

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

September 09, 2020 Virtual/Zoom Meeting Minutes

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

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

Chairpersons Present: **Barb Liwosz** (Scholarship/Band)

Representative Present: **Amy Kroll**(Band), **Gregg Hartung** (Baseball), **Jennifer Christy** (Boys' Basketball),**Mike Mlecko** (Cross Country), **Mike Ashbaugh** (Field Hockey), **Bernie Caputo** (Football), **Katie Rhoten** (Boys' Golf), **Cliff Rankin** (Girls' Golf),**Mike Gentile** (Ice Hockey), **Kristen Lynch** (Boys Lacrosse), **Alison Edfors** (Rowing), **Carlee Vargo** (Boys' Soccer), **Brandon Smith** (Girls' Soccer), **Rich/Celia Maenza** (Softball), **Tana Mitchell** (Slow-Pitch Softball), **Michelle Leavitt** (Swimming/Diving), **Ron Wincko** (Girls' Tennis), **Connie Angermeier** (Track/Field), **Lori Brown** (Boys Volleyball), **Laura Schmidt** (Girls Volleyball), **Courtney Halle** (Water Polo)

Welcome Introduction: Georgiana Thomas welcomed all those in attendance to the first UBO meeting of 2020-2021 year. Georgiana asked all member to state their name and group and/or chair position.

Approval of Minutes: Bonnie noted that she inadvertently asked members to review May 2020 minutes, the last UBO meeting for 2019-2020 was February. Approval of minutes will be tabled for approval at next meeting, to allow members to review and make any needed changes. The minutes are posted on Athletic website for review.

Treasurer Report: Peggy Lehew reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of 4,836.56 Treasurer's report will be on file if anyone wants to review.

Review of membership duties: All members were emailed general UBO responsibilities and sports presentation schedule. Georgiana reviewed the information:

- **Sports Presentation schedule:** We ask that each group present 2-3 minutes about their sport. You can see on schedule when you are to present, these will begin with November meeting.
- **Reps Responsibilities:** Main responsibility is to attend the UBO meetings (5 per year) and share information with your groups.
- **Scholar Athlete Program:** Georgiana provided an overview of scholar athlete program provided.
 - There are 3 individual (fall, winter and spring) and 2 team awards.
 - These awards are in combination with AD office and UBO.
 - Georgiana Thomas is the coordinator of the Scholar athlete program

- Once the awards are completed, they will be distributed to the UBO representative. The Reps are responsible to distribute the items based on the summary sheet. Usually at banquet. Please provide Georgiana with your sport banquet date ASAP.
- T-shirt size is based off Family ID and students receive only one t-shirt per school year.
- Georgiana emphasized that they try to get awards for banquet, but they need to wait until report cards are issued and finalized.
- **Scholarships** offered by UBO. Applications available on UBO website. Due April 15 and Final Interview April 23. UBO offers 2 Georgiana Thomas (\$1,000) each and 1 Don Vandergrift (\$700) scholarships.

Kennywood Day: We had to cancel this fundraiser due to restrictions of Covid. Next year, will occur in August. Date TBD. We will ask membership to help with this event.

Fundraising: Looking for fundraising ideas. Peggy suggested possibly selling bucket hats, which seem popular among students. Peggy to research cost/profit of item. Plan to keep cost to \$20.00. Please let Georgiana know if anyone has any ideas. Last year several groups donated to program and several shopped for families, unsure if groups will have finances to do this.

Rentals:

- **Balloon Arch Rental:** Contact AD office to reserve. \$40 for first rent, \$20 second, \$10 for any additional rentals. Use for senior nights. Looking into purchasing a new arch as current one showing significant wear.
- **Tiger Costume:** Costume available for rent \$15.

New Business:

Open Positions:

- **UBO Reps (NASH/NAI/CMS)** - attend Key Communicator meetings and share information.
- **Membership**-Keeps roster up to date. Shares changes with President/Secretary. Additional duties with scholarship presentation.
- **Scholar Athlete High School Chair:** (2 people 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. Celia Maenza volunteered to chair. Carlee Vargo will also be a High School Chairperson.
- **Middle School Scholar Athlete Chairperson for IMS and MMS-** Same as high school, but distribute at Middle School.

Please contact Georgiana if interested in filling any open positions.

Ongoing Committees:

Budget Peggy reviewed the budget. Motion made by Barb Liwosz to approve, second by Rich Maenza. 2020-2021 budget was approved.

NA Toys for Tigers: Started program 5 years ago. Very successful. Last year helped 100 children and raised 12,000. This is for NA families who need assistance during holidays. Could see an increased need this year. Will need to fundraise for this. Patti knows of someone who wants to help us seek corporate donations, she will keep us up to date on this.

Athletic Director Report:

Bob Bozzuto thanked reps participating and reported:

- Many changes due to Covid with fall sport season.
 - House bill which will increase spectators was passed by The House and Senate. Still need to be signed by Governor. Could be vetoed. Currently limited attendance. Indoor 25, outdoor 250. This number includes players, coaches, ref, and trainers. Some small team sports can allow a few spectators in venue but currently NO spectators for football. NO visitor team spectators. Bob reinforced that sports are for the students and decisions are made to give students best experience. Games will be live-streamed.
 - Discussion on team quarantine with Covid positive individual (player, coach, parent). Bob stated that decision are being made by School District and Allegheny County Health Dept. Bob reinforced that guidelines are constantly changing regarding virus. The decision is not being made by Athletic Dept.
 - In order to limit exposure, Bob has recommended that players limit off season conditioning with players from other schools. He can help provide opportunities to train individually. This will help protect our player/teams.
 - Online Ticket sales- will do online "cashless" ticket ordering. This will be safer method when spectator numbers increase.
 - Bob reviewed the limits and guidelines for transportation to keep players safe for away games/competition. Guideline are on website.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Jennifer Christy and seconded by Carlee Vargo. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

The next meeting will be on November 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary

