

Date: Sunday, May 4, 2025

Location: Virtual - meet.google.com/kxb-aiko-ags

Officers in Attendance: Nicole Williamson, Blake Kohler, Erin Mullen, Julie Makela

Committee Members in Attendance: Jamie Lopez, Paula Dworek

Coaching Staff in Attendance: Jeremy Sabo

Parent Attendance: Michele Fallon

President's Report

2025-2026 Executive Officer Elections:

The slate of officers was unanimously elected, with 13 affirmative votes cast via online ballots

President: Nicole Williamson

Vice President: Blake Kohler

Treasurer: Erin Mullen

Secretary: Jamie Lopez

A heartfelt thank-you to Julie Makela for her service as Secretary this past year. Congratulations to our newly elected officers!

Transition Meeting: Scheduled for the June board meeting.

First Meeting with New Board: Scheduled for the July board meeting.

Revised Bylaws: Signed by all board members and effective as of today's date. Posted to natigerbaseball.com for future

reference.

Senior Plaques & Team Poster:

Senior plaques were displayed in the Athletic Hallway on April 9.

The team poster from Madia Photography was hung on April 10.

GameChanger Streaming:

An additional hotspot device was needed to stream JV games. It was purchased through Amazon at a significant discount compared to AT&T. A new line with 50GB monthly data was added. Coach Sabo has set up the device, and families should now be able to stream JV games. Service can be suspended post-season when not in use. Call to shut down after last Varsity game.



Spring 2026 Authentic Order:

Coach Sabo requested an order for 8 heavy jackets for coaches (\$1,288/\$644 w/discount) and 60 short-sleeve cage jackets for players (\$3,720). The board approved this via email on 4/16/25, as Coach Sabo noted the items were heavily discounted and would sell out quickly.

Athletic Department Updates

(From April 9, 2025 Boosters President Meeting)

- Spring season is underway. Visit the athletic website for schedule updates.
- Spring Sports 2026 begin Monday, March 2, 2026.
- Summer Recreation Registration opened May 1, 2025.
- Spring 2026 Registration opens February 1, 2026.
- Secondary Insurance: Available through North Allegheny Athletics. Forms are in the Athletic Office.
- Tiger Vision Scoreboards: Boosters will incur video board usage costs starting next year.
- Unauthorized Video Releases: Booster groups are prohibited from broadcasting interscholastic competitions.

Treasurer's Report

Current Bank Balance: \$65,320.18

*Expenses coming up: End of season parties, play off expenses, banquets, team meals.

Coach's Report

- PitchCom for JV: Varsity currently uses PitchCom. Coaches are exploring JV options; Coach Sabo received a quote of \$1,875.
- End-of-season gift for John Conyetti: Board approved request for \$100 gift card in appreciation of his work on the baseball field.
- Coach recognition: Board approved request for \$100 gift card for each of the 6 JV/Varsity coaches; matching jackets already purchased (~\$72 each).
- Postseason gummy bears tradition: Board approved request for a package of gummy bears for each player (not coaches) before each postseason game.
- Rita's team treat: Coaches take the team to Rita's following a practice leading up to a playoff game.
- Postseason meal tradition: If Varsity wins a postseason game, coaches take players to Cenci's for a team meal.



- PIAA travel support: If a charter bus or hotel stay is needed, boosters will cover the associated costs.
- Photographer payment: Board approved request to pay photographer on a game-by-game basis as the Varsity team advances in the postseason. (\$150/game) Discussed utilizing student photographers for next season.

Fundraising Committee Report

- Sponsorship & Player Credit Update (as of 4/30/25)
 - Total Sponsorships: 41 sponsors contributing \$18,555.00 (\$500 outstanding from Fin Fit Life, Erin checking with Mancuso's to confirm securing of sponsorship) Send post season follow up email thanking sponsors for their contribution. Highlight what we were able to do with contributions so they may continue to sponsor for next season. Reach back out in January.
 - Grand Slam: 6 sponsors \$6,000; Homerun: 15 sponsors \$7,500; Triple: 9 sponsors \$3,150; Single: 7 sponsors \$1,225; Family: 2 sponsors \$80; Alumni: 1 sponsor \$500 and Anonymous: 1 sponsor \$100
- Player Credit Tracking:
 - o 15 packages sold (5 Grand Slam, 10 Homerun) \$10,000 raised
 - o Player credits used \$3,400
 - o Net funds after credits: \$6,600
- YETI Raffle Profits (Final): \$26,603.16
 - Discussed YETI cooler expenses for next season.
- **Ticket Drawing:** Held on May 1st before the game (timing confirmed by Coach Sabo). Players drew names on video; results were posted on social media.
- Winners: 1st Prize Michelle Fantaski; 2nd Prize Josh Tufts; and 3rd Prize Luttner Family

Special Thanks: Michele Maslo for coordinating a donated YETI cooler and securing a discount on a YETI bucket. Brooke Ebken and Karen Shearon for their leadership in making the fundraiser a success.

• **Top Seller:** Congratulations to Brooke Ebken, who won dues reimbursement.



Awards & Donations Report

Baseball Boosters Awards (Seniors Only): Committee was asked to vote via google form for their top 3 candidates.

9 of 10 seniors applied. Three recipients will be selected by the Awards Committee and coaching staff.

Winners will be announced and presented with checks at the June 17th banquet.

Tax Note: Per Parent Boosters USA, 1099 forms must be filed for awards exceeding \$600. The board to consider structuring future awards to remain below this threshold. Discussed options such as splitting up the payments in. Further discussion is still needed.

Terminology Update: "Scholarships" are now "awards" to allow funds to go directly to students.

UBO Report

- Congratulations to Award Recipients:
 - o Georgiana Thomas Award Recipient: Elliana Vitale, Soccer/Track & Field
 - o Don Vandergrift Award Recipients: Caden Currykosky, Water Polo, and Greg Abel, Track & Field
- Baseball's annual report was shared at the April UBO meeting.
- NA Community Day at North Park (Aug 16): Includes a 5K, baskets, food, raffle and music
- Contact the Athletic Director's office to join the planning committee.
- Next UBO Meeting: September 10th at 6:30 PM in the Ponce Room.
- Kennywood Day (August 17): NA Band will perform. UBO will sell single-day tickets in the AD Office on 8/16 from 10am-6pm and 8/17 from 9am-12pm. Fee per ticket is \$40.
- UBO will sell ornaments next school year to raise money for Toys for Tigers.
- UBO will be purchasing electronic payment systems for use in concession stands and for athletic events. Each sport can have its own account and load its inventory as needed. There will be a small fee to support the use of the equipment-more info to come! Work with Sabo and Heck on this to see if it would be an option for Tigerfest.
- Scholar Athlete Awards and shirts in Paula's possession. Nicole purchased clear plastic bags for the shirts and awards to go into to present to the players during the banquet. If a player will not be attending the banquet, send an email to parent to arrange pickup/delivery.



Miscellaneous

Senior Recognition Night (April 28th): The Evening was a success and positive comments were received.

Special Thanks: Heather Kowger, Angela Manczka, and Julie Huskey helped make the event a success!

Middle School Recognition Night (April 17): The Evening was a success and players had a good time.

Special Thanks: Nicole Hunter, Josette Gephardt, Sarah Cuomo, Laura Tufts, Lisa Schneider, and Chrissy Rosenberg.

End-of-Season Gifts:

- All gifts received, bags, tags, and tissue have been distributed to team parents for end-of-season parties.
- **Sophomore–Junior gifts:** Bats have arrived and Blake will be wrapping them.
- Senior gifts (personalized bats): Aul Bats delivered incorrect items and refused to correct them. Nicole contacted RLC Bats for replacements. Nicole ordered and paid for these on 4/29/25. We paid Aul