



## ***North Allegheny Baseball Boosters Meeting Agenda***

**Date:** Sunday, March 2, 2025

**Location:** Virtual -[Meeting link](#)

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**Officers in Attendance:** Nicole Williamson, Blake Kohler, Erin Mullen

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Paula Dworek

**Coaching Staff in Attendance:** None

**Parent Attendance:** Curt Gardner

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### **President's Report**

- **Player Welcome Packets:** Printed by Coach Sabo and distributed by team coaches.
  - Send a copy via email to all players who made the teams on Friday, 3/7/25 in case a player loses theirs.
- **Online Registration:** Opens Tuesday, March 4, 2025.
- **Apparel Store Update:**
  - February store profit - \$500. Nicole to check with Coach Sabo/Coach Heck on the check.
  - Second store: **March 5-10**; link posted on the NA Tiger Baseball website.
- **Baseball Character Program:**
  - Coach Heck ordered **150** wristbands with this year's theme, "**TOGETHER**" (leadership & lifestyle lessons for JV/Varsity).
  - Cost: **\$178.05**, paid by Heck and reimbursed through Booster funds.
  - Wristbands will be distributed with hats at **TigerFest**.
- **Annual Filings & Reports:**



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- **PA Annual Report:** Filed (2/21/25); future reminders sent to Boosters' email.
- **BCO-10:** filed (2/28/25).
- **BCO-23:** Parent Boosters USA is reviewing and Nicole will finalize with them week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- All 2024 federal and state tax filings will be completed after BCO-23 submission.

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#### **Athletic Department Updates**

- **Individual Fundraising Accounts:**
  - The district solicitor reaffirmed that Booster groups **cannot** allocate fundraising proceeds to individuals (maintaining 501(c)(3) status).
  - Funds must benefit the **entire team** or be distributed based on objective criteria.
- **Senior Student-Athlete Awards:**
  - To ensure compliance, "Scholarship" was replaced with "Award" in all official documentation, including Google form application that will be sent to Senior players after teams are established.

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#### **Treasurer's Report**

- **Current Bank Balance: \$28,350.66**

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#### **Coach's Report**

- No updates.

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#### **Fundraising Committee Report**

- **Current Sponsorship Total: \$13,015**



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- **7 Sponsors on the list waiting for checks.** Paula will reach out to those individuals who obtained them to confirm that the check has been mailed and not lost in the mail.
- **YETI Raffle:**
  - Brooke provided **printed raffle tickets** to Nicole.
  - Books **0000-0190** retained by Brooke (first 20 books) to sell.
  - Karen Shearon obtained **\$50 "Bonus Certificate"** (expires **May 31, 2025**). Nicole spoke with Brooke and we both thought that maybe this could be used by the baseball team since the expiration date is so close to when the raffle takes place. Boards thoughts?

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### **Awards & Donations Report**

#### **Baseball Boosters Awards (Seniors Only)**

- **Application Deadline: April 30, 2025**
- **Selection Process:** The Award Committee & Coaches will select recipients based on established criteria.
  - **2025 Awards:** \$1,000, \$500, and \$250.
- **Next Steps:**
  - Coach Sabo to distribute applications once teams are set.
  - Promote in March & April newsletters.

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### **UBO Report**

- **Scholarship Awards**
- Follow-up communication from the Athletic Office regarding booster/parent groups sponsoring scholarships for senior student-athletes.
- The District Solicitor's Office has provided guidance on this matter:



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- Booster organizations must review their existing purpose clause to determine if scholarships are permitted. If not included, this can be updated in the next 990 filing.
- IRS rules require an eligibility group and selection criteria (e.g., academic performance, financial need, instructor recommendations, etc.).
- Funds should be distributed directly to the college of the recipient to ensure proper use.
- Record-keeping requirements must be followed.
- **Recommendation:** Use the term “awards” instead of “scholarships.” As noted above, baseball has changed on all related files and documents.
- **NOTE:** Baseball is in compliance with all awarded monies will be sent directly to awardees college, university or trade school.
- **Individual Accounts in Fundraising**
- Review of the district's past practice and philosophy:
  - Booster groups are not permitted to have individual accounts when fundraising.
  - Legal opinion from Maiello, Brungo, and Maiello confirms this stance remains unchanged.
  - IRS regulations must be followed to maintain 501(c)(3) status:
    - No direct fundraising benefit to individual members.
    - Fundraising proceeds should be equally distributed to benefit the entire group or be based on objective criteria.
  - Questions can be directed to Bob Bozzuto at 412-527-0208.
  - **Note:** Baseball complies with individual fundraising rules.

### **Additional Meeting Items**

- **NA Community Day (August 16):** Events include a 5K run and fundraiser at Cadence in North Park.
- **Kennywood Day (August 17):** UBO selling single-day tickets – day NA Band Performs



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- **Toys for Tigers:** Helped 44 families and 83 children; expansion plans for 2025. Potentially, there will be more fundraisers, as well as online fundraisers.
- **Senior Prom Afterparty Donations:** Contact Paula Dworek for details.
- **UBO Scholarship Applications:** Due March 21; interviews April 4.
- **DQ Fundraiser (March 19):** Raising funds for the Little Heroes Prom (20% of sales donated). Cranberry location only.
- **Next UBO Meeting (April 26, 9 AM):** Scholarship winners honored; spring sports updates.

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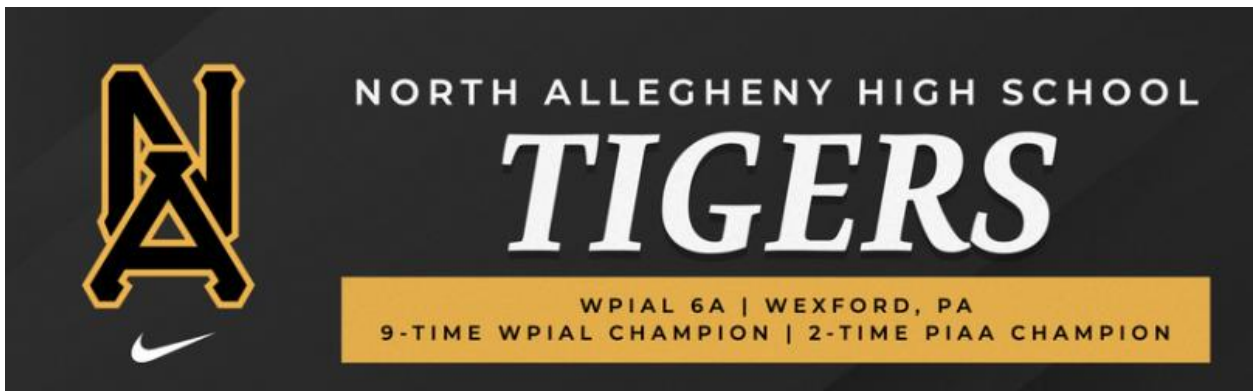
### Miscellaneous

#### **Volunteers Needed**

- **Team Photographers:** Contact baseball Gmail (we have a volunteer to chair this if son makes the team).
- **Senior Recognition Night:** Sign-up at TigerFest; email to families if needed.
  - Board to establish a budget for this event. Use previous years' expenses as a guide this year.
- **JV & Varsity Banquet (June 9, The Camelot):** Junior parents preferred; will request volunteers if needed.
  - Board to establish a budget for this event. Use previous years' expenses as a guide this year.
- **Middle School Recognition Night (April 8, Rain Date: April 17):**
  - Confirm volunteer commitments once teams are set.
  - Opt for Giant Eagle baseball cookies over Eat 'n Park.
  - Board to establish a budget for this event. Use previous years' expenses as a guide this year.
- **Sign-up Sheet:** Printed and available at the TigerFest registration table.

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### TigerFest Notes



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- **Booster Registration:**
  - Coach Sabo will bring his **laptop** and **player list** to track **raffle ticket distribution & payments**.
- **Fundraising:**
  - **Cash Bags:** Prepped with small amounts of cash for making change.
  - **QR Codes:** Printed for all fundraising stations/tables.
  - **Apparel Sales:** Sorted by **size** with a **printed price list**.
- **Dick's Sporting Goods Coupons:**
  - Coach Sabo received multiple Dick's Sporting Goods coupon books (obtained by Karen Shearon) to distribute. Nicole has them and made a note for players/parents to take one at Tigerfest if they would like.
  - The Board agreed to reach out to Coach Sabo to determine if the teams could use any items from Dick's instead of including them in the Yeti raffle due to the expiration date being 5/31/25; too close to the date of the drawing.
- **Gift Cards & Certificates:**
  - Compile a list of gift cards and certificates with an "as of" date in case any new ones are added later and share it with baseball families via a QR code in the April newsletter.
  - Some companies that have donated a gift card or certificate have asked if they would receive a shoutout for their contribution. Boosters will create a QR code and share that list with the baseball families as a form of acknowledgment.
- **Extra Tickets:**
  - Include Brooke's email address in the April newsletter for those needing extra tickets.

### **Goals for the Upcoming Season**

- No new updates.

### **Adjournment**

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES:**



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April 6, 2025	August 3, 2025
May 4, 2025	September 7, 2025
June 1, 2025	October 5, 2025
July 6, 2025	November 2, 2025