

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization
February 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Georgiana Thomas (President/Scholar Athlete Coordinator/Website Chair)

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

Board Members Not Present: Patti McClure (Vice President), Barb Liwosz (Secretary/Scholarships) & Peg Lehew (Treasurer)

Chairperson(s) Present: Michael Ansell (MMS)

Representative Present: Julie Greenberg (Band), Karen Plotsko (Softball-Fast pitch), Heather Butler (Girls Volleyball), Bill Beining (Inline Hockey), Rachel Stegman (Gymnastics), Anisha Shah (Girls Golf), Nicole Williamson (Baseball/Girls Basketball), Kathryn Duffy (Bowling) and Matt Kynaston (Cross Country). Jamie Mangene (Girls Tennis/Track & Field),

Welcome Introduction: Georgiana welcomed everyone to the third meeting of the 2023-24 school year. There will be one final meeting to attend during the school year and the remaining date is April 27th at 9:00 AM.

Approval of November 2023 Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to the November 2023 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Matt Kynaston and seconded by Bill Beining. Motion passed. The November minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed with a beginning balance of 16,683.64, Total deposits were 315.00, total expenses 2,423.73 ending the UBO Account balance at 14,574.91. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Bill Beining and seconded by Jamie Mangene. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Kennywood: Date is August 10, 2024. Event Day ticket to be used only on 8/10/24. Flexible ticket can be used all season. Patti will do the flyer for Kennywood Day. Kennywood sometimes lowers their ticket prices below the NA prices. UBO requested ideas to entice people to purchase from UBO versus buying from Kennywood. Buying online was not an option last year, but will be able to do it for NASD this year and will include an online fee. The majority feel online sales are more productive, even if more expensive. Julie Greenberg offered details regarding Zeffy, a no-fee credit card processing agency for 501C3 non-profits allowing donations to the organization and/or Zeffy to cover the administrative fee. Tickets should be available by 4/1/24 to sell.

Membership: Roster distributed for representatives to check and edit.

Scholarship Committee: One more interviewer and an alternate is needed on April 5, 2024. Anisha Shah volunteered. It is important for the applicants to know what UBO represents. All sports/band Seniors are eligible to apply and there are 3 Scholarships available.

Important Scholarship Dates:
Tuesday March 22, 2024 - applications are due.

Scholar Athlete: The NASD IT Department is writing a new program for weighted GPAs that will work for the Scholar Athlete program. It is still in development, but it should be complete soon. Once all is complete, all awards will be finalized. Middle School is complete and up-to-date for Fall 2023.

Toys for Tigers (T4T): UBO helped 40 families and 76 kids. Georgiana passed around a Thank You from the IES Principal. The UBO website will list all who helped and how they helped. UBO was able to help all kids, in the NASD, who asked for assistance. Bob thanked everyone for a job well done. 2024-25 T4T is officially open. DeeJay's will help with 2024-25 T4T Fundraising.

Tiger Items for Sale: Stickers for the back of phones and NA blankets. Tiger Mall Store will be coming back with a Spirit Store with BSN, the largest athletic gear warehouse. Bob received an in-person tour of the warehouse, operations, and their logistics. All profits go to UBO and T4T, but teams can also use the platform where they would receive the profits from sales.

TEAM REPORTS:

Bocce (Bob Bozzuto)

Just finished 2nd year with great success. The sport is about participation, not winning. The coaches and student athletes are doing a tremendous job. NASH has 2 teams.

Cross Country (Matt Kynaston)

65 girls

74 boys

Dues are \$155 for Senior \$125 for 9th, both and 11th grades and \$65 for additional family member]

Fundraisers were Monti Cello and Chipotle

Tryouts have high acceptance rate

The team received the Team of the Year Award and Coach of the Year honors for head coach John Neff

1 boy and 5 girls named All-State

Boys won their sixth straight WPIAL championship and a sixth-place finish at the PIAA championships.

NA Girls won a sixth consecutive WPIAL and PIAA crown, while also earning gold medal performances at the TSCTA Championship, PIAA Foundation Meet, Boardman Spartan Invite and the Red, White & Blue Classic. The Lady Tigers also took fifth place at the prestigious Nike Cross Country Nationals.

Basketball-Girls (Nicole Williamson)

1. How many players are on the team? 14 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 ended the Section play with a record of 8-2 (overall record was 21-2). They traveled to the Hoban Hoopfest in Akron on December 9th and 10th, the Hoops for Harmony tournament January 13th and 14th and traveled to Cumberland Valley January 20th and 21st. The team played it's first postseason WPIAL game on February 22nd at NASH and won 44-41. The team now advances and plays at a

neutral site for WPIAL semi-finals on Monday, February 26th. Since the team won on the post season WPIAL game on February 22nd, they automatically qualify for the PIAA 6A state tournament.

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport? Booster Dues - \$150.

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? We do several fundraisers through the season including Moe's Taco Kit Fundraiser, Raffle Ticket Fundraiser, Fan Spirit Wear Apparel Sale and restaurant nights.

Bowling (Boys/Girls) (Kathryn Duffy)

Girls/Boys Bowling

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,

2023-2024 Teams consist of:

Number of Boys - 14 (7 Seniors)

Number of Girls - 10 (3 Seniors)

Dues and Fundraisers:

Dues: \$125; \$160 for seniors (extra cost is for Senior Plaques)

Fundraisers: None

Notable Items:

In addition to the regular season matches, the Boys team also participated in four tournaments. On December 9th at the Muskingum University High School Invitational, NA boys finished 5th out of 25. Connor Peoples was tournament MVP.

The Girls' record is 2 and 8 and that put the girls into 5th place. Our second win was to Avonworth who qualified for Championships and the last match of the season vs OLSH, who qualified as a wildcard. We lost our second game by 9 pins and tied the final game. Had we won that we would have moved us up to a tie w Hampton in 4th place. For a rookie team they showed a great deal of improvement!

Senior recognition took place on January 31, 2024, after the match against OLSH. As above, we have 7 senior boys and 3 senior girls.

Date for our banquet TBD.

Regular Season Standings:

Boys - WPIBL North Section – 1st place with a record of 9-1.

Girls - WPIBL North Section – 5th Place with a record of 2-8.

Post Season Playoff Information:

Boys:

The following boys qualified for WPIBL Individual Championships: Cole Scott, Willie Harris, Luca Thomas, Connor Peoples, Nate Redondo.

Gymnastics (Rachel Stegman)

1. How many players are on the team? 22
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 Wins and 2 losses for the season.

Senior Night: 12 SENIORS were recognized with flowers and a reception.

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport? Yes \$350 for the last 4 years
5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? We participated in wrapping for Toys for Tigers. Other Info:

Yes, in October, and if under 25 everyone is basically guaranteed to get on the team

6 meets, including WPIALS (for the first time since 2018) where we took 4th place.

We have a display case in the Athletic Hallway, and one in the cafeteria with more casual pix in it. We use Madia Photography for Team Pictures.

We had the Banquet this past WED night at Wildwood Golf Club and gave gifts to all, including coaches and extra gift to the seniors, Hoodies with NA logo and seniors got a blanket with their name embroidered on it; AMY's Embroidery in Cranberry is great, with a quick turnaround.

I am stepping down now that my daughter Gabbi is graduating and the Treasurer also has a senior so we will have a new Booster and Treasurer next year.

Since we are losing over half the team because the seniors are graduating, we need to recruit more team members. We will do it through social media, word of mouth and send flyers with info through UBO.

Inline Hockey (Bill 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.

Moved to next meeting:

Swimming/Diving (Girls/Boys) (moved to April meeting)

Wrestling (Girls/Boys) (moved to April meeting)

Football (moved to April meeting)

Softball-Slow Pitch (moved to April meeting)

Ice Hockey (moved to April meeting)

Basketball-Boys (moved to April Meeting)

Athletic Director's Report: Bob provided the following updates:

*Jimmy Turner, long time employee with NASD, passed away unexpectedly in an assisted living facility on 2/17/24. The funeral was private on 2/20/24. The UBO will do something in his memory, more details to be sent at a later date

*Smaller Arch is damaged - consideration of repair versus replace being done by UBO

*Hockey organization, not NA, is starting a girls division in April through May - not associated with NASD.

Once NASD has enough interest from female athletes NA will participate

*All sports are represented in the Baierl Center on the mural

*Spring sports are on the horizon and all details are on the website

*Sports calendars are up, but spring plays when its dry enough to play

*Fall 2024 schedules are just coming out starting in the next few weeks,

Football schedule has to wait until

1. Aliquippa 5A dispute is resolved.

2. Butler signed with District 10 in Erie area, came back with a settlement with District 7 with PIAL, Butler wants their exhibition schedule which will not qualify for playoffs - possible litigation

*2024-25 Winter/Spring Schedules will wait until Fall schedules are resolved

*WPIAL Freshman Football is being transitioned to JV-A and JV-B Teams due to lack of participation

*Baierl Center changes being made along with other capital improvement projects

*Marshal / NASH Tennis Courts will be resurfaced (45 days to complete)

*4 new initiatives:

1. Attendance by students at sporting events (Sophomore and Juniors)

2. Behavior of people is crossing lines (Together Every Athlete Matters = TEAM)

3. Student Leadership - National Federation

4. Giving coaches funding to go through all necessary requirements to become a coach

Georgiana requested the attendants to advise if they would prefer evening meetings or Saturday meetings, majority chose evenings.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Julie Greenberg and seconded by Bill Beining the meeting adjourned at 10:14am

Next Meeting: Saturday April 27, 2024 at 9:00am (changed to May 14th at 7:00pm)

Teams/Groups to present at next meeting: Swimming/Diving (Girls/Boys), Wrestling (Girls/Boys), Football, Softball-Slow Pitch, Ice Hockey, Basketball-Boys, Baseball, Lacrosse-Girls, Lacrosse-Boys, Rowing (girls and boys), Softball-Fast Pitch, Tennis-boys, Track and Field (girls and boys) and Flag Football-girls

Reports should include:

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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?