

**North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization
February 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: **Georgiana Thomas** (President/Scholar Athlete Coordinator/Website Chair), **Patti McClure** (Vice President) **Barb Liwosz** (Secretary/Band)

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

Chairpersons Present: **John Magorien** (Membership/Football/Wrestling), **Joy Manesiotis** (Scholarship/Girls Golf), **Ray Donley** (Scholar Athlete Awards HS/Girls Lacrosse),

Representative Present: **Daneen Leya** (NASH Rep), **Deb Dixon** (Baseball), **Valerie Scolieri** (Boys Basketball), **Nicole Williamson** (Girls Basketball), **Stephanie Howard** (Cheerleading), **Marcia Turkovich** (Cross Country), **Eileen Russell** (Field Hockey), **Katie Rhoten** (Boys Golf), **Rachel Stegeman** (Gymnastics), **Bob Gallo** (Ice Hockey), **Kathryn Duffy** (Inline Hockey), **Ray Donley** (Girls Lacrosse), **Karen Vitale** (Girls Soccer), **Janice Glinski** (Swimming/Diving), **Connie Angermeier** (Track and Field & Boys Soccer), **Chris Wilhite** (Boys Volleyball), **Jennifer Jordan** (Bowling), **Amy McDonough** (Softball-Fast Pitch), **Mark Coy** (Wrestling)

Approval of Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to the November 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by John Magorien and seconded by Jen Jordan. Motion passed. The November minutes were approved.

Welcome Introduction: Patti McClure welcomed all those in attendance and explained Georgiana would be attending via phone.

Treasurer Report: Patti McClure reviewed the treasurer's report including balloon arch rental prices and reservation process. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Mark Coy and seconded by Nicole Williamson. Motion passed.

Old Business: Patti reiterated that if a UBO member attends 3 UBO meetings (November, February & April), they will receive a pass for an all-sport event for 2022-2023.

Ongoing Committee Reports:

Kennywood: Sunday August 14, 2022 –Purchase in Athletic Director's office, but prices have not yet been determined. Largest Fundraising event for Toys for Tigers. Tickets will be good for the whole summer, available in May.

Membership Report (John Magorien): John requested everyone to review the roster and make any corrections or changes.

Scholar Athlete Report Patti went over details that Fall sports should have Tshirts and certificates. Winter grades are complete, but certificates are not yet complete. Georgiana needs banquet dates from almost all Winter teams.

Swim/Dive = 4/27; Cheerleading = 3/16; Gymnastics = 2/26; Wrestling = 3/30; Boy's Gold = 3/31; Inline Hockey = 3/22; Ice Hockey = 3/27; Bowling = 4/24; Track and Field = 4/27; Girls Basketball TBD; Boys Basketball TBD; Band TBD

UBO Scholarship Report Patti explained the importance of the deadlines that were approaching. Patti further explained the Georgiana Thomas scholarship is based on academics and requires a 3.7 GPA, and the Don Vandergrift is based on school spirit and community involvement. It is important that the applicants know who Georgiana Thomas/Don Vandergrift and the Unified Booster Organization is when they are applying, All details are on the UBO website. Joy confirmed she has her interviewers confirmed.

Applications Due Date: Tuesday March 1, 2022

First Interviews: March 8, 2022

UBO Interviews: Friday March 18, 2022

Banquet for the winners will be held at the April meeting.

Toys for Tigers:

Bob began the overview with a thank you to all the teams for their donations, shopping, wrapping, etc.

Donation raised were \$19,775

73 students received help

NA Items for Sale:

Blankets \$35 with a free ticket to an athletic event. The blankets are available in the Athletic Director's office for purchase.

Sports Representative Reports:

Boys Basketball (Valerie Scolieri)

1. HOW MANY PLAYERS ON THE TEAM?
VARSITY/JV FLUID ROSTR = 21
2. ARE THERE TRYOUTS?
YES
3. PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR SEASON, POST-SEASON PLAY, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION(S), AND ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

REGULAR SEASON RECORD- STILL IN SEASON CURRENT RECORD

OVERALL 13-6

SECTION 4-6

3RD PLACE

POST SEASON RECORD- STILL IN SEASON 13-6

AWARDS-LETTERS, ACADEMIC AWARDS FOR 4.0 AND 3.5 AND ABOVE.

4. ARE THERE ANY BOOSTER DUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPORT?

BOOSTER DUES:

HIGH SCHOOL- \$150+12 tickets

FRESHMAN- \$100 + 6 tickets

MIDDLE- \$60.00 + 2 tickets

5. WHAT FUNDRAISERS DO YOU SPONSOR?

APPAREL FUNDRAISER-

MEDIA GUIDE-\$15

LOTTO TICKETS-\$12

YARD SIGNS-\$20 EACH

6. BANQUET- PLANNING STAGES

SENIOR RECOGNITION- RENTED THE ARCH, PLAYERS ESCORTED BY PARENTS PRIOR TO GAME, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS IN THE CAFETERIA AFTER THE GAME.

Girls Basketball (Nicole Williamson)

1. How many players are on the team?

18 JV/Varsity.

2 seniors

5 Juniors

6 sophomores

5 Freshman

50 Middle School players at CMS, MMS and IMS

2. Are there tryouts?

Yes

3. Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest.

This year the team is 17-1 so far in the regular season. Post-season play begins next week

Last year the team finished 27-1 and were WPIAL and PIAA Class 6A champions

Coach Spencer Stefko achieved his 350th career win this season

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

\$50 team dues

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

Media Guide

Concessions

Fan Apparel

Summer Youth Basketball Camp

6. What charities do you sponsor?

Pelotonia – Annual Bike Ride to raise funds for innovative research to end cancer

UBO Toys for Tigers

LAMP – Learning and Mentoring Partnership in the Homewood Neighborhood of Pittsburgh

Hoops for Harmony – Stand against racism

Banquet is usually held the last weekend in March

Girls/Boys Bowling (Jen Jordan)

Intramural Season – October/November (Open to all interested students 9-12.) Occurs on Mondays and Wednesdays. Tryouts happen at the end of the Intramurals.

Regular Season – November through February. Typically Practice on Monday with matches on Wednesday

Teams consist of:

Number of Boys - 21

Number of Girls - 6

Notable items:

There are 52 teams in the WPIBL (Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Bowling League). They are not divided up by school size but are divided into sections based on location to mitigate travel; matches last 3 hours. The North Section is comprised of NA, Butler, Kiski, Deer Lakes, and Shaler.

The Boys team has also participated in two tournaments this year. In December, they traveled to Ephrata, PA to compete against the best teams in eastern PA. Finishing in the top ten at #7.

Last weekend they traveled to Struthers, OH to compete against the premier teams from Cleveland, Canton, and Youngstown. They qualified 3rd after preliminaries and finished in 4th place during the stepladder finals.

Final Regular Season standings:

Boys – WPIBL North Section Champs for the second year in a row with a 9-1 record, 29872 pins, avg 966 pins per game #5 team out of 52 for the regular season

Girls - WPIBL North Section - 5th place with a record of 1-9

Post Season Playoff Information:

Girls:

Katrina Price qualified for the WPIBL Individual Championships (February 24.)

Boys:

Five boys have qualified for WPIBL Individuals (February 23.)

Jeb Jorden

Gavin Rush

Cole Scott

Marc Sostmann* (also automatically qualified for Regional Singles Championships)

Noah Sostmann

Marc Sostmann is in contention for section MVP.

Gymnastics (Rachel Stegeman)

There are 7 gymnasts from NA plus one from Hampton HS who we are allowing to compete with us, all Varsity. All 7 of ours (NA) are Sophomores. We also had gymnasts from Pine Richland Competing on our team to help them out because their schools did not have many people on their team.

We do have tryouts in October. It's mostly a formality. We do not have enough interest to rule out anyone really. The Coach said basically she can train almost anyone to compete.

Summary of Events: Tryouts In Oct, Practices start 2x a week at Jewarts in January. Meets start in January as well. They had 6 meets total plus WPIAL in individual competitions.

Results: no wins but they use the HS competition to help their team comp results. We need to build numbers on the team. We are launching a recruitment for the team. I will send you a flier about that to pass around!

Dues: \$250 (raised from \$225) I will like to continue raising these in time.

Fundraisers: no, team too small in numbers to be effective. Toys for Tigers fundraising of at least \$150 each for 7 gymnasts. In the future if the team is bigger. I will look into doing more fund raising activities.

New additions: we added a team manager who attended all meets, is in the team pic, and an integral part of the team. Social Media: Instagram NA Varsity Gymnastics--please follow pics of meets, reels, stories, catchy info. New Media photography pic---newest in about 3 years---purchasing a new display case for NASH of the team.

Team Bonding Event: Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park in Zelienople PA---team plus coach attended for a pizza party. The Banquet Date is February 26 at Saga Japanese Restaurant in Cranberry. There will be gifts for the coach and girls (embroidered sweatpants with the NA logo) and a special slide show of the season.

We are considering this year very successful!

Ice Hockey (Barb Liwosz on behalf of Jay Murphy)

7. How many players are on the team?
 - a. North Allegheny Ice Hockey has 4 teams.
 - b. Varsity - 23 players
 - c. Junior Varsity 1 – 20 players
 - d. Junior Varsity 2 – 19 players
 - e. Middle School (Grades 7 -8) – 18 players
8. Are there tryouts?
 - a. Tryouts are held for all teams in the spring.
9. Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest.
 - a. Ice Hockey Teams are approaching the end of their regular seasons.

- b. Varsity has a record of 24 wins, 4 loses and 2 ties. The Varsity team is ranked 4th in the state and 1st place in Western Pennsylvania.
- c. Junior Varsity 1 – has a record of 9 Wins, 0 Losses, and 4 Ties. JV1 is in first place in Western Pennsylvania.
- d. Junior Varsity 2 – has a record of 5 Wins, 2 Losses, and 5 Ties. JV1 is in 3rd place in Western Pennsylvania.
- e. Middle School – has a record of 11 Wins, 2 Losses. Middle School is in 2nd Place in Western Pennsylvania.

10. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

- a. Varsity Dues - \$3,600
- b. Junior Varsity 1 - \$1,500
- c. Junior Varsity 2 – \$1,200
- d. Middle School - \$1,000
- e. Uniform Costs - \$306

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? Ice Hockey does not do any fundraising.

Inline Hockey (Kathryn Duffy)

1. How many players are on the team?

We have:

2 High School Teams: Varsity - 12 players; and Highschool 2 - 13 players. (We have 9 Seniors.)

2 Middle School Teams and 1 Elementary School Team: about 10-12 players each team

2. Are there tryouts?

Yes, our tryouts take place in May, usually over 2-3 days. We typically don't cut players.

3. Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s) and any other items of interest.

First, we would like to mention that while Inline Hockey is considered a winter sport, we are really a fall through winter sport as our season starts in the fall. Our games run from September through February, followed by playoffs in March. The final games of our regular season take place this Sunday, February 13th.

Here are a couple of season highlights: As of today (February 9th), our Varsity team has a total of 15 wins and 1 loss. In addition, our Middle school 1 team was undefeated through January and only recently lost a couple of games.

Senior recognition was held on Sunday, January 30th at the RMU Arena. Our 9 senior players were recognized.

We would also like to mention that our Inline Hockey program established the Eric Pelly Scholarship to honor Eric's life and his love of hockey. Eric was part of the North Allegheny Inline Hockey program for many years. Sadly, in 2006, Eric's life was cut short from the effects of multiple concussions.

Scholarship Information:

- Each year, a senior NA Inline player is selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help defray the cost of higher education.
- This graduating senior must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, played inline hockey for at least 2 years, and plan to attend a two or four year college or technical school. A written application is required which describes how the inline program changed their experience at NA and favorite memories and advice for younger players.
- More information is available at: <https://sites.google.com/site/northalleghenyinlinehockey/pelly-scholarship>

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

Yes, we have dues. \$650 per player.

5. What fundraisers do you sponsor?

Moes Taco Kit and a spirit sale – both raised money for the organization.

