiving a small thank you for your attendance.

**Reps Reports:**

**North Allegheny Baseball 2019**

*# of PLAYERS: 54*

12-Seniors

12 -Juniors

11-Sophomores

19- Freshman

- All Seniors and Juniors were rostered VARSITY plus 1 sophomore and 2 Freshman

**RECORDS:**

Varsity 15wins-5 losses

\*4<sup>th</sup> Seed in WPIAL 6A playoffs

\*The Varsity is playing in the WPIAL quarter final playoff game tomorrow -4:00 at Fox Chapel against Butler

Freshman- 13-4

**BOOSTER DUES:**(in addition to the \$75 participation)

*Varsity-\$325\**

*JV-\$310\**

*Freshman-\$280\**

- *Includes raffle tickets of \$100.00 (April- based upon the daily number)*

Fundraisers: Giant Eagle gift cards, adult hats and spirit wear, lottery raffle tickets = over \$2,000

The end of season Banquet was held at the Columbian Room (former Knights of Columbus) on Sunday May 19.

## **Softball**

- Overall 27 girls participated. JV-10 Varsity- Crossovers- 7.
- Record number girl's come out at Middle school level. Had 3 middle school teams with 48 players.
- Banquets May 19.
- Fundraisers- 2 clinics for k-8
- Booster Dues: JV \$198 and Varsity \$223

## **Boys' Lacrosse**

- 31 varsity players and 25 JV players
- Varsity record 13-3
- And we are playing in the wpial semi game tonight!
- Dues- \$525
- Banquet at knights of Columbus on Sunday June 2.
- Fundraiser was the boars head ham sale which typically raises \$4000.

## **Rowing**

We had a successful season with 4 NA rowing teams making the finals at the Midwest Scholastic Championships at Dillon Lake, OH on May 11-12. This past weekend, our freshman girl quad placed 5th at Stokesbury which is attended by 189 schools.

We currently have 27 rowers, all underclassman with no graduating seniors.

Dues- \$839 which includes \$120 per rower for a practice bus. Travel costs were \$400 per rower.

The banquet is on May 20th at the Chadwick.

The fundraiser was the Erg in the Burgh event at Marshall Middle School in February and Learn to Row camps during the summer.

Out of 27 rowers, 16 were scholar athletes and 12 were all-academic

## **Boy's Tennis**

The 2019 Boys Tennis Team carried 12 players on its roster and all 12 players earned a Varsity letter. The individual success paved the way for another year of team success. The Tigers dominated Section 2 play with a 7-0 record, including a clincher against newcomer Sewickley Academy, the Double A powerhouse which moved up to Triple A this season. In non-section play, the Tigers tangled with a wide variety of strong opponents and fashioned a 7-1 mark. The only loss was to 4-time defending champion Fox Chapel. Key wins out of section included contests against Mt. Lebanon, Upper St. Clair, and Erie Cathedral Prep. With the

regular season complete, the Tigers found themselves Section 2 winners for the 9th time in the past 10 seasons. It was also the team's 25th consecutive playoff appearance. The playoffs saw the Tigers take on Hempfield in the first round of WPIAL action, beating the Spartans 5-0 at home. The Tigers were upset by Section 3's Allderdice Dragons, 3-2, in a tight match played at Schenley Park in the quarterfinals. With this loss, the Tigers completed their season with an overall 14-2 record.

Six seniors graduated from the roster. The returning 6 letter winners will face strong internal competition for starting slots next season but should be up to the task. On the individual front, senior Soureeh Moturi and junior Ven Naik won the Section 2 doubles championship and competed at the WPIAL Doubles Championship (held at NASH) before bowing out in the 2nd round. The 2019 Boys Tennis season was very successful and went above expectations.

## **Track and Field**

*Summary:*    **Total Athletes Middle School – High School: 570**

<u>High School</u>	Total: 204	[Girls-101, Boys-103] <i>with cuts</i>
	9 <sup>th</sup>	100
	10 <sup>th</sup>	51
	11 <sup>th</sup>	46
	12 <sup>th</sup>	33

<u>Middle School</u>	Total: 276
	7 <sup>th</sup> 165
	8 <sup>th</sup> 111

### Booster Activity:

- Began meeting in August 2018 to develop our action plan based on hx & needs moving forward. First year bringing the middle school team under our umbrella.
- Zero-Based our budget, determined actual cost per athlete
- Items provided for each athlete by NATFB: Auxiliary Uniform- short-sleeved T-shirt, long sleeve dry fit & hoodie warm-ups, training table food; senior's plaques, pictures for the plaques & senior gift; coaches shirts & hoodies; equipment requests (coaches); WPIAL & States shirts/jackets and, finally the end-of year party.
- Utilized Family ID for High School Team Booster Registration
- Maintained booster dues @ \$ 160.00 1<sup>st</sup> athlete, \$40.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> athletes in family
  - 196 total registered [(173) @ 160, (21)- 2<sup>nd</sup> student, (1) 3<sup>rd</sup> student, (1) 4<sup>th</sup> student ]
  - Highest participation rate (registration rate per athlete) that previous 3 year hx available
- Team announced 3/8, 11 meets were scheduled (Altoona scrimmage cancelled due to weather), competitions started 3/26 – 5/3, our home season ended 4/9.
- Fund raising in the past was concessions, lottery tickets & carwash. Car washes are often cancelled, so we re-grouped. Fundraising this year consisted of: pre-Christmas and a second pre-season on-line fan apparel & drawstring bag sale, team jackets, yard signs and on-site “Fan Shirts”. We made over \$700 in sales of residual team apparel from past years and received 10% rebate on sales from our photographer. 5 concessions this year.
- Utilized TSS photography (2<sup>nd</sup> year): online ordering and delivery, virtual team pictures and banner. Senior group banner as season was front-loaded. ...drawing for the banner after States.

- Held our first *Athlete Recognition Honoring Senior Athletes Party* with parents. [Past a swim party after States with just the athletes & coaches, poorly attended]. At Coach Neff's request, we held it April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the end of the season for most athletes. Athletes and coaches were free, parents. Only parents of senior athletes were invited & we paid \$20.00/ea. It was held at the Rose Barn, North Park, 5-10PM. Varsity letters & recognition for freshman thru seniors were Individual stand out. Three seniors lettered all 4 years, Devon Angermierer, Savannah Benko & Bailey Miara--each individual senior, was recognized by Coach Neff & received their senior gift (embroidered Sherpa blanket). This was the first year we were able to distribute Scholar Awards as part of the party.
- Middle School Activity – T-shirts distributed to all athletes (same design as HS), provided 3 concessions stands, paid for repair issue on the jumping pit and sold drawstring bags to defray unplanned/unknown expenditures. Plan for next year –Add to Family ID charge to be determined.

### Results:

WPIALS – Girls: 16 individuals & 2 relay teams participated in both track & field events

Boys: 16 individuals & 2 relay teams participated

PA State Qualifiers – Participating at Shippensburg May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>:

## **Boys' Volleyball**

### Teams

- Boys Volleyball starts in middle school with both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players
- JV has 22 players, 11 Sophomores, 11 Freshman
- Varsity has 12 players, 9 Seniors and 3 Juniors
  - o 8 Seniors graduated last season, with both WPIAL and PIAA medals around their necks

Several players from North Allegheny teams play during the summer, fall and winter on travel teams. These programs are not associated with North Allegheny Athletics however they do provide similar coaching staffs and volleyball instruction. A common club is the Pittsburgh Volleyball Club.

Results at this point in the season, (we are still in season)

- JV went undefeated in the regular season 16 – 0, and won all three tournaments they entered, NA, Derry, and York
- Varsity won Section 2-AAA with a record of 12-0 and 16-0 overall. The Varsity is the #1 Seed going into the WPIAL Playoffs.

### 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 and hotel), and Year End Banquet are the major expenses

#### Fundraisers

- The team sold Hoagies, player pack clothing, home concessions, including WPIAL game concessions.

- NA hosted the annual season opening NA Invitational Tournament both JV and Varsity bringing in the best talent from across the state. The Tournament concessions is a large part of the team's revenue.

#### Communication

- The team uses email, text, Team Snap, and Sign Up Genius to communicate, volunteer, and share in the teams results and family environment. The coaches use the NA Volleyball Twitter account and NA Athletic Department's website to get the message out to the fans.

#### Highlights

- Each player from the 2018 season received a State of Pennsylvania House of Representatives Citation, recognizing the player's outstanding achievement and success. Citations were issued by the Speaker of the House Mike Turzai.
- Early in the Winter the team received State Championship gear, reminding them of the great season from a year ago. Last Year's team went a perfect 23-0 beating Bethel Park for the WPIAL Title on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 and beating Laudisville Hempfield at State College to capture the PIAA Title on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- There were team pasta party's hosted by parents to kick off the season.
- The current win streak for the team is 39 wins in a row as of the end of the season.
- Senior Night was thrilling home match against rival Shaler. Shaler took NA to 5 sets, however, NA prevailed, remaining unbeaten and securing the Section crown. The team had a Post-game pizza party as it honored its 9 highly talented seniors.
- Banquet is set for June 10th at the Camelot Event Center in Warrendale.

#### **Boys' Basketball-**

The 2018-2019 NA Boys Basketball program included 6 middle school teams, along with freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams.

Tryouts for the program were held in November. The coaching staff was comprised of Varsity coaches Keith Noftz, Aaron Smith, Anton Constantino and Jim Dudas; JV coach Anton Constantino; and freshmen coach Scott Ruppert.

The freshmen team had 15 players and had a great season. The JV had a roster of 12 players and had a fantastic season. The Varsity roster included 13 players – 5 seniors, 5 juniors and 3 sophomores.

Carson, Ingomar and Marshall Middle schools all hosted both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams.

The basketball schedule runs from December through February. North Allegheny competes in the WPIAL 6A Section 1, with rivals Butler, Seneca Valley, Central Catholic, North Hills and Pine Richland.

The Varsity team ended its 2018-2019 season with 13 wins and 9 losses; with a section record of 5 wins/5 losses. An improved record this year gave the Varsity team an opportunity to enter into the WPIAL playoffs, which they lost in the first round against Canon-McMillan in overtime.

Dues this year were \$250 (middle school being lower). Team clothing (including lettermen jackets), transportation, food and uniforms are provided by the Boosters. Boosters also pay for off-season leagues and tournaments for Varsity and JV teams.

Committees include Concessions, Senior Night, Letterman Jackets, 50/50 and Banquet. NABBA receives support through concessions including WPIAL playoffs, 50/50 sales, program and game-day flyer ads, fundraisers with local businesses (Stacks) and Wright Automotive Holiday Tournament.

Boosters made several contributions during the 2018-2019 season, including Toys-for-Tigers, Boy and Girls Club, Post-Prom, and Senior Fireworks Project totaling \$725.

Senior Night was held on February 8 during a home game against North Hills. This year's Banquet was held at Diamond Run Golf Club – attended by freshmen, JV and Varsity families. Boosters pay for Middle School team parties.

### **Inline Hockey:**

Inline is a club sport except for V1 team. And Coed sport. Home rink RMU. 18 teams in league and 96 players (High school- elementary). 13 seniors graduating. Varsity team finished second place. Tryouts began for 2019-2020 season last week. Sell advertising on website to raise money and have Eric Pelly scholarship. Annual cost per player \$500

### **Wrestling**

We had 18 total varsity wrestlers this year and included grades 9-12. The varsity went 9-5 in dual meet action but won the Panther Holiday Classic tournament, 3rd at Tool City tournament, 2nd in Allegheny county tournament and 4th at Winner's Choice tournament in West Virginia. We only had 1 senior this year and will have a very strong team next year. We

had several individual tournament champions this year and ended up having 1 wrestler qualify for states. Varsity Coach is Sonny Abe.

Jr high had 30 wrestlers and included grades 7-9. Junior High team travelled to an away meet this year at Cumberland Valley High School. Several wrestlers qualified for states in Johnstown with Grant Mackay placing 1<sup>st</sup> in his weight class. Junior High coach is Bill Howell.

Everyone makes the team for Varsity and Jr. High. Wrestlers may compete each week for starter positions within each weight class. We charge \$225 for fees which includes warm-ups, travel related costs, equipment, banquet awards/ gifts. Fundraising included raffle tickets to win Penguin tickets or a Yeti Cooler. The Jr. High banquet was held at NAI cafeteria and the Varsity banquet was held at NASH cafeteria this year.

### **AD Report- Patti McClure**

- Spring sports: Playoffs have begun.
- Capital improvements:
  - NAI turf / track project has started. Will have lights and should be completed August/September
  - Architect plans for softball bathrooms and press box. To be started next fall.
  - Shed Storage area to be built behind stadium
  - Swimming locker room/bathroom remodel
- Schedules for next year on website.
- Lots of camps being offered on website
- June 1st fall sport physicals
- Baseline concussion testing happening now, schedule on website.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jill Guthrie and seconded by Denise Benko. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting September 11, 2019 at 7:00pm

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary