

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization  
November 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

**Board Members Not Present:** Patti McClure (Vice President) & Peg Lehew (Treasurer)

**Chairperson(s) Present:** Chris Shaulis (CMS Scholar Athlete), Jamie Mangene (Scholarship, Girls Tennis and Track & Field)

**Representative Present:** Julie Greenberg (Band), Heidi Hoffman (Boys Golf), Kathleen Fadgen (Softball-Fast pitch), Sunny Kim (Cheerleading), Lori Rodgers (Rowing), Heather Butler (Girls Volleyball), Karen Eck (Boys Soccer), Valerie Scolieri (Boys Basketball), Wendy Joyce (Field Hockey), Jason Braun (Boys Volleyball), Bill Beining (Inline Hockey), Kelly Clark (Softball-Slow-pitch), and Karen Vitale (Girls Soccer)

**Not Present:** IMS Scholar Athlete, NAI Representative, NASH Representative, Ice Hockey, Boys Tennis, High School Scholar Athlete, MMS Scholar Athlete, Football, Gymnastics, Swimming/Diving, Water Polo, Girls Golf, Bowling, Wrestling, Baseball, Girls Basketball, Cross Country and Boys Lacrosse

**Welcome Introduction:** Georgiana welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the 2023-24 school year. There will be two additional meetings to attend during the school year and the remaining dates are: February 10<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**Approval of September 2023 Minutes:** No recommended changes proposed to the September 2023 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Julie Greenberg and seconded by Valerie Scolieri. Motion passed. The September minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report:** The report was reviewed as of November 4, 2023 there was an beginning balance of 15,685.64, UBO accepted 998.99 for sales and arch rentals, there were no expenses incurred ending the UBO Account balance at 16,683.64 with \$10,000 committed to enhancements to the Baierl Center. This leaves approximately 6,600 for scholarships and Toys for Tigers. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Valerie Scolieri and seconded by Laurie Rodgers. Motion passed.

### **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. Profit: \$3,168.22 minus signs last Summer: \$9,763.64 minus signs.

**Scholarships:** (Note from September 2023 Meeting) 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 for the 2023-24 school year only 1 GT Scholarship was budgeted, but if additional funds are received the 2nd GT scholarship will be reinstated.

**Scholarship Committee:** The position details were explained and shared during the meeting and Jamie Mangene has volunteered to lead this committee and will receive guidance from Barb Liwosz (past committee chair), if needed. There are four interviewers, plus an alternate, needed for the scholarship committee. Sunny Kim and Barb Liwosz have volunteered, 3 more interviewers are still needed.

**Important Scholarship Dates:**  
Tuesday March 22, 2024 - applications are due  
Friday April 5, 2024 - final interviews

**Scholar Athlete:**

Fall	1 <sup>st</sup> 9 week grades	- November 1st Report Cards
Spring	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 week grades	
Winter	3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 week grades	

**Toys for Tigers (T4T):** The program is established to ensure each child in the district has a nice holiday season. Each group can choose to use their monetary donation (requested amount of \$175) to shop for an individual child or a family of 1, 2, 3 etc. Each child will receive 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 on behalf of the UBO where the UBO provides the money either in advance, or after. The shoppers must keep sales receipts and gift vouchers. One additional fundraising opportunity planned at DeeJay's BBQ who will donate 10% of proceeds from sales on Monday November 6, 2023. Julie Greenberg asked if the band could donate hats and/or gloves to the T4T children.

**Tiger Items for Sale:** UBO has blankets for sales but they have been misplaced, but are trying to be located. UBO needs new item ideas to sell to continue to raise funds for Toys for Tigers. It was suggested: gloves, baseball hats and Starbucks cups and pants. It was discussed if teams/groups could sell items at the concession stand during games; Georgiana will check and respond to all.

**TEAM REPORTS:**

**Cheerleading (Sunny Kim)**

Total of 93 Athletes:

28 Varsity Athletes

19 Junior Varsity Athletes

17 Freshman Athletes

12 Marshall Middle School Athletes

17 CMS/IMS Athletes

33 Varsity Competitive Cheer Athletes

32 Varsity Game Day Cheer Athletes

22 Junior Varsity Competitive Cheer Athletes

14 Middle School Competitive Cheer Athletes

Cheer Tryouts are held in May of each year.

Recognition:

Senior Night Event

Recognize teamwork with Team Bonding Events for each Team

Middle School Athletes were able to participate with PITT Cheerleaders

Recognize Athletes with C.O.W program

Cheer Float won Best Float

Cheer supported the Trick/Trot event

Cheer supports Football, Basketball, Wrestling Sports

Dues: Yearly

## Fundraising:

Flocking for Breast Cancer Donation

Purse Raffle Fundraiser

Mini Cheer Camp Summer/Winter

Food Drive for Community Outreach Program

Cheer signs/magnets

Gas/freezer of meat Fundraiser

## Field Hockey (Wendy Joyce)

North Allegheny Field Hockey

- How many players/students are on the team/group?
  - HS : 27 players
  - MS: 19 players
- Are there tryouts?
  - Yes in August each year
- Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest.
  - Section Record: 6-4-2
  - Overall Record: 8-8-2
  - Qualified for playoffs - 4th seed
  - Varsity Awards:
    - Isla Abrams - Offensive MVP & most goals,
    - Kayla Joyce - Defensive MVP,
    - Addison Burns - Rookie of the Year & 2nd most goals,
    - Eliana Jones - Most Improved Player,
    - Josie Schomburg - Coaches Award
  - Junior Varsity Awards:
    - Alexis Solomon - Offensive MVP
    - Alexa Volk - Defensive MVP
    - Anna Gauntner - Most Improved
    - Alaina Roth - Coaches Award
  - Special Recognitions:
    - WPIAL recognitions to be released 11/6th
    - Kayla Joyce Max Prep Top 150 Players & NFHS HS Records for # of saves in a season and individual game.
- Are there any dues associated with the sport?
  - Yes, Booster dues are \$250 for HS, \$80 for MS
- What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?
  - 2 flower sales (Spring & Fall) plus we share the concession stand with Soccer and make a small amount from spiritwear

## Golf Girls (Anisha Shah)

1. How many players are on the team?

Varsity-8

JV-12

2. Are there tryouts?

Yes-3 days of tryouts held at Diamond Run CC.

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

Regular Season Record: 6-8

Post Season: \*1 qualified for WPIAL Individuals.

2-18 hole matches @ Diamon Run

\*1 qualified for PIAA State Individuals

Awards: Megan Manesiotis took 7th in WPIAL and placed 18th in PIAA

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

Booster Dues-\$160 per player + \$80 for each additional player (\*Dues reduced this year)

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

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

Banquet to be held on November 15, 2023 at Diamond Run. Each player and 2 parents attended can banquet free of charge because of success of the raffle.

### **Golf Boys (Heidi Hoffman)**

Varsity

13-3-1 record

2nd at Fox Chapel Invitational

1st WPIAL Team Semifinal

4Th WPIAL Team Finals

6 players qualified for WPIAL individual finals

1 player Qualified for PIAA Championship

JV

16-2 record

JV Won Ram Cup Invitational

1. Are there any dues associated with the sport? Yes, \$125
2. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? Spirit Wear and a private event at X-Golf

### **Marching Band (Julie Greenberg)**

NA Tiger Marching Band features 168 student musicians, majorettes, dance team and color guard. Our show this year is called Moments of Fame and includes music by Lady Gaga, Britany Spears and Madonna and field solos by 3 senior marching band students. We hold tryouts in the Spring for the auxiliary units. Musicians do not need to audition, but must be enrolled in a classroom band ensemble for the year and must

demonstrate adequate musical proficiency on their instrument. In addition to performing at every varsity football game, the Marching Band also performed at Open Day for teachers and staff at NA, McCandless Day, the City of Pittsburgh Labor Day Parade, the Bloomfield Halloween Parade, the NA Foundation Trick or Trot, 16 different North Allegheny community neighborhood Halloween parades, and the North Hills Band Festival. The Band is scheduled to perform in the City of Pittsburgh Veterans Day Parade on November 11 and will travel to New York City in March 2024 to march in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. In addition, every 5 years North Allegheny hosts the Allegheny Valley Marching Band Festival and this year was our year to host the festival which included performances from 8 bands and more than 1000 marching band students from surrounding North Hills area school districts. Marching Band students pay a \$350 marching band fee in addition to the \$50 district participation fee. Students also pay for the cost of their NYC trip. The Band Boosters do a number of fundraisers each year to help families offset the cost of their spring band trip and also to pay for instrument purchases and repairs, dinner for the band for all away games and other expenses not covered by the budget. Our fundraisers this year include the Wendell August Forge annual NA ornament sales, a house and garden flag sale, That's a Wrap pepperoni rolls, Marianna's hoagies, and several dine in nights. In addition, for the last 4 years the band boosters have participated in Aramark's non-profit fundraising program where parents and students "volunteer" to work in a concession stand at Acrisure Stadium during Pitt and Steelers games, as well as the Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran concerts over the summer and in exchange Aramark makes a donation to the Band Boosters for each person who worked at the event.

## **Soccer Girls (Karen Vitale)**

### Soccer – Girls -2023 Fall

#### Summer Camps

High School – June and July

Middle School camps – June and August

#### Tryouts

August– High School and Middle School

#### Teams

Middle School – approximately 60 girls making up three teams (Black/Gold/White)

Varsity/Junior Varsity – 43 girls on the roster; nine Seniors

#### Booster Dues

\$175

#### Team Building Events

Game overnight with two games, team lunch and dinner, and a team building exercise

Pool party hosted by a team family

Decorating Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe for a fundraiser

Senior Night post-game party at NASH

Personalized Senior Note cards

October pink socks for breast cancer awareness

Team dinners hosted by team families; playoff send-off team dinners hosted by team families

#### Banquet

November 29<sup>th</sup>; The Chadwick

#### Fundraising

Soccer and football concessions; magnets; yard signs; spirit wear; game day T-shirts/hoodies; Chipotle; Millie's Ice Cream

### Special Recognition

\*The JV team had a successful stint with an undefeated season.

\*The Varsity Lady Tigers had another great season

-undefeated regular season 20-0 record – first perfect regular season in program history

- 20-1 overall record thus far with their sole loss coming in the WPIAL championship game

\*WPIAL Class 4A Runner-up – WPIAL finals played at Highmark Stadium

\*qualified for the PIAA championship with the first round to begin on Tuesday, 11/7

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

\*Six members of the Varsity Team were named to the WPIAL ALL-SECTION TEAM

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

\*Six seniors have committed to play college soccer at High Point University, Kutztown University, Ohio University, Slippery Rock University, and University of Kentucky

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

### **Soccer Boys (Karen Eck)**

#### 2023 Booster Board Members

- President: Scott Accamando
- Vice President: Gerry Hickel
- Treasurers: Brian Lopresti & Michael Eck
- Secretary: Tammy Nash

#### Coaches

- Manuel Montero (Varsity); John Kowalski (Asst Varsity)
- Lenny Muckle (JV)
- Joey Saez (Black Team)
- Dan Smyers (Gold Team)
- Greg Tobias (White Team)

#### Team Roster

- Varsity – 22 (9 Seniors, 11 Juniors, 2 Sophomores)
- JV – 20 (8 Freshman, 10 sophomores, 2 Juniors)
- Black – 18
- Gold – 20
- White - 19

#### General Information

- Tryouts - NA Boys Soccer held tryouts the week of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Booster fees this year was \$125 (grades 7-9); \$225 (Junior Varsity / Varsity)
- We ask that parents volunteer in the concession stand at least twice during the season. We require a \$100 uniform deposit. If the family does not volunteer in the concession stand twice, they forfeit their deposit.

#### Summary of the season (as of 11/3/2023)

- Varsity
  - 12 wins (section games)
  - 3 ties (section games)
  - 1 loss (section game)
  - 4 wins (non-section games or scrimmages)
- WPIAL Quarterfinals – Won 6-1
- WPIAL Semifinals – Won 3-2

- WPIAL Championship – November 3, 2023 – 5:45 PM
- PIAA Playoffs – November 7, 2023 (TBD on time and location)

## **Tennis Girls (Jamie Mangene)**

### Girls Tennis Summary

The tennis team holds 3 days of try outs and typically makes cuts. This year the coaches did not need to make any cuts due to lower number of players trying out.

JV and Varsity Teams with 20 total players

JV - 10 players (+ 2 sophomores that are dual rostered)

5 - Freshman

4 - Sophomore

1 - Junior

Varsity - 10 players (including 2 dual rostered)

1- Freshman

3 - Sophomore

1 - Junior

4 - Seniors + 1 Foreign Exchange Student

JV Season Record 15-1

Varsity

Overall Season Record 19-3

Section Match Play 7-0 with NA winning our section

WPIAL AAA Championship Runner Up

Lost in PIAA Class 3A quarterfinals

Tici finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in section singles, 4<sup>th</sup> in WPIAL singles

Doubles finished champion and runner-up in section doubles

Dues \$200

Team gift

Senior Night

Senior Gift

Senior Plaques/Photos

Team Awards

Coach Gifts

Banquet

Fundraising

Yard Signs

NA Girls Tennis Merchandise Sale

1st annual JV Girls Doubles Tournament

- 11 schools
- 36 teams
- 72 players
- There were two brackets based on skill level
- NA teams won the championship in each bracket
- 3 of the 4 finalists in the 2 brackets were NA teams

- Girls tennis boosters raised money from this tournament – some of the proceeds were used to buy new tennis balls and some will be saved to use towards a new storage shed in the spring/summer

The banquet is Thursday November 9th

### **Volleyball Girls (Heather Butler)**

Girls volleyball:

1. 31 girls rostered
2. Tryouts are held
3. Dues \$175. Extra \$100 for varsity for overnight tournament costs
4. 15-1 record for varsity- only loss out of section
5. Section champs
6. JV undefeated including 3 tournament wins
7. Competing in the WPIAL championship and qualify for state tournament
8. Invited to Tournament of Champions in Tampa
9. Fundraising included Blast Athletics app, corporate sponsorships and car wash. Host home tournament and raised \$4000 from concessions
10. Team bonding at Best of the Batch. Also held volleyball clinic at Best of the Batch
11. Banquet at the Chadwick on December 7th

### **Water Polo Girls/Boys (Mike Currykosky)**

[NA Water Polo Boys](#)

Reports should include:

1. How many players are on the team?

- 25 total male athletes
  - 7 seniors
  - 4 juniors
  - 9 sophomores
  - 5 freshman

Boys team is losing at large senior class and looking to recruit more strong swimmers

2. Are there tryouts?

- Yes, these are held in Mid August, but no cuts are made

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

- The NA Boys Water Polo team finished 13-5 on the season and placed 2nd in the Pennsylvania Western Conference, behind top seed Wilson who was 16-1.
- They automatically qualified for the PA State Tournament, which is the weekend of November 3rd/4th
- They are seeded 4th overall in the PA State Tournament and scheduled to play the #5 seeded Upper Dublin, Friday, Nov 3rd at 8:00 PM at North Penn High School.
- As of Oct 26, leading the defense is sophomore, goalie - Mikey Stefanko with a 52.5% save percentage across 70 Qtrs in goal. He also tallied 1 goal, 13 assist and 11 steals.

- As of Oct 26, leading the offense are senior, driver/center Camden Wright with 53 goals, 11 assists and 24 steals and junior, driver/wing Grant Regule with 42 goals, 15 assists and 21 steals.
4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?
    - Yes, \$650 is paid up front on the season. This covers team dues and travel/room/board for 5 away tournaments.
  5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?
    - Monte Cellos - 20% on sales
    - Poppin Popcorn

### NA Water Polo Girls

Reports should include:

1. How many players are on the team?

- 15 total female athletes
  - 5 seniors
  - 3 juniors
  - 4 sophomores
  - 3 freshman

Girls team is fairly lean, looking to recruit more swimmers

2. Are there tryouts?

- Yes, these are held in Mid August, but no cuts are made

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

- The NA Girls water polo team finished 14-7 on the season and placed 4th in the Pennsylvania Western Conference.
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- NAWP girls qualified for PA State tournament as the #8 seed.
- They went 1-2 at the States tournament, the weekend of Oct 27 & 28. Finishing #7 overall in the State, two of the 3 games went to OT where they were 1-1.
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- Leading the defense is senior, goalie - Izzie Trunzo with a 61.8% save percentage across 93 Qtrs in goal. She also tallied 2 goals, 31 assists and 15 steals to wrap up her senior season. Izzie was named first team All-State and received inaugural "Goalie of the Year" award
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- Leading the offense is senior, driver/wing Carissa Jones with 68 goals, 29 assists and 57 steals on the season. Carissa was named Second Team All-State

-Sophomore Tori Tieppo received Honorable Mention All-State Team

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

- Yes, \$650 is paid up front on the season. This covers team dues and travel/room/board for 5 away tournaments.

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

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**Athletic Director's Report:** Bob, via phone, provided the following updates:

Boys and Girls Cross country was in Hershey for the Championship on 11/4

Volleyball Championships to be held later on 11/4

Boys Soccer Championship held on 11/3, with PIAA Championship scheduled for 11/7

Girls Soccer PIAA Championship scheduled for 11/7 at Highmark Stadium

Tennis WPIAL Championship Runners-up

Field Hockey qualified for 4th seed in WPIAL playoffs - schedule released on 11/6

Boys Golf-4Th WPIAL Team Finals / 6 players qualified for WPIAL individual finals / 1 player Qualified for PIAA Championship

Girls Golf - Megan Manesiotis took 7th in WPIAL individual finals.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Julie Greenberg and seconded by Deb Dixon the meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

**Next Meeting:** Saturday February 10, 2023 at 9:00am

**Teams/Groups to present at next meeting:** Cross Country, Football, Softball-Slow Pitch, Basketball-Girls, Basketball-Boys, Bowling (Boys/Girls), Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Inline Hockey, Swimming.Diving (Girls/Boys) and Wrestling (Girls/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?