

**North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization
September 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Patti McClure (Vice President) and Barb Liwosz (Secretary),

Board Members Virtual: Georgiana Thomas (President/Scholar Athlete Coordinator/Website Chair)

Board Members Not Present: Peg Lehew (Treasurer)

NA UBO Sponsor: Bob Bozzuto (Athletic Director)

Chairpersons Present: John Magorien (Membership/Football) and Ray Donley (Scholar Athlete Awards HS/Girls Lacrosse),

Representative Present: Daneen Leya (NASH Rep), Valerie Scolieri (Boys Basketball), Nicole Williamson (Baseball, Marshal Middle School & Girls Basketball), Seana Frederick (Cheerleading), Wendy Joyce (Field Hockey), Heidi Hoffman (Boys Golf), Steven Hasunich (Ice Hockey), Kathryn Duffy (Inline Hockey), Connie Angermeier (Track and Field & Boys Soccer), SusanWhite (Boys Volleyball), Kathryn Duffy (Bowling), Amy McDonough (Softball-Fast Pitch), Scott Mangem (Girls Tennis), Kelly Mowry (Girls Lacrosse & Water Polo), Alison Edfors (Rowing), Amy Bistocchi (Band), Karen Vitale (Girls Soccer), Heather Butler (Girls Volleyball), Matt Kynaston (Cross Country)

Welcome Introduction: Patti McClure welcomed all those in attendance and thanked them for volunteering. She introduced the Board Members and explained Georgiana Thomas was participating by phone and Peg Lehew was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to the April 2022 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Alison Edfors and seconded by Kathryn Duffy. Motion passed. The April minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by John Magorien and seconded by Alison Edfors. Motion passed.

2021-2022 Proposed Budget: Patti McClure requested approval of the proposed budget. A motion was made to approve the proposed budget by Ray Donley and seconded by Nicole Williamson. The Proposed Budget was approved

Overview of UBO Purpose and Responsibilities:

UBO Purpose: Patti McClure explained the UBO was created during the 1990-91 school year and is under the umbrella of the Athletic Department.

- *Promote school spirit and pride in the North Allegheny community

- *Provide a means for better communication among all sports, booster, schools, and community groups

- *Promote and encourage student and community support for all North Allegheny events, activities and sports

UBO Rep Responsibilities: Patti McClure explained the UBO Rep is responsible to

*Communicate with their group and the UBO

- Kennywood Day details
- Toys for Tigers program
- Balloon arch rental
- Tiger costume rental information
- UBO Scholarship opportunities

*Attend UBO Meetings

9/15/22, 11/9/22, 2/8/23 and 4/26/23

*Give a report and share group information with the UBO Members

- 1-Number of players are on the team?
- 2-Tryout requirements?
- 3-Summary of regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognitions, and any other items of interest
- 4-Associated Dues or fees with the sport
- 5-Sponsored fundraisers

*Advise the UBO Scholar Athlete Coordinator of your Banquet Dates to awards are available for banquet.

*Inform Seniors of UBO Scholarship opportunities.

Scholar Athlete Award: Patti went over details that all reports are complete along with the 9 week grade requirements.

Fall	1 st 9 week grades
Spring	2 nd 9 week grades
Winter	3 rd 9 week grades

Patti further explained that the t-shirt sizes are pulled from FamilyID; exchanges are not made, but families can update their child's shirt sizes in FamilyID. Summary sheets are available by reaching out to Ray Donley or Georgiana. Amy from Band advised they do not use FamilyID, and sizes are sent separately.

The Athletic Department recognizes 3 individual and 2 team scholar-athlete awards.

Individual Awards:

- UBO Scholar-Athlete Award – certificate for 3.4 -3.69
- AD – All Scholar Award – certificate and Shirt for 3.7-3.99
- AD – All Academic Award – certificate and for 4.0 or higher
- **One shirt per year

Team Awards:

- AD – All Scholar Award –Wall Plaque inscription and local recognition for 3.2-3.49
- AD – All Academic Award – Wall Plaque inscription and local recognition for 3.5 or higher
- 3.82 was the Team Award GPA for 2021-2022 year

Kennywood Day: Patti opened with a special “thank you” for all those who sold tickets for 8/14/22. Bob will work with the Marching Band Director for the 2023 date.

Kennywood Questions/Answers:

Q-Can NA sell Kennywood tickets online

A-We were unable in 2022, but we will work with Kennywood for 2023 season

Q-Can Kennywood tickets be used anytime?

A-Yes, except where Kennywood advises otherwise

Volunteers Needed: Throughout the year UBO needs volunteers are needed for various requests. UBO needs volunteers now for home football games to sell merchandise. In the summer, the UBO will need help selling Kennywood tickets outside the AD's office.

UBO Scholarship: Bob and Patti provided an overview of the scholarship opportunity and dates; 3 scholarships available totaling \$2,700. Process: round 1 is Bob's review of applications, Round 2 approved applicants move on to the first interview committee, Round 3 interview by UBO Committee.

Applications are accepted all year until the deadline

Applications Due Date: March 31, 2023

First Interviews: April 10, 2023

UBO Interviews: April 14, 2023

Scholarship Presentation: April 26, 2023

Balloon Arch and Tiger Costume Rental: UBO sponsors the Balloon Arch rental – all reservations can be made by calling the Athletic Director's office at 724-934-7238. Larger (new) arch is \$50 and smaller arch is \$40.

Items for Sale: NA Stadium Blanket \$35, NA Hat \$25 and a combo pack of NA Tiger Paw electrostatic sticker and an adhesive cellphone wallet for \$5.00

Toys for Tigers: Bob explained this is an important focus of the UBO to provide gifts, gift cards and food for Holiday Season for children and families that are in need. UBO asks each Booster group and school to donate \$150 per year, so each child is gifted with \$150 of gifts. The groups may donate more and participate in the shopping and/or the wrapping. Monies are accepted anytime but preferably before Black Friday. Checks are written out to NAUBO and leave them in the Athletic Director's office. Bob Bozzuto advised the 2021-22 school year raised \$19,866 for Toys for Tigers. For more information please contact Bob Bozzuto at 724-934-7237 or bbozzuto@northallegheeny.org or Georgiana Thomas at gthomas521@verizon.net

Athletic Director's Report:

*Challenges with sports and sportsmanship in the region - NA coaches are instructed to encourage good behavior, not bad.

*Challenges with social media - hard to control and top of problem that can follow students past high school

*Challenges with NIL (Names, Images and Likeness) which allows colleges to negotiate with High School students for endorsements

*Challenges with Officials due to lack of Officials in the regions

*Challenges with bus shortages that the AD's office is currently dealing with to resolve, but if anyone knows of anyone looking to drive a bus, please contact Transportation.

*Fall sports in full swing

*Winter sports begin 11/18

*First Monday in March starts spring sports

*Most sports have 10 days before their first contest

*10/6 is Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

*All fields need to be safe and aesthetically consistent with the upkeep of the High School fields - AD's office now will maintain all fields.

*Online ticket sales are available for home Football games, more sports will be added later along with the ability to use credit card readers

*Winter sports FamilyID site opens 10/1/22

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Nicole Williamson and seconded by Amy Bistocchi, the meeting adjourned at 8:13.

Next Meeting: November 9, 2022

Teams/Groups to present at next meeting: Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf Girls, Golf Boys, Marching Band, Soccer Girls, Soccer Boys, Softball-Slow Pitch, Tennis Girls, Volleyball Girls, Water Polo Girls, Water Polo Boys

Regards,
Barb Liwosz
UBO Secretary