

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization

November 11, 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), **Rich Maenza** (NASH scholar Athlete/Softball), **Carleen Papa** (MMS Rep/Scholar Athlete)

Representative Present: **Daneen Leya** (NAI Rep) **Amy Kroll**(Band), **Gregg Hartung** (Baseball), **Jennifer Christy** (Boys' Basketball), **Christine Eirmias**, Girls' Basketball, **Jen Jorden** (Boys /Girls' Bowling), **Erin St. Myer** (Cheerleading), **Mike Mlecko** (Cross Country), **Mike Ashbaugh** (Field Hockey), **Bernie Caputo** (Football), **Katie Rhoten/Bob Dopkosky** (Boys' Golf), **Mike Gentile** (Ice Hockey), **Matthew Lawrence** (Inline Hockey), **Kristen Lynch** (Boys Lacrosse), **Alison Edfors** (Rowing), **Brandon Smith** (Girls' Soccer), **Molly Wetmore** (Slow-Pitch Softball), **Janice Glinski** (Swimming/Diving), **Ron Wincko** (Girls' Tennis), **Connie Angermeier** (Track/Field), **Lori Brown** (Boys Volleyball), **Lori Schmidt** (Girls Volleyball)

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

Approval of Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to February 2020 or September 2019 minutes. Motion made to approve minutes Rich Maenza and seconded by Barb Liwosz. The November minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Peggy Lehew reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of 2,462.97 Treasurer's report will be on file if anyone wants to review.

Old Business:

Still seeking reps for the following positions

- Membership Chair -Keeps roster up to date. Shares changes with President/Secretary. Additional duties with scholarship presentation.
- NASH, NAI, CMS Rep- attend Key Communicator meetings and share information. Please contact Georgiana if interested in filling any open positions.

Balloon Arch- The zipper on arch was discovered to be damaged and had to be sent out for repair. Cost 150. It is back and ready for use. New arch is being purchased. Details to come.

New Business:

Fundraising- Georgiana brought up that in order to meet our budget, we will need some sort of fundraising.

- Evelyn's Elegant Edibles- Local food items- desserts/soups/seasoning. Items would be delivered to NASH and picked up there. 30% profit.
- Sarris Candy- Order online, no shipping charge, unless deliver to area greater than 70 degrees and delivered to you. Profit is 25%
- Groups felt these were viable options and low risk. UBO will send out to reps, and ask that they share with members.
- Current fundraising items for sales- Stadium blankets for \$35 and tiger paw magnets- \$7. Can purchase at AD office. Half of profit goes to Toys for Tigers.

NA Toys for Tigers: We receive info regarding families from Central administration's "Giving Tree". Typically, they would give us a list of items the child wanted. The other way we learn of families needing assistance is from Principals. This year, Central is requesting that we purchase gift cards instead of gifts due to COVID. The groups discussed and agreed that they would prefer to shop for gifts if permitted. Reps expressed that young children would get more excited to get a gift, and that players can benefit from the experience of shopping for someone else. Everyone expressed understanding that if for health reasons this was not permitted, we would understand. Bob to discuss with Central.

Ongoing Committees:

Membership Georgiana will send out roster, Please let her know if you have any changes to your info

Scholar Athlete Awards-Report cards will be issued on November 20th, then awards will be printed. You will be notified by rep as to when to pick up. It is up to you to distribute to your athletes.

Scholarships- Barb presented that April 15 is scholarship deadline. Applications are on website, interviews will be April 23rd. If you wish to be on the interview Committee, you cannot have a senior, let Barb know. More information will be available in February.

Rep Reports:

Band- Presented by: Barbara Liwosz

UBO Band Representatives:	Barbara Liwosz & Amy Kroll
NA Band Booster President:	Kelly Gierczynski
NA Band Booster Executive Vice President:	Julie Greenberg
NA Band Booster Administrative Vice President:	Diane Collery
NA Band Booster Treasurer:	Amy Bistocchi
NA Band Booster Secretary:	Mary Lynn Tassotto
NA Band Booster Record Keeper:	Sherri Klinefelter
NA Band Head Chaperone:	Lee Gierczynski

There are 228 marching band members
There are 23 marching band instructors

The fee associated with Marching Band is only a \$50 participation fee

The fee associated with Indoor Percussion is \$450

There will not be a Spring Trip for 2020-21

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, but was delayed due to COVID and are only performed at Home with a limited audience

There are no scheduled band competitions due to COVID

2020-2021 Fundraising

Chik Filet – saved receipts provide a rebate back to the band

Fruit Sale

The Band Banquet is usually planned for May, but nothing is scheduled.

The chairperson is Sherri Klinefelter

Cross Country- Mike Mlecko

Girls won WPIAL third year in row and State Title

Boys also won State Title and WPIAL second year. 165 team members (down 15%) Year very different, team separated, due to size. There were 12 varsity runners with 12 JV runners at North Park and remainder of team at NAI. The NAI team had few meets, not everyone could participate at all invitationals and races. The dues were decreased to 85 per runner. Everyone grateful to participate and be successful.

Field Hockey- Mike Ashbaugh

We have 35 player and have tryouts. This year cuts were necessary. The team was 8-5-1 this season and fell to Peters Twp. In the WPIAL quarter finals. We do have booster dues 150 which vary from year-to-year dependent on travel and hotel costs. This year due to Covid these costs did were not incurred. We did purchase sideline jackets which will be issued to the team at the beginning of each season. We also formed a “spirit” committee purchasing flags and other items that we hand out to the spectators at each game to cheer the team on. The only other significant purchase was sweatshirts for the team to commemorate this year's playoff berth. This year's fundraisers were a challenge, but we were able to do some fundraising at eateries including Blaze Pizza, Chipotle and a sub sale from Dibella's Subs. We also had a spirit wear sale and are looking into some off season fundraising as well including possible online raffles and in store fundraisers at some clothing retailers. We have not had any awards presented at this point since our banquet (virtual) will not occur until later this month.

Boys' Golf- Bob Dopkosky-

3 coaches this year. Tryouts 3 days. 36 boy's tryout- 27 made team. 10 on Varsity, 8 on JV and a developmental team. New developmental team- they practice, get instruction and a few matches. Great season. 10-5 for Varsity. Lost 4 out of 5 by one stroke. Played well. Fundraisers a Father-Son 18-hole golf scramble with sponsors and apparel sale. Expenses banquets, gifts for players and coaches. Postpone banquet to January.

Slow Pitch Softball- Molly Wetmore

The varsity team had a great season! They won the WPISL city championship a few weeks ago - beating out the teams they had lost to in the regular season.

39 girls total in the program: 11 in Varsity, 14 in JV, 14 in Junior High

\$100 booster fee/girl

Fundraisers for the season: Zroni Rolls, Apparel at GPSA

Boosters for next year:

President: Missi Marangoni - marangonim@verizon.net, Vice-President: Erin Quinlan,

Treasurer: Denise Sobehart, Secretary: Tana Mitchell, Business Managers: Gabe

Laswell and Brenda Beskett

Girls' Tennis- Ron Winko

The girls' tennis team had a very successful season this year. Even with a number of top players not participating for various reasons, this team with one freshman, three sophomores, and one junior starting, had a winning season. They came in second in their section with a 6 and 1 record. The team went onto compete in the quarterfinals of the WPIAL playoffs. Our doubles team came in fourth in the section and competed in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs. Two of our singles players came in second and third in the section playoffs and competed in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs.

Coach Weniger stated that this was the first time in her career that she had moved so many players up in the position ladder. With this being such a young team and how well they did, is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

The girls were fantastic in following all the COVID requirements. There were no illnesses or injuries to speak of.

Girls' Golf- Rep not present will report at next meeting

Water Polo- Rep not present will report at next meeting

Athletic Director Report:

Bob Bozzuto thanked reps participating and reported great effort for our fall teams, parents and boosters, especially with all Covid restrictions.

We still a few teams playing- girls' volleyball and girls' soccer- get tickets on NA website. Need a code to purchase tickets.

November 20th is the first day of winter sports. Schedules are on website. There will be changes made due to restrictions made by WPIAL/PIAA due to Covid. Winter sports need to complete sports registration via Family ID and baseline testing by Friday 11/13/2021

Discussing a system for spectators: Red- No spectators, Yellow-Parents only, Green- maximum permitted by Governor. This system being discussed next week. Increased cases seem to be coming from home

Capital improvement – being presented to board next week. Planning significant improvements. One is softball bathrooms- we did receive a grant of 240,000. Item cost would be approximately 300,00. Hope to have begin early 2021.

New arch is ordered should be delivered 4-6 weeks.

Letter of intent. If you have student committing to a school, call athletic office to schedule signing letter of intent. Do not wait to sign letter, can do a photo op at another time and post on website. All Divisions.

UBO store- “Tiger Maul” shop. Will sell NA items and groups can order apparel through here. Booster groups are NOT authorized to use NA logo without permission. We are finding more unauthorized users. Hopefully in the future, you do not need to go outside to find apparel. Also, you cannot use tigers that are trademarked to other teams.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Jennifer Christy and seconded by Barb Liwosz. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting will be on February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary