

## **North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization**

### **April 14, 2021 Virtual/Zoom Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**Chairpersons Present:** **Barb Liwosz** (Scholarship/Band), **Carleen Papa** (MMS Rep/Scholar Athlete/Membership)

**Representative Present:** **Daneen Leya** (NAI Rep) **Amy Kroll**(Band), **Gregg Hartung** (Baseball), **Jennifer Christy** (Boys' Basketball), **Christine Erimias**, Girls' Basketball, **Jen Jorden** and **Lynette Sostmann** (Boys /Girls' Bowling), **Erin St. Myer** (Cheerleading), **Mike Mlecko** (Cross Country), **John Magorien** (Football), **Katie Rhoten** (Boys' Golf), **Mike Gentile** (Ice Hockey), **Matthew Lawrence** (Inline Hockey), **Kristen Lynch** (Boys Lacrosse), **Tony DePrado** (Girls' Lacrosse) **Alison Edfors** (Rowing), **Janice Glinski** (Swimming/Diving), **Ron Wincko** (Girls' Tennis), **Connie Angermeier** (Track/Field), **Lori Brown** (Boys Volleyball), **Lori Schmidt** (Girls Volleyball), **Mark Coy** (Wrestling)

**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 November 2020 o Motion made to approve minutes Jennifer Jordan and seconded by Jennifer Christy. The November minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Georgiana reviewed the treasurer's report. Current balance of 3, 882.16. Treasurer's report will be on file if anyone wants to review.

### **Ongoing Committees:**

**Kennywood:** Date August 14<sup>th</sup>. Same day as Fall Fantasy Parade which NA Band attends. Tickets can be used any operating calendar day. Open May 8<sup>th</sup> can buy tickets in AD office. Price still TBD. This is NAUBO Main fundraiser.

**Membership:** Roster was sent via email, please review and send any correction/changes to Carleen. Carleenpapa65@gmail.com

**Scholar Athletes:** Winter sports should be contacted about picking up shirt/certificates. Please let Georgiana with winter sport banquet date.

**Scholarships:** Barb reviewed that scholarship application was extended to April 15th. Please remind your seniors. Interviews will occur next week. Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, UBO interview will occur. Still looking for an alternate interviewer, cannot be a parent of a senior. Contact Barb if interested. Students can email application or drop off at Athletic office.

**Toys for Tigers:** UBO was able to provide support to 13 families. Each child received \$150 in gift cards and each family \$100 Giant Eagle gift card.

**NA Items for Sale:** A portion of NA items sold portion goes to Toys for Tiger program Items for sale are: Blankets- \$35, Tiger paw magnet \$7 and hats \$ 20

Rep Reports:

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

**Water Polo-** Rep not present will report at next meeting

**Football-** (John Magorien) Dues will remain the same. Income was down due to no 50/50 and decreased program sales. Team had a great year. Made to WPIAL games. Wish could have had fans in stands.

**Boys' Soccer-** Rep not present will report at next meeting

**Girls' Soccer-** Rep not present will report at next meeting

**Girls' Volleyball** (Laura Schmidt)- Had a good season. Were undefeated, won WPIAL and States. Had 4 Split into 2 teams, split schedule and were very successful. Coach Miller will be retiring. Seniors' graduate. 3 will play in college

**Boys' Basketball-** (Jen Christy) The 2020-2021 season was a resurgent season for the NA Boys Basketball Team! The players, coaches and parents were extremely grateful to play this season with Covid closures, restrictions, and quarantines looming each and every day.

The team finished with an overall record of 16-7. Within the section, the Tigers were 8-4 which was enough to win the section. The team had several huge wins against section rivals Pine-Richland, Seneca Valley and Butler. In post-season play, the Tigers had their first play off win in six years against Central Catholic. The team had five players selected to the All-Section Team.

The NA Boys Basketball Team consisted of 19 Varsity and JV players this year. The freshman team carried a roster of 14 players.

Due to Covid, the Booster Board reduced Booster fees this season as follows: \$150 for Varsity/JV players; \$100 for freshman players; Middle School players were not charged a booster fee.

The team truly appreciated all the efforts by the athletic department to navigate through this remarkable season. In the end, the boys were just so happy to be playing basketball!

**Girls' Basketball-** (Christine Erimias) Won WPIAL and first states championship. Roster is 18 girls- 100% received Scholar Athlete awards. Had less revenue, but also had less expense. Looking to making changes based on positives from this year.

Bowling (Boys' and Girls') Lynette Sostmann) – Inaugural year for bowling boosters. Started in December. Team included 3 girls and 17 boys Won WPIBL Bowls for first time in history and won states. 7 Seniors, 2 will go on to play in college.

Cheerleading (Erin St. Myer)- Zoom tryouts last year, in person this year week of May 17-20<sup>th</sup>.

30 Varsity, 14 JV, 16 Freshman, 41 Middle School.

Many great opportunities to cheer- home FB, Varsity and JV at home Basketball game, and Varsity team at soccer games. 42/60 scholar athlete

No competitive cheer teams. Planning fundraisers at this time, last year t-shirt/mask sales, no mini cheer camp. Recognized seniors with senior sashes/bows. Split dues – 100 in fall and 100 January. Recently announced new Varsity head coach.

**Gymnastics** (Bob Bozzuto) – Team is club oriented due to practicing at clubs. Had a young team, few injuries.

**Ice Hockey** (Mike Gentile) had 4 teams- Varsity, JV 1 and JV 2 and Middle school. 20-22 players per team, due to injury and quarantine. Tryouts for next year will start after season ends, start in early May- players evaluated on skating, stick skills and scrimmages. Varsity is in playoffs now. 13- 5 ( 2 OT losses) Finals for Penguin Cup next Monday. If beat Mt. Lebo onto states against eastern PA. Dues 3,800. Out of pocket expenses for equipment/tournaments.

**Inline Hockey** (Matthew Lawrence) – Good year. Teams include 1 elementary team, 2 middle school, 4 high school. #4 team got 2<sup>nd</sup> place championships, #2 team for High school 2<sup>nd</sup> round of playoffs, and Varsity #1 Won championship. 62 players' total. Tryouts in August- no cuts. Cost \$600 year for rink time. One scholarship \$1500.

**Swimming/Diving**- Will present at next meeting

**Wrestling (Mark Coy)** One season team loss and made it to Team playoffs. Sport has team/Individual sport. Individuals had a great year. One WPIAL Champions, 3 state qualifiers. This year restricted to 3 individual per weight class. No state placement. Dues stayed same, biggest fundraiser Junior high Tournament. Unable to have due to Covid. First year women's wrestling- had 3 girls on team. They learned a lot.

### **Athletic Director Report:**

Bob Bozzuto thanked reps/boosters/ presidents for great effort on how they dealt with Covid. We have overcome some great challenges and being flexible with schedule changes.

- Senior class parents are hosting a celebration at Newman Stadium on June 4<sup>th</sup>. They are looking to borrow any tents from sport groups for the event.
- Spring schedules will be coming out end of April. All Varsity sports will be on website by mid-May. End May early June sub-varsity schedules should be available.

- Act 82, disclosure Act remind booster president that we need financial by mid-June.
  - Capital improvements
  - Softball bathroom/concession stand/press box building. bleachers and score board. Hope to start Mid-June after season, and state title over.
  - Flooring in ponce room and storage building in corral area of stadium.
- Budget 2021-2022 will be a challenge, may face with reductions to athletics. May- June we should have more information and will inform booster presidents.
- We had one finalist WPIAL scholarship winner; Matthew Turzai named as one of male athlete scholarship.
- Scholar athlete report- kids are amazing especially with challenges of virtual/cyber school year.
- Will send impact testing dates later this month.
- In 1–2-week summer camps info will be posted on website.
- Stadium upgrade, new turf. Will start after graduation- no cost to school. It will have 8-year warranty.

Bob thanked UBO for support with his brother, Paul's passing. Appreciate thoughts and prayers sent to him and his brothers' family

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A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Coy and seconded by Lynette Sostmann. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting will be on May 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Bonnie Genter, UBO Secretary