6. Banquet information:

The end-of-the-season high school teams' banquet is scheduled on March 22nd at Seib's Pub on Babcock Blvd.

Our middle school and elementary teams typically have a banquet together. I do not know the details at this time.

Wrestling (Mark Coy)

Booster organization covers both Boys and Girls Programs

Girls Program

1st girls wrestling program in WPIAL – 8 girls on the NA Roster

1st dual meet in WPIAL history with Cannon Mac

One of the fastest growing sports in the country

Boys Program

Allegheny County Champs

Finished as Section 3 Team Champs

Ranked 5th in WPIAL, went 1-1 in WPIAL tournament and just missing out qualifying for team state tournament

1 home meet left on February 15th, then individual sections, WPIAL and State begins later this month

Overall Program

\$225 booster fee covers warm up sweat suit, team t-shirt, tournament travel costs, food at all tournaments, senior night, banquet, team gift, year-end awards, etc.

Additional fundraising through program ads, Jr. High tournament, concessions, spirit gear, team posters, etc.

Athletic Director's Report: Bob Bozzuto

- Spring schedules will change and teams play when weather is dry
- Fall sports schedules has a new 2 year schedule
 - Most varsity sport schedules, with the exception of Football, are complete.
 - Homecoming and Elementary Night is not determined,
- Winter scheduling committee meetings are scheduled for February with tentative approval in late February or early March.
- Spring scheduling committee meetings are scheduled for March with a tentative approval for late March with dates released mid-April.
- Girls/Boys Golf start date will be August 8th (same as Football heat acclimation date) – all other sports will begin August 15th – Middle school will begin August 15th-18th
- School begins
- 15 day rule that changed during COVID to a 10 day rule will continue for 2022-2023 school year. First games will be Friday the week before Labor Day
 - 5 practices + weekend + 5 practices = play
- June 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of Title IX (prevention of all forms of sex discrimination, including discrimination based on gender identity or failure to conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity)
 - Celebrations will begin in January 2022
- Spring will begin Girls Flag Football. Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles have joined in with the NFL and Nike to supply uniforms and funding.
- March 22, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 will be a Strategic Plan Focus Group – opportunity for voices to be heard- Brittany will send out the link to signup.
- February 16, 2022 is a free virtual College Recruiting Night with Paul Putnam at 7:00pm – Brittany will send the invite

Round Table & Questions/Answers:

- (Patti McClure)- Message to spring sports that FamilyID site is up and running, but only 50% of students are registered.
 - FamilyID requirements include register (first time users), participation fee or declare hardship, updated physical dated after 6/1/2021, updated baseline testing.
 - Baseline testing dates are scheduled and listed on the Athletics website, no appointment is necessary, just show up to 10 minutes prior to rooms 244-246 at Senior High, This is required for 7, 9 and 11th graders regardless of when you took the last baseline test.
- (Patti McClure) Participation Fees have a family cap rates
 - Interscholastic Sports - 3 paid \$75 participation fees, per family. All fees after the 3rd one are free.
 - Club Sports (Inline hockey, Ice hockey, Slow Pitch Softball, Rowing, Flag Football and Indoor Track) - 3 paid \$25 participation fees, per family. All fees after the 3rd one are free.
 - North Allegheny does not receive any money from participation fees. The funds go into a general fund and reduces the contribution that the district pays.
- (Patti McClure) Senior Plaque
 - If a team wants their Senior players recognized on a plaque outside the AD's office, the team will need to provide an 8x10 photo of the Senior with their name (as they want it displayed ex: Patricia versus Patti) on the name plate.
 - At the end of the year, when the Senior comes to pick up their cap and gown, they will also be directed to pick up their Senior plaque.
- (Patti McClure) T-shirts for pickup

- Cheer and Golf have T-shirts for pickup on the table by the entrance

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by John Magorien and seconded by Stephanie Howard.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2022

Next Sport Reports:

Swimming/Diving-Girls/Boys

Lacrosse – Boys

Track & Field – Girls/Boys

Baseball

Rowing – Girls/Boys

Volleyball - Boys

Lacrosse – Girls

Softball – Fast Pitch

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Regards,
Barb Liwosz
UBO Secretary