

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

November 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

NA UBO Sponsor: Bob Bozzuto (Athletic Director)

Chairpersons Present: Karin Monteparte (Membership/Wrestling), Barb Liwosz (Scholarships/Band), Alison Edfors (HS Scholar Athlete/Rowing)

Representative Present: Amy Kroll and Barb Liwosz (Band), Jennifer Christy (Boys' Basketball), Leslie Watson (Girls' Basketball), Erin St. Meyer (Cheerleading), Mike Mlecko (Cross Country), Bernie Caputo (Football), Tom Kardos (Girls Golf) Patrick Garvey (Gymnastics), Mike Gentile (Ice Hockey), Matthew Lawrence (In Line Hockey), John Arnold (Boys Lacrosse), Kelly Oats (Girls Lacrosse), Carlee Vargo (Boys Soccer), Susan Schupansky (Girls Soccer), Michelle Leavitt (Swimming/Diving), Paul Constantakis (Boys Volleyball), Michelle Seaman (Girls Volleyball), Courtney Halle (Water Polo).

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

September 11, 2019 Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Karin Monteparte and seconded by Matthew Lawrence. The September minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Peggy Lehew reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of \$6,223.53 Treasurer's report will be on file if anyone wants to review.

Old Business:

Need Chairpersons:

- **HS scholar Athlete Chairperson** (1 more chair needed). Main duties include Complete Scholar athlete certificates, summary sheet and order/separate t-shirts. This will be for sports at High School (plus 5 sports where middle school attends banquet) and 3 seasons.
- **MMS Scholar Athlete**
- **NASH /NAI /CMS and MMS representatives.** These reps should attend Key Communicator meetings and share info.

NA Toys for Tigers: Goal is \$12,000. Several groups plan to sponsor students (currently 24 students will be sponsored. Some groups still determining how many they can sponsor. Should have gift wish list for groups soon. Currently have 6,000 raised not including the Monte Cello

Night. 150 ticket for cooler raffle were sold. Still need to fundraise \$6,000, discussed ways to raise money. Discussed NASH student council "Hat day"- Students can wear hat with donation. Bob to sell old uniforms and sample athletic gear- date of sale TBA

Fundraising Items for Sale- Tiger Paw magnets (\$7), stadium blanket (\$35), one portable field chair (\$20.00.), Hats (\$20). Portion of money made (take out) goes to Toys for Tigers and a portion to budget. All items available for purchase at this meeting and at all of the home football games.

Ongoing Committees:

Membership: Karin Monteparte encouraged everyone to review roster and make changes.

Scholar Athlete Report Cards will be issued on 11/14/19. Takes 1 week for shirts and info to be collected. Anyone with banquet before 11/21/19 will not have for banquet. Please let Georgiana know banquet dates for winter sports.

Scholarships: Barb Liwosz encouraged reps to let senior students know about scholarship applications. 2 offered by UBO. Applications available on UBO website. Students must know about UBO, Georgiana Thomas and Don Vandergrift. Students who get a "full ride" scholarship, or a full tuition scholarship cannot receive scholarships.

Rep Reports:

Band (Barb Liwosz)

UBO Band Representative:
UBO Band Alternatives:

Barbara Liwosz
Amy Kroll & Michelle Seaman

NA Band Booster President:
NA Band Booster Executive Vice President:
NA Band Booster Administrative Vice President:
NA Band Booster Treasurer:
NA Band Booster Secretary:
NA Band Booster Record Keeper:

Mary Lynn Tassotto
Kelly Gierczynski
Diane Collery
Angie Cochran
Jeannine Burdsall
Markia Banks

There are 307 marching band members

The fees associated with Marching Band are \$275 plus a \$50 participation fee
The fees associated with Indoor Percussion are \$400 plus a fee for an annual trip (details not provided)
The Spring Trip for 2019-2020 is to Disney 3/31/2020 to 4/5/2020 and the cost is approximately \$1350

There are tryouts for Color Guard and Dance (all held in spring of previous year) – Percussion has placement tryouts

The Regular Season spans for the duration of the Football Season
The Post Season are sporadic rehearsals to prepare for the spring trip

Awards received in 2019 are:

- Allegheny Valley Music Festival
- West Allegheny Music Festival
- Various awards won during Nashville Spring Trip during
the Vanderbilt and Belmont University Band Clinics

The marching band was hosted by Pine Richland for the Allegheny Valley Band Festival and West Allegheny for the West Allegheny Band Festival

Fundraising is used for the spring trip

- Dinner for the Band – various restaurants
- Aramark Concession Stand - Heinz Field catering
- Fruit Sale
- Giant Eagle Gift Cards
- Save Around Coupon Books
- Sheets Booklets
- Zroni Rolls / That's a Wrap Café' Pepperoni Rolls
- Rada Cutlery
- Pittsburgh Popcorn
- Sheetz Coupon Books
- Flower Power

The Band Banquet is planned for May, but nothing is scheduled.
The chair person is Sherri Klinefelter

Cross Country (Mike Mlecko)

The XC team had 185 runners divided between the boys and girls teams this year. This is an open team without any tryouts. The seniors divide the team into smaller teams that will compete against each other in every dual meet and invitational for a grand prize at the banquet. This makes such a large team very family oriented to the runners. Booster dues are \$125 dollars and pay for tee shirts, snack bags for away meets, and banquet. The banquet for the second year was a Recognition Night that combined our previous senior night and banquet. We had 400 people attend this year's celebration which was catered by Bella Frutteto.

