

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization
April 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Board Members Virtual: N/A

Board Members Not Present: **Barb Liwosz** (Secretary) and **Peg Lehew** (Treasurer)

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

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

Representative Present: **Seana Frederick** (Cheerleading), **Kathryn Duffy** (Bowling), **Alison Edfors** (Rowing), **Heather Butler** (Girls Volleyball), **John Laquatra** (Wrestling) and **Connie Angermeier** (Boys Soccer/Track and Field) and **Daneen Leya** (NASH), **Nicole Williamson** (Marshall Middle/Baseball/Girls Basketball), **Matt Kynaston** (Cross Country), **Valerie Scolieri** (Boys Basketball), **Wendy Joyce** (Field Hockey), **Suzanne Kasunich** (Ice Hockey), **Kelley Lowry** (Boys Lacrosse/Water Polo), **Karen Vitale** (Girls Soccer), **Kelli Haller** (Boys Tennis) and **Susan White** (Boys Volleyball)

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

Approval of Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to the February 2023 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Ray Donley and seconded by Alison Edfors. Motion passed. The February minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed with a beginning balance of \$15,050.34 and an ending balance of \$12,579.98. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Ray Donley and seconded by John Laquatra. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Kennywood: Kennywood Day is Saturday, August 12, 2023

Band is performing that evening

(2) ticket options this year:

(1) – any day ticket that is good 7 days a week at a cost of \$45.

(2) –Kennywood Day ticket that is only good for Saturday, August 12th at a cost of \$39.

We still need volunteers to sign up to sell Kennywood tickets the day before Kennywood Day and the morning of.

A question was asked if there was an online option for buying Kennywood tickets?

Not at this time. Kennywood is still working on that option

Membership: Georgiana asked about who will be the chairperson for this coming committee year (2023-24). Many chairperson positions are still open.

Scholar Athlete: Georgiana explained Scholar-Athlete t-shirts and certificates are available for spring sports in the ticket room in the Baierl Center..

Scholarship Report: Thank you to Joy Manesiotis for chairing the scholarship committee. The interview process went very well. Had a lot more students apply this year versus last year. They attribute that to having it on the morning announcements at NASH this year. Rejection letters were mailed to each candidate who participated in the 1st and 2nd rounds for the scholarship

Toys for Tigers (T4T): No updates provided

Tiger Items for Sale: Items currently available for sale – phone wallet holder & electrostatic tiger paw sticker - \$5 (in AD office); NA Blankets have been ordered, but are not in yet.

UBO Projects (Bob Bozzuto):

Changes at the Baierl Center – hallway flooring, pictures, bathroom renovations, outside landscaping, outside LED lighting, outside planters, training room, ceiling tiles replacement, irrigation system

UBO has agreed to buy the stone that will go on the end walls in the Ponce Room. Cost is around the \$9000 - \$10,000 range.

Will be replacing the North Allegheny sign at NASH

Team Reports:

Baseball 2023 - Nicole Williamson

The baseball program does hold tryouts and does make cuts. This season we have:

- 5 Teams with a total of 119 players o Varsity&JV-38

- o Freshmen-22

- o CarsonMiddleSchool-19 o IngomarMiddleSchool-20 o Marshall Middle School- 20

- Records-

- o Varsity:8-2,Section5-1

- o JuniorVarsity:8-3

- o Freshmen:5-3-1

- o CarsonMiddleSchool:1-6-1 o IngomarMiddleSchool:4-4 o Marshall Middle School: 7-0

- Dues-

- o Varsity&JuniorVarsity:\$200 o Freshmen:\$165

- o MiddleSchool:\$100

- Fundraising-

- o Spring Lottery during April o WebsiteSponsorships

- o Pretzelroni Sale

- o Penguins Game

- o Restaurant Nights

- o YardSigns
- o Teamstore

The banquet for Junior Varsity and Varsity players is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 19. The Freshmen and Middle School Teams will have team parties at the end of their seasons.

Boys Lacrosse - Kelley Lowry

of players: 53 total – 32 Varsity and 23 JV players (all seniors are Varsity)

Tryout requirements: There weren't any cuts this year. They had a scheduled week of "tryouts" – but all players made the team.

Summary of the season: Season is still active. Varsity has 6 wins and 1 loss in our division at this time. They have 4 games left to play this season (in our division).

Postseason play – still to be determined. MSCLA tournaments in May.

Awards and special recognitions: Seniors Marc Bartolomucci signed at Saint Leo University and Marco Pascarella signed at the University of Utah.

The boys lacrosse team sponsored a family of 5 for Toys for Tigers. The entire team participated by wrapping and organizing the gifts for Christmas delivery. They did a great job!

Associated fees: \$575 fee, \$100 deposit (returned if families meet their volunteer commitments), \$50 deposit (returned if uniforms are returned in their entirety and without damage)

Sponsored fundraisers: Zroni pepperoni rolls, concession stand, youth night raffle, and Boar's Head ham sale.

Banquet date: 5/28

Teams Largest Roster in over 5 years- 50 rowers

Rowing - Alison Edfors

We have tryouts

Fall Race Highlights

Morgan Grimm Memorial Regatta - Parkersburg WV

<https://athletics.northallegheny.org/news/big-day-for-na-at-morgan-grimm-memorial-regatta/>

Every Athlete medaled at this event!

Head of the Ohio

Womens 4x - silver

Boys Novice 8+ - Bronze

4 medals in the doubles events

<https://athletics.northallegheny.org/news/head-of-the-ohio-summary/>

Head of the Niagara

Men's Varsity 4x took 2nd And the Women's Varsity 4x took 1st

Spring 22 Season Highlights

Womens V 4x - Silver SRAAs

Gold MSRA

Mens V 4x - Bronze MSRAs
Semi finals of SRAAs

Womens Nov 4x+
Bronze MSRA
Qualified for SRAAs

Womens V 2x - Gold MSRA
Silver Head of the Hooch (Fall 21)

Womens Lwt V 2x
5th MSRA (open category only)
Qualified for SRAAs - Made Semi finals

Dues are \$650 for the season and travel is an additional \$750 per season, so \$1400 in the fall and another \$1400 in the spring for high school rowers. Our middle school developmental rowers pay \$325 and do not travel. Winter season is \$200 per rower. There is a discount for multiple family members of \$50 off the first sibling and \$100 off the second, which is taken off the season fees. There is no discount off of travel fees. Our two big fundraisers are Erg in the Berg and a Cash Bash. We will also be having an alumni race in the fall in honor of Michael Ban class of 2004 who passed away last May.

Fast Pitch Softball (Amy McDonough)

Tryouts are first week of March
Varsity/JV (8 Freshman, 5 Sophomore, 8 Juniors, 5 Seniors)
Total 26
Varsity 10
JV 9
Dual rostered 7
Dues: \$200

2023 Season 6A (3/18/23-5/10/22)

Current record:

Overall 10-4

Section 7-3 (Seneca, Pine Richland, Butler, Norwin, Hempfield, Baldwin, Canon McMillan)

Middle School

Roster 23

7th grade: 13

8th grade 10

Dues \$75

Fundraisers:

Universal Spring Training, FL

(Aramark, hoagie sale, Thorn Hill tap house, fall mum and pumpkin sale)

Apparel, Concessions, Spring flowers

Senior Night: Wednesday April 26, 2023 scheduled to play Baldwin

Balloon arch, senior gifts, and refreshments following game

Banquet May 21, 2023 at the Camelot

Charities we participate in are: UBO Toys for Tigers and Susan Komen Walk for the Cure

Track and Field - Connie Angermeier

Number of players on the team:

443 grades 7-12

198 (total HS)

245 (total MS)

High School boys: 106

High School girls: 92

Middle School boys: 131

Middle School girls: 114

Tryout Requirements:

Tryouts for both middle school and high school outdoor track are held over the first three days of spring track practice, weather permitting. Students able to achieve the standard in any one event will be admitted to the team. (Very few cuts are made.)

Summary of regular season, post season play, awards, special recognitions, etc.:

Regular season HS meets: 4 (2 tri-meets)

Regular season MS meets: 9

We are still in season! But so far...

HS Boys: 3-1

HS Girls: Undefeated

HS Invitationals:

Boys: 1st place at Wildcat Invitational; 1st place at Butler Invitational

Girls: 2nd place at Lady Spartan Invitational 1st place at Butler Invitational

Dues associated with the sport:

High School: \$150 (\$60 for sibling); Dues pay for:

Athlete Supplemental Uniforms : short and long sleeved t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts

Snacks and beverages for travel meets

Senior gifts, end of season party, team banner, additional attire (coaches shirts, MVP awards, clean sweep awards, custom t-shirts for state competitors)

Equipment/training programs requested by coaches

Middle School: \$25 (\$25 for sibling)

Dues pay for:

Athlete short and long sleeve t-shirt

End of Season party

Equipment/training programs requested by coaches

Fundraisers:

Concessions
Yard Signs
In-Stock Clothing Sales (raised about \$1000 to date)
Spiritwear (raised about \$500)
Moe's Kits (raised about \$500)
Panera
Dick's Sporting Goods coupon books
Sponsorships (\$250)
Possibly Rita's

Banquet Date
High School: April 24, 2023 (at the Rose Barn in North Park)
Middle School: May 16 or 17 (pizza party at NAI cafeteria)

Boys Volleyball - Susan White

1. How many players are on the team? 32
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:

- Currently 5-2 and ranked 2nd in WPIAL (still 5 games left in the season)
- Tournaments: tied for 1st at NA, 2nd at Derry, 3rd at York JV:
 - Currently undefeated and 1st place at all 3 tournaments (still 5 games left in the season)

Banquet is scheduled for June 19

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport? \$250 booster dues
5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? New fundraiser this year: raffle tickets to win a roll of scratch off lottery tickets

Girls Lacrosse - Ray Donley

For the Spring 2023 season, there are 21 players on the Varsity Team and 18 players on the JV Team.

Tryouts were held on March 6, 7 and 8. Teams were announced on March 9.

The 2023 Season starts a new era for NA Girls Lacrosse. Longtime Head Coach Harry Datz moved on, and Bob hired Cortney Killian. Coach Killian is a former D1 Lacrosse Player and was Head Coach at Shady Side Academy. Courtney's arrival brought excitement, new uniforms, and a steep learning curve as the plays had to learn new offensive sets and defensive schemes.

Varsity has a record of 4-3 and is tied for 4th place with North Hills in their section. The top 6 teams in each section make the playoffs.

We have 2 section games remaining, tonight against Pine Richland and Monday night against North Hills.

Booster dues for the 2023 season are \$300.

Again this year, the Girls' Lacrosse Team sold "Gourmet" Popcorn from Double Good as a fundraiser in March. It's a very efficient, minimal-work fundraiser. The players receive a link to the Double Good website that they can text or email to people. You click on the link, and it takes you to the Double Good website, where players and teams have their own webpage. You order online, pay online, and Double Good ships the popcorn directly to the person who ordered it.

The Girls Lacrosse Banquet will be held on May 30.

Boys Tennis - Kelli Haller (requested a resubmission - sent version wasn't able to open)

Athletic Director's Report:

Spring season sports are winding down

North Allegheny is scheduled to win the TribLive Cup again as the best 6A sports program in the WPIAL.

The dedication of our kids, staff, and parents is tremendous and is the reason NA's athletic program is so successful.

Bob Bozzuto encouraged all booster groups to work diligently to keep booster dues down.

Bob encouraged each booster group to send in their fundraising efforts so that they are not duplicated by another booster group. This year, we had (2) teams run the same fundraiser.

All schedules for the 2023 – 2024 school year are on the athletic page of the website now.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Valerie Scolieri and seconded by Dane Leya the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next Meeting: September

Teams/Groups to present at next meeting: N/A

Regards,
Barb Liwosz
UBO Secretary