

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization
September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Board Members Virtual: N/A

Board Members Not Present: N/A

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

Chairperson(s) Present: **Alyssa Kuder** (High school Scholar Athlete), **Deana Shaulis** (CMS Scholar Athlete), **Mike Ansell** (MMS Scholar Athlete)

Representative Present: **Julie Greenberg** (Band), **John Magorien** (Football), **Heidi Hoffman** (Boys Golf), **Anisha Shah** (Girls Golf), **Rachel Stegeman** (Gymnastics), **Karen Plotsko** (Softball-Fast pitch), **Mike Ashbaugh** (Softball-Slow-pitch), **Mike Currykosky** (Swimming/Diving and Water Polo), **Jamie Mangene** (Girls Tennis and Track & Field) **Sunny Kim** (Cheerleading), **Kathryn Duffy** (Bowling), **Lori Rodgers** (Rowing), **Heather Butler** (Girls Volleyball), **John Laquatra** (Wrestling) and **Don Eck** (Boys Soccer), **Nicole Williamson** (Baseball/Girls Basketball), **Matt Kynaston** (Cross Country), **Emily Yagusic** (Boys Basketball), **Wendy Joyce** (Field Hockey), **Kelley Mowry** (Boys Lacrosse), **Jason Braun** (Boys Volleyball)

Not Present: IMS Scholar Athlete, NAI Representative, NASH Representative, Ice Hockey, Inline Hockey, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis

Welcome Introduction: Georgiana welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2023-24 school year. There will be four meetings to attend during the school year and the remaining dates are: **November 4th**, **February 10th**, **April 27th at 9:00 A.M.**

Approval of April 2023 Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to the April 2023 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by John Magorien and seconded by Wendy Joyce. Motion passed. The April minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed as of June 13, 2023 there was an beginning balance of 11,914.94, UBO accepted 16,586.00 (mostly from Kennywood), expenses 12,815.30 (most went to Kennywood) ending balance is 15,686.64 with \$200 in petty cash for sale. \$10,000 is already committed to enhancements to the Bairel Center. This leaves approximately 5,500. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Nicole Williamson and seconded by Julie Greenberg. Motion passed.

Proposed Budget: The proposed budget was reviewed and will be located on the UBO Website for future review. Motion was made to approve the Proposed Budget for 2023-24 school year by Lori Rodgers with a caveat to add back the removed \$1,000 Georgiana Thomas Scholarship if funding permits and seconded by Emily Yagusic. Motion passed.

Scholarship Report: This position is open to a new volunteer. The position details were explained and shared during the meeting. Contact Georgiana if interested.

UBO Responsibilities: Patti explained the responsibilities of the UBO, and explained: the responsibilities as UBO representative include:

1. Keeping your group/parents and Booster President informed about UBO projects via email or at your groups meetings.
2. Share information about your organization to other UBO representatives by presenting a report at one UBO meeting.
3. Participate in all UBO projects, which include assisting with the promotion, ticket sales or event operations of our largest fundraiser NA Community Day at Kennywood.
4. Distribute All-Scholar Athlete Award certificates and t-shirts in a timely manner to students.
5. Inform your seniors of UBO scholarships.

It was further explained that each Rep has the opportunity to:

1. Hear information updates, from the Athletic Director, on current and future issues and events in NA athletics, to share with your members.
2. Amplify announcements of your organizations fundraisers by having all UBO representatives forward your fundraising information to each family in their membership.
3. Receive ideas and information from the other NA organizations regarding their success and challenges with booster operations, including banquets, fundraisers, camps, fees, team photographers and more.

Committee Reports:

Kennywood: The 2022-23 Kennywood Day event did not profit as much as in the year's past. Kennywood offered many sales, did not allow for online sales, and prices locked in early. When attendance didn't result in the high numbers from year's past, Kennywood reduced ticket prices below the NASD prices. Bob Bozzuto recommended other solutions to raise money for Toys 4 Tigers versus using Kennywood as the main fundraising opportunity. Profit: \$3,168.22 minus signs last Summer: \$9,763.64 minus signs.

Membership: This position is now combined with the Secretary position.

Scholarships: There are 3 Scholarships available. 2 For \$1,000 under the Georgiana Thomas Scholarship and 1 for \$750 under the Don Vandergrift Scholarship. Due to the lack of profits from the Kennywood Sales, it is being considered to remove one of the Georgiana Thomas Scholarships for \$1,000 for the 2023-24 school year. This will allow for the funds to be allocated to Toys 4 Tigers.

Scholar Athlete: 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 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 -3.39
- 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 year

Toys for Tigers (T4T): The program is established to ensure each child in the district has a nice holiday season. The 2022-23 Kennywood Day event did not profit as much as in the year's past; therefore, each group is expected to donate \$175 this year. Each group can choose to use their monetary donation of \$175 to shop for an individual child or a family of 1, 2, 3 etc. Each child will receive the the same amount of \$175. If the group chooses to spend more than \$175, the same amount is to be spent on each child in the family. UBO will provide shopping information for each child. UBO will purchase shoes for the children requesting shoes. In addition, each group can volunteer to shop and UBO provides the money. The shoppers must keep sales receipts and gift vouchers.

Tiger Items for Sale: At the meeting Peg advised there were blankets, hats and credit card holders for sale. Volunteers needed to sell items at the following home football games 9/22, 9/29 and 10/13.

Athletic Director's Report: On the NASD Athletic website the majority of the Fall, Winter and Spring scheduled are available, with the exception of gymnastics due to PIAA mandated meetings in October There were a number of changes to Fall sports. November 17th begins Winter sports with a guarantee of many changes to be expected.

*Fall sports review - the teams are doing a fantastic job and working hard. Many teams are at the top of the rankings. Great start to the Fall season.

*Football - These are community events mixed with Football, Marching Band and Cheerleading. Currently ranked #1. Elementary Night, Hall of Fame and Homecoming events coming.

*Soccer (Boys) - Important game against Seneca Valley during the following week

*Soccer (Girls)-Have 3/5 WPIAL Championships

*Cross Country (Boys and Girls) - Have won numerous State Championships

*Volleyball - Great game this week against Pine Richland

*NASH Hosted the Water Polo Tournament

*Dee Jay's, Jimmy John's and MonteCellos will be at the Elementary Night Football Game

*Impact Testing and Physical Forms for Winter Sports is coming - an email will be sent out

*Publication of 2022-23 North Allegheny Sports Year in Review

<https://buildyourownnewsletters.com/NAAF23new/naa23new.html#p=1>

ALL MEETING ATTACHMENTS EMAILED PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER UBO MEETING

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Wendy Joyce and seconded by Jamie Mangene the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Next Meeting: Saturday November 4, 2023 at 9:00am

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.

Reports should include:

1. How many players are on the team?
2. Are there tryouts?
3. Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest.
4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?
5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?