The boosters had 3 restaurant fund raisers this year at Stacked, Chipolte, and Loafers.

All the runners run in every dual meet and most invitationals. New this year was only the top 40 boys and girls could run at the Tri-State Invitational. The post season team consists of the top 12 boys and girls. At Wpials and PIAA only the top 7 run. The top 5 score and the 6th and 7th runners are used to displace the other teams runners.

The season was very successful though neither team won their section. The boys, led by senior Dan McGoey's second place finish, won Wpials for the 30th time. They then finished 3rd at states again paced by McGoey's second place Piaa finish. The girls again won Wpials paced by Hanna Lindgren's 3rd place finish. They then defended their PIAA win from last year by beating State College by 15 points at Hershey last Saturday paced by Hanna's 6th place finish. The girls team as of this writing remains the top ranked XC team in the Northeast region but has decided not to go to regionals due to injuries. Dan McGoey will run at regionals in New York to try to qualify for the Nike National Invitational in Portland. Both teams appear to be very strong for future years

as the 7/12 boys on the post season team were freshman or sophomores. In the girls 9/12 from the post season team return next year.

Field Hockey- Rep not present will be moved to next month

Boys Golf (Bob Dopkosky)

- No fundraisers and No dues
- Main expenses are: Banquet is \$35 and held at Diamond Run Country Club there is a father-son outing-cost is \$35.00
- 8 players on Varsity and 8 on JV
- Small team and short season. It last 8 weeks and begins in summer and ends in September if don't make WPIAL.

Girls' Golf- (Tom Kardos)

- 8 Varsity and 5 JV
- Tryouts over several days- based on score.
- Had a good year. 2nd in WPIAL, but did not qualify for states. One player won WPIAL and finished 10th in states.
- Dues-\$250 dues
- Fundraisers: car wash and player signs for yard.
- Sponsoring student for Toys for Tigers.

Slow Pitch Softball- Rep not present will be moved to next month

Girls Tennis- Rep not present will be moved to next month

Water Polo (Courtney Halle)

This season our coaches were Damir Matanovic and Max Staresinic. We saw huge decreases in team headcount on both the boys' and girls' teams with the boys having a headcount of 16 (down 8 players from 2018) and the girls with a count of 10 players (down 6 from 2018). We are graduating a total of 5 players this year – 3 boys and 2 girls.

The boys' team had a tough season with an overall record of 6-17 and a 7th place finish at the State Championships at Wilson High School in late October. All-State Honors were recognized for two of the players including David Lomakin (Jr.) and Ben Phillips (Sr.). The boys' team also finished second at the Western Conference Championships in Erie, Pa., with a win against rival McDowell. Prospects look good for next year when our team will be a bit more seasoned after a Fall season with a large number of freshman players.

The girls' team had a winning season record of 12-11, and beat perennial rival Villa Maria Academy at the Western Conference Championships to advance to the State Championships in Lansdale, PA last weekend where they finished 5th overall (besting the McDowell girls' team in a rematch of the Western Conference battle). Sarah Koehler (Sr.), Emma Halle (Jr.), Anna Kegel (Soph) and Rebecca Melanson (Fr.) were recognized with All-State Team accolades. Baseline athlete fees were approximately \$788/player for the varsity season. Several fundraisers were held including Monte Cello and Chipotle nights, and we hosted our annual Tiger Classic home tournament September 20/21 where our girls' team went undefeated in

four match-ups. Our bank account which has held steady in past years at \$5000.00 currently stands at \$4935.00. The reduction is a result of increased bussing and hotel costs. We continue to combat declining team member numbers due to the high expense of transportation/hotel costs shouldered by player parents and little crossover from our swimming program; although we always have a strong advocate in Corky, we find that we continually compete against very strong Eastern PA teams who have combined Aquatic Sports Programs. During the off-season we will focus on developing our pipeline of incoming talent through the Tiger Water Polo Club Program including our first open house for prospective players for a girls' team – to be held on Dec. 15th.

Athletic Director Report:

Bob Bozzuto thanked reps participating and reported:

- Great year for fall sports. Bob listens when walking at stadiums (home and away) and he is always proud of the way people talk about NA.
- Capital Improvements:
 - Swim locker being renovated. Close to finished before start of season. New tile and paint.
 - November school board meeting will talk about upcoming capital improvements for next year.
 - Winter sports will be starting on November 8th. Students playing winter sports need to get physicals and impact testing completed.
 - Schedules will be adjusted daily. Please check website for changes.
 - All morning practices are voluntary, and if you are not comfortable with student driving due to weather, it will not affect them. The coaches are aware of this.
 - 2020 PIAA sport changes will be announced soon. Once the classifications are released, schools can choose to "play up". These changes may impact release of schedules.
 - There may be an official shortage due to liability insurance/clearances due to renewed and retirement of many officials. This may affect Middle School games.
 - Player pager recently signed on as a sponsor. They provide video highlights
 - Reminder- If you wish to share fundraisers/info about your sport. Please send to Georgiana or Bob for approval, and secretary will send it out.

Drawing for Painted filled NA Cooler was done. The winner is Cara Stirling.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Matthew Lawrence and seconded by Paul Constantakis. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

The next meeting will be on February 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary