

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization
February 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Board Members Virtual: N/A

Board Members Not Present: **Peg Lehew** (Treasurer)

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

Chairperson(s) Present: **Ray Donley** (Scholar Athlete Awards HS/Girls Lacrosse), **Joy Manesiotis** (Scholarships/Girls Golf) and **John Magorien** (Membership/Football)

Representative Present: **Seana Frederick** (Cheerleading), **Heidi Hoffman** (Boys Golf), **Bill Beining** (Inline Hockey), **Kathryn Duffy** (Bowling), **Alison Edfors** (Rowing), **Amy McDonough** (Softball), **Heather Butler** (Girls Volleyball), **John Laquatra** (Wrestling) and **Connie Angermeier** (Boys Soccer/Track and Field) and **Daneen Leya** (NASH)

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

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

Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed with a balance of \$15,050.34. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Ray Donley and seconded by Connie Angermeier. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Kennywood: Georgiana explained that a date had not even set for Kennywood Day. Once determined, the date will be shared.

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

Scholar Athlete: Georgiana explained Winter Scholar Athletes have completed certificates and shirts. All are in the ticket booth room in the Baierl Center. All banquet dates have been given to Georgiana.

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

Due Date: Tuesday March 31, 2023

First Interviews: Monday April 10, 2023

Final Interviews: Friday April 14, 2023

Volunteers to interview are Joy, Valerie Scolieri, Alison Edfors and Barb Liwosz. Patti McClure volunteered to be an alternate, if needed.

Toys for Tigers (T4T): Georgiana explained the UBO received \$20,270 in donations and the UBO was able to provide gifts, gift cards and food for 36 families including 81 children. Georgiana acknowledged all individuals and groups who gave the gift of time or money to assist with shopping and wrapping.

Tiger Items for Sale: NA Stadium Blankets are sold out but more are being ordered; the cost may increase by \$5.00. Available to purchase is a combo pack of NA Tiger Paw electrostatic sticker and an adhesive cellphone wallet for \$5.00.

Team Reports:

Bocce (Bob Bozzuto)

1. How many players are on the team?

2 teams of 8 can include 3-5 Special Olympics Players

2. Are there tryouts?

No, but recruitment occurred. Note athletes cannot participate if playing another winter sport

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

They received new uniforms and the team is well supported by the other student athletes

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

No

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

N/A

Basketball - Boys (Valerie Scolieri)

1. There are 20 total players on JV and Varsity.

2. We do host tryouts the week before Thanksgiving. This year our Tiger Fest was held November 27th. That day is when all team photos were taken, dues were paid, and the coaches spoke to their respective teams.

3. Our regular season record is not final as the boys are still playing. The current section record is 3-4 and our overall record is 8-9. Post season play has not started yet. There are beautiful brand new video boards that were recently installed in the gym. Everyone has really enjoyed this grand addition to the gym.

4. We do have dues associated with Boys Basketball. The cost this year for JV/V was \$200.

5. We sponsored a cash raffle this year. The boys were asked to sell raffle tickets. The winning ticket was drawn during the Middle School Appreciation night game.

Basketball - Girls (Nicole Williamson)

1. How many players are on the team? 18 players

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. The team is having a great season so far with a record of 13-4 They traveled to Orlando, FL over the Christmas break to participate in the KSA Events holiday tournament and played against competitors from California and Canada. The team is looking forward to the rest of the regular season and then excited to enter the postseason.

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport? We have \$50 Booster dues

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? We do several fundraisers through the off season including a car wash and restaurant nights, as well as a Fundraiser Raffle and an Apparel Sale during the season.

Bowling (Kathryn Duffy)

Intramural Season – October/November (Open to all interested students 9-12.) Tryouts took place at the end of the Intramurals.

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

2022-2023 Teams consist of:

Number of Boys - 20 (7 Seniors)

Number of Girls - 7 (5 Seniors)

Dues and Fundraisers:

Dues: \$100.00

Fundraisers: None

Notable Items:

There are 57 teams in the WPIBL (Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Bowling League). The teams are not divided up by school size but are divided into sections based on location to mitigate travel; matches last 3 hours. Our Section is comprised of NA, Butler, Kiski, Deer Lakes, Seneca Valley, and Shaler.

In addition to the regular season matches, the Boys team also participated in two tournaments this year. In January, they participated in the Penn-Ohio Challenge in North Versailles and finished in 12th place with 19 teams competing. On February 4th, we are participating in the Holiday Bowl Super Bowl Blowout in Struthers, Ohio.

Senior recognition took place on January 25, 2023, after the match against Deer Lakes. As above, we have 7 senior boys and 5 senior girls.

Our banquet is scheduled for May 7, 2023 (tentative date).

Regular Season Standings:

Boys - WPIBL North Section – 3rd place with a record of 7-2.

Girls - WPIBL North Section – 5th Place with a record of 2-7.

Post Season Playoff Information:

Girls:

Katrina Price qualified for WPIBL Individual Championships.

Boys:

The boys team qualified for WPIBL Championships with a wild card berth.

The following boys qualified for WPIBL Individual Championships: Connor Peoples, Will Graham, Cole Scott, and Josh Morton.

Gymnastics (Rachel Stegman):

1. How many players are on the team? 20

Last year there were 7 so the team has tripled in size.

2. Are there tryouts? Yes, but everyone makes the team! No experience required (for now) as we are building the team.

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

Regular season practices start in October, there were 4 regular meets and we won 2 of them. The team is on the rise as last year there were no wins. We celebrated our one senior on senior night.

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport? yes \$350. Players optionally bought a team sweatshirt this year.

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? We did not do a traditional fundraiser this year but We did participate in the Windwood Fall Fest, which raised about \$250 and we raised another \$500 by charging a modest fee for home meets.

Other interesting things: we had our first Twitter post! We are looking into articles in the NA local paper and getting more publicity out there.

Madia Photography has made lovely new display cases for NASH athletic hallway and cafeteria.

Ice Hockey (Steven Hasunich)

1. How Many Players on the team?

- a. MS 21
- b. JV2 19
- c. JV1 22
- d. Varsity 22

2. Are there Tryouts?

Yes - 2023 tryouts for 2023-24 season are as follows:

- a. Varsity May 15, 17, 22, 24
- b. Middle School June 5, 7, 12, 14
- c. Tryouts are held at Baierl Ice Complex in Warrendale PA
- d. There is also a Middle School Development Camp on May 30 & 31

3. Provide a summary of Regular and Post Season

- a. PIHL = league not PIAA, NA is in AAA division
- b. Regular Season
 - i. Middle School Record 5 W, 3L & 2T – 4th in the standings
 - ii. JV2 Record 9 W, 3L & 1 T – 2nd in standings
 - iii. JV1 Record 9 W, 2 L, 1 T – 1st in standings
 - iv. Varsity 10 W, 4 L, 0 T, 1 OT L – 4th in standings
- c. Playoffs, not yet time for playoffs, Varsity AAA top 8 teams advance

4. Awards and Special Recognitions

- a. Varsity All Star Team Players/Coach
 - i. Rylan Murphy, Matt Irvin, Luke Evans, Evan Perrotte, Trey Gallo, Evan Barnhart
 - ii. Coach Andrew Siess
 - b. PIHL Player of the Month
 - i. Trey Gallo in November 2022, 6 goals and 1 assists in 3 games as a defenseman
 - c. JV 1 took home championship of the JV division of the National Invitational Scholastic Showcase in December 2022
5. Dues
- a. All Players pay dues that cover ice time and other operational expenses
6. Fundraisers
- a. None at this time

Inline Hockey (William Beining)

1. How many players are on the team? We have:

- 2 High School Teams: Varsity - 10 players; and Highschool 3 - 8 players.
- 2 Middle School Teams – MS1 – 10 players; and MS3 – 12 players
- 1 Elementary School Team – 12 players

2. Are there tryouts? Yes, our tryouts take place in May/June with season starting following September. We typically don't cut players with multiple levels of teams available.

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

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.

Current Records:

Varsity – Undefeated (16W – 0L)

JV Team – Undefeated (15W – 0L – 1 Tie)

MS1 – 8W – 7 L

MS3 - 2W – 13L

Elementary – 3W – 11L

18 Game regular season. Each team makes sudden death playoffs. Championship Round is decided by best of 3 games. Team and Player Stats are posted on PIRHL.Net website.

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport? Yes, approximately \$700 per player. This includes league fees, rink fees, insurances, coach and equipment supplies, Banquets, and Senior Recognition.

5. What fundraisers do you sponsor? Sarris Candies, MOE's fundraising and Spirit Wear.

Cross Country (Matt Kynaston)

1. How many players are on the team?

74 boys and 72 girls in total

12 runners on Varsity and JV for both boys & girls

2. Are there tryouts?

Yes tryouts are held annually

Looking for performance but also effort

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

Season runs from Sept thru 1st week Nov

Oct WPIALs followed by States (Girls won past 5yrs & boys won past 3yrs)

Post season:

-Regional Champs ('22 saw both boys & girls qualify)

-National Champs (girls qualified & came 22nd)

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

\$135 Seniors / \$100 Freshman thru Junior

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

Montecellos fundraiser

Boys Soccer (Connie Angermeier)

1. How many players are on the team?

There were 98 athletes this season over 5 teams, grades 7-12.

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.

Varsity had a new first-year coach, Manuel Montero.

Varsity finished the season with a winning record of 10-7-1 overall and missed the post-season, finishing in fifth place in the Section 1-AAAA.

Senior defender Aidan Dyga was named to the Western Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association All-Star game, and All-WPIAL and first-team all-section by the Big 56 Conference

Second Team accolades went to junior midfielder Danny Stevens and senior Ben Christian as an at-large selection. Big 56 honorable mention laurels went to senior defender Kevin Luo.

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

Dues for grades 7, 8, and 9 (Gold, White, Black teams) were \$125 per player. The dues for JV and Varsity were a total of \$458 (\$225 for Booster fees and a required \$228 uniform kit).

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

Fundraising can vary. Last year, there was a brusters Ice Cream one, as well as selling NA soccer merchandise. Another fundraiser was called Campaign Sports and netted \$1,685. We also had a spiritwear sale that netted \$1,270.

Swimming/Diving (Carrie Sens/Patti McClure)

How many players are on the team? 25 with 4 boys/4girls on diving team

Are there tryouts? Yes

Are there any dues associated with the sport? \$150 approximately

Team in undefeated with 2 more WPIAL games approaching. 2/25 is diving championship hosted by NA.

Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest. 3/2 and 3/3 are the swimming championships at PIT. 3/17 and 3/18 are state championships at Bucknell. Corky Semler came out of retirement to coach the team.

Wrestling (John Laquatra)

1. How many players are on the team? 27 Varsity, 12 Girls Varsity and 28 Junior High

2. Are there tryouts? No

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

- All teams are competing still. The Boys team lost in the WPIAL playoffs Wednesday night to the #1 seed Waynesburg. There are still individual tournaments that the wrestlers will compete in. 3rd at County Tournament. 10-5 record, 2nd in the section.
- The Girls are still competing and have two home duals remaining. They are not sanctioned so but have a WPIAL tournament. Competed in the first section meet in school history.
- Junior High has Kiski Duals Saturday and their year ends at the District 7 Championships at Norwin. Individuals will compete for State tournaments and boosters supports the coaches that continue to assist after their season is technically complete

Individual Accomplishments

- Nathan Monteparte – 100 career wins
- Individual Allegheny County Champions – Jason Flener, Aiden Buggey, Gus Stedeford (2nd),

- Mid-Winter Mayhem – Girls took 2nd. Audrey Morrison and Kaylee Dean won. Leyna Rumpler and Amya Sanford 2nd
- Columbia High School – Callie Rautenbach 1st, Leyna, Amya, Kaylee, Sophia Folks 2nd

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport? \$275 that includes 5/\$10.00 meat raffle tickets

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? Meat Raffle, North Allegheny Wrestling Foundation, Yard Signs, Junior High Invitational and partnership with our Youth program

Athletic Director's Report:

*2/10 begin Student Athlete Leadership Team - meet once or twice a month - each club could nominate 2 people. Goal is leadership and other NA goals and strengthen as a support system. More details to come.

*Tiger Maul Shop - Andrew confirmed the online shop will open soon - all proceeds benefit T4T

*Final week of winter sports schedules - many teams qualified for post season tournaments

*Spring sports begin 3/6 - registration is up an running and all details are online

*Fall/Winter/Spring 2023-24 schedules are beginning to be completed - all should be completed by April

*Presidents meeting early March - Booster Fees need to be reduced - some sports are too high and find ways to balance the costs - recommendation is to eliminate formal banquets on Senior Nights

*Updates to the Baierl Center is the action photos being displayed in the hallways - higher resolution and more modern pictures - new ceiling tiles - new flooring

*Names/Images and Likeness (NIL) - allowing athletes to get paid - coming to HS platforms

*NAI Gym - upper gym has a brand new surface / auxiliary gym will be done by mid-February / All American Flooring completed the work (lives in District)

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Amy McDonough and seconded by Connie Angermeier the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 26th at 6:30pm

Teams/Groups to present at next meeting: Softball-Slow Pitch, Baseball, Lacrosse-Girls, Lacrosse-Boys, Rowing, Softball-Fast Pitch, Tennis-Boys, Track and Field and Volleyball-Boys

Regards,
Barb Liwosz
UBO Secretary