

**North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization
November 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Georgiana Thomas (President/Scholar Athlete Coordinator/Website Chair), Barb Liwosz (Secretary) and Peg Lehew (Treasurer)

Board Members Virtual: N/A

Board Members Not Present: Patti McClure (Vice President)

NA UBO Sponsor: Bob Bozzuto (Athletic Director)

Chairperson(s) Present: Ray Donley (Scholar Athlete Awards HS/Girls Lacrosse),

Representative Present: Valerie Scolieri (Boys Basketball), Nicole Williamson (Baseball, Marshal Middle School & Girls Basketball), Seana Frederick (Cheerleading), Wendy Joyce (Field Hockey), Heidi Hoffman (Boys Golf), Suzanne Kasunich (Ice Hockey), Bill Beining (Inline Hockey), Susan White (Boys Volleyball), Kathryn Duffy and Kim Redondo (Bowling), Kelly Mowry (Girls Lacrosse & Water Polo), Alison Edfors (Rowing), Amy Bistocchi (Band), Karen Vitale (Girls Soccer), Heather Butler (Girls Volleyball), Joy Manesiotis (Girls Golf)

Welcome Introduction: Georgiana Thomas welcomed all those in attendance and thanked them for volunteering.

Approval of Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to the September 2022 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Ray Donley and seconded by Amy Bistocchi. Motion passed. The September minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Nicole Williamson and seconded by Kim Redondo. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Georgiana sent the roster around for updates to be made.

Scholar Athlete: if a banquet was near, the certificates were printed and ready for pick up; all others will be finished by November 22nd. T-shirts were also available for pick up during the meeting. Bob provided a further update that we had 742 participants in high school, of which, 83% had a 3.4 or higher GPA. The average GPA of high school students was 3.87 compared to last year which was 3.82. All 15 programs, including the marching band, earned All Academic Status which is 3.5 or higher. Last year 14 of the 15 programs achieved that status. The middle school, including 9th grade, there were 509 participants with 76% achieving 3.4 or higher, with an average GPA of 3.57. 33 of the 34 programs overall achieved one of the awards. The highest GPA achieved by a team was over 4.0 achieved by Girls Tennis.

Scholarship Report: Joy explained the scholarship opportunities and reiterated the deadline dates:

Due Date: Tuesday March 31, 2023

Final Interviews: Friday April 14, 2023

Joy requested volunteers to interview and Valerie Scolieri, Alison Edfors and Barb Liwosz all volunteered

Toys for Tigers (T4T): Bob Bozzuto 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. Bob advised the 2021-22 school year raised \$19,866 for Toys for Tigers. For more information please contact Bob Bozzuto at bbozzuto@northalleggheny.org or Georgiana Thomas at gthomas521@verizon.net

Tiger Maul Online Store: Last year all donations went to T4T; this year, the store will begin in January. The store was shut-down due to supply/demand issues especially with embroidery and spirit wear requests. GSA and Amy's Embroidery & More were recommended by two teams as a reputable company to work with as an alternative to the current company being used. Bob explained the temporary approval to use Amy's while the supply/demand issues exist.

Monte Cello's Night: November 29th and a percentage of the profits go to T4T

Tiger Items for Sale: NA Stadium Blankets are sold out but more are being ordered, 1 stadium seat is available for sale, a few hats are available and a combo pack of NA Tiger Paw electrostatic sticker and an adhesive cellphone wallet for \$5.00. Again, Amy's Embroidery and More was suggested for future products.

Team Reports:

Cheerleading (Seana Frederick)

1. How many players are on the team?

There are 97 cheerleaders between middle school and high school.

Varsity -22

JV -18

Freshman -15

CMS - 15

IMS - 10

MMS - 17

2. Are there tryouts?

Yes, there are tryouts for all squads.

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

We host tryouts in the spring, conduct summer workouts and practices that conclude prior to mandatory camp week in August. We hold cheer camp prior to the start of school in August, then cheer for football and basketball games. We also cheer for various soccer games and wrestling when asked. We also offer competition squads, this year having a Middle School that competes at local competition and Varsity squad (*Which consists of Competition and Gameday*) that competes in local, state, regional and national competitions.

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

In addition to the \$75 athletic fee to the school, the booster dues for High School are \$235 and for Middle School they are \$110. There are other fees as well such as UCA camp and clothing.

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

- Mini camp
- District T-shirts
- Yard signs
- Freezer Full of Meat Raffle
- Gas Gift Card Raffle
- Flamingo Flocking (Breast cancer research@ Magee Women's research institute)

- Purse Bash for the Competition Squads trip to National's
- Spirit clothing

Field Hockey (Wendy Joyce/Chhayal Thomas)

1) # of players on the team?

33 combined - Varsity + JV

Should we note # of varsity/JV separately? If so, what are the #'s?

15 players - Middle School

2) Tryout requirements?

3 days of tryouts (2-a-days) following optional summer practices / workouts.

Players are evaluated over 4 key areas:

Conditioning - timed mile, sprints, box drills, etc.

Strength - wall sit, plank, push-ups, sit-ups, burpees, squats

Stick or Goalie Skills - position specific

Field Hockey IQ - overall understanding as well as position & situation specific understanding + readiness and promptness

3) Summary of regular season & post season play, awards, special recognitions, and any other items of interest:

Section record: 9-3

Overall record: 13-5-1

Post Season Play: 2nd place in WPIAL championship

2022 WPIAL 3A All-Stars (4 All-Stars, 2 Honorable Mentions)

*Isla Abrams - All Star & All-WPIAL designation

Lauren Kampi - All Star

Mila Prusak - All Star

Callie Rautenbach - All Star

Jordan Ashbaugh - Honorable Mention

Leah Mouganis - Honorable Mention

Lauren Kampi - committed to Millersville for FH

Mila Prusak - committed to IUP for Lacrosse

A few more expected in the near future for FH

Banquet took place on 10/29th - NA Scholar Athlete Awards TBD

4) Associated dues or fees:

\$250 base dues for HS (+\$50 for Novi, Michigan Trip)

\$80 for MS

Covers: Annual banquet (one each for HS/MS), senior night, MS appreciation, team spirit events/player dinner before PR games, family kick-off picnic, long-distance travel expenses - meals, hotel, coach bus, supplemental team apparel - WPIAL sweatshirt, practice t-shirt "Our T1ME!", sideline banners, hallway plaques, supplemental training/conditioning, etc.

5) Fundraisers:

Spring Flowers & Fall Mums: ~ \$4,700 across two sales

Spirit Wear: ~\$155

Concession Stand estimating: ~\$4,000 - 5,000

Football (John Magorien)

The football team is currently 10-1 and is playing for the WPIAL Championship tonight against Central Catholic.

Football numbers:

Varsity- 86

Freshman-36
Middle school- 110

Dues:

Varsity- \$325

Freshman- \$100

Middle school- \$25

Football does a lottery calendar fundraiser and a hoagie sale.

Boys Golf (Heidi Hoffman):

Tryouts = 61 players

Teams = 8 Varsity, 12 JV Gold, 8 JV Black

Varsity Season =

Regular Season 12-3 (2nd in section)

Qualified WPIAL Team semifinals (finished 4th)

5 players qualified for WPIAL individual semifinals

3 players qualified for WPIAL individual finals

1 player qualified for PIAA individual championship (finished 31st)

Team MVP is Collin Wang

JV Gold Season =

Regular Season 15-2

Won JV Cup Tournament as Individual and Team

Team MVP is Chris Ha

JV Black Season =

Regular Season 5-2

Association Dues \$100

Fundraising: Spirit wear, Sir Pizza Night and Steelers Tickets

Girls Golf (Joy Manesiotis):

1. How many players are on the team?

Varsity-8

JV-11

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: 14-2 (sections champs)

Post Season: *3 qualified for WPIAL Individuals.

*Team Qualified for Team WPIAL & PIAA

Finished 2nd in WPIAL, 3rd in PIAA

Awards: Katie Rose Rankin took 4th in WPIAL and top 10 in PIAA

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

Booster Dues-\$185

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

7 Days of Golf Raffle-each participant asked to sell 20 tickets

Marching Band (Amy Bisticchi)

The North Allegheny District Band Patrons

Also known as the NADBP supports all band students and ensembles at the North Allegheny Intermediate and Senior High Schools. This includes:

All parents and guardians of students enrolled in any of these ensembles are automatically considered members of the NADBP. We work closely with the band directors, who are also members of the organization, to provide volunteer assistance and additional funding for programs, materials and initiatives on an as-needed basis.

The NADBP meets once each month, typically on a Tuesday evening

The registration fee for Marching band this year was \$325, we offer financial aide to families not able to pay in full as well as aide for the spring trip when needed.

o There is no try out for instrumentalists, but Majorettes, Color Guard and Dance team hold try outs in late spring.

o The marching band performs a pregame and halftime show at all football games, participates in multiple area band festivals, and marches in local parades, including Labor day, Veterans day and the Bloomfield Halloween parade. The band splits up into three groups the weekend before Halloween to parade through several neighborhoods in costume.

Fundraising varies from year to year based on interest. This fall we have sold peperoni rolls, Bundt cakes, soup, giant eagle gift cards, Wendell August ornaments, worked concessions at Heinz Field, and held a Disney raffle.

The band will march in Disney World on April 14th, 2023

The Band banquet will be held in May- date tbd

The North Allegheny Tiger Marching Band, and Auxiliary units which has 173 participants this fall

All Concert and Jazz Ensembles at NAI and NASH

Concert & Indoor Percussion

Girls Soccer (Karen Vitale)

Soccer – Girls

Summer Camps

High School – June and July

Middle School camps – June and August

Tryouts

August

Teams

Middle School – 57 girls tried out; kept all players to make three teams (Black/Gold/White)

Varsity/Junior Varsity – 42 girls on the roster; 5 Seniors

Booster Dues

\$130

Team Building Events

North Park kayaking/picnic

Pool party hosted by a team family

Team dinners –pasta dinner (hosted by a team family)/taco night/sandwich send-off

Senior Night party

Banquet

November 30th

Fundraising

Magnets / yard signs / spirit wear / T-shirts

Special Recognition

*The JV team had a successful stint with only one loss on the season.

*The Varsity Lady Tigers had another great season with a 21-2-0 overall record (13-1-0 in section play)

*WPIAL Class 4A Champions

*PIAA appearance making it to the Quarterfinals

*Four members of the Varsity Team were named ALL-WPIAL

*Eight members of the Varsity Team were named Big 56 All-Section; five First Team honorees and three with Second Team accolades.

*Four seniors have signed letters of intent to play for Duquesne University, Saint Francis University, Slippery Rock University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

*One Senior is a Kaitlyn “Moe” Rosensteel Most Outstanding Player of the Year Finalist.

Tennis (Tami Wincko) NA GIRLS TENNIS 2022 SEASON

11 Varsity

Successful year!

Started in August and they played into Nov ending at States in the team category and in Singles and Doubles Competition.

Summary:

Section Singles:

NA #1 Single player, Sara Fernandez, won the championship for Section Singles.

Section Doubles

NA Captains, Emily Wincko and Abbey Swirsding won the Doubles Championship for the 2nd year in a row.

WPIAL

Team placed 2nd and advanced to States

Sara won bronze in WPIALS and advanced to States as a Single Player

Emily and Abbey took Silver in the Doubles competition

State Competition

Team advanced to the Quarterfinals In Hershey

Sara Fernandez competed as a Singles Player

Abbey and Emily played Doubles and made it to the quarterfinals.

Emily Wincko was awarded the WPIALS Team Sportsmanship Award. She was 1 of 3 players in AAA nominated by a WPIAL coach, and/or coach and player from a different team. She received an award and certificate.

Girls Volleyball (Heather Butler)

Girls Volleyball Season Update

Both JV and Varsity teams had very successful seasons in 2022

Tryouts were held mid-August

JV rostered 16 athletes

Varsity rostered 17 athletes

JV went undefeated in regular season scheduled games

JV won the USC tournament

Varsity went undefeated in regular season scheduled games and did not lose a single set

Varsity won the USC and Cumberland Valley tournaments

Varsity placed 2nd in WPIALS, losing in 5 sets to Pine Richland

Varsity will face Garnet Valley for PIAA 4A State Championship game today (Sat Nov 19th)

Fundraisers included car wash (\$2054 raised) and NA tournament as well as concessions, 50/50

Water Polo (Kelley Mowry)

Girls' Water Polo:

15 players (2 seniors)

Season record 14-7

6th place in the State Championship

Becca Melanson Female water player of the year for the state and Miss Water Polo 2022

Girls All-State Teams:

Becca Melanson - 1st Team All-State

Izzie Trunzo – 2nd Team All-State

Becca Melanson committed to UCLA for water polo

Future outlook:

We maintain our goalie and several promising players – will be strong contenders next year

Boys' Water Polo:

30 players (8 seniors)

Season record 18-3

3rd place in the State Championship

Boys All-State Teams:

Sean McClellan - 1st Team All-State

Keller Sens – 1st Team All-State

Asher Jones – 2nd Team All-State

Eliot Maravich – 2nd Team All-State

Justin Morrison – 3rd Team All-State

Ben Gavran – 3rd Team All-State

Outstanding Academic All-Americans:

Keller Sens

Academic All-Americans:

Camden Wright

Nico Jacobs-Alarcon

Future outlook:

Losing 6 starters

Rising goalie is a sophomore with promising future on the team

Remaining players with much experience – hopeful for next year

JV boys team:

Gaining experience for many upcoming players

New coaches to help our teams at separate venues

Fees and fundraisers:

\$525 team dues

Fundraisers:

Programs/BJ's/Chipotle/Popcorn

Raised \$5100

Athletic Director's Report:

- *Field Hockey finished 2nd in their regular season and 2nd in WPIAL.
- *Football won their 6A conference and if they win the 11/19 game will play state college next week
- *Boys Gold lost in semifinals of WPIAL championships and 1 boy went on to state
- *Girls Golf won their section for the WPIAL and placed 2nd; and ranked 3rd in the state as a team
- *Boys Soccer didn't qualify but 4 teams in our section made it to the semifinals
- *Girls Soccer tied for the section title and advanced to win WPIAL for the 2nd year
- *Tennis was undefeated in their section and took 2nd in WPIAL with individual players competing in singles tournaments
- *Volleyball won their section finished 2nd in WPIAL and are playing for their 6th consecutive state championship
- *Water polo boys finished 3rd, girls finished 6th or 7th both qualified and had an outstanding season
- *11/19th is the 2nd day of Winter Sports, because of COVID first competition begins at the end of the tenth day.
- *12/7 - WPIAL board meeting to discuss- names, images and likeness allow amateur status to players to earn money by using their name, image and likeness. It is becoming part of the recruiting process.
- *COVID has made coach busses harder to reserve, the cost is much higher and the availability is limited.
- *Senior Night Festivities should be limited by time to respect the opposing team's time
- *Boosters need to scale back on gifts, banquets, meals, etc. due to the rising prices of program needs.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Kim Redondo and seconded by Nicole Williamson, the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Next Meeting: Saturday February 4th at 9:30am

Teams/Groups to present at next meeting: Cross Country, Soccer-Boys, Softball-Slow Pitch, Basketball-Girls, Basketball-Boys, Bowling, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Inline Hockey, Swimming/Diving, Wrestling

Regards,
Barb Liwosz
UBO Secretary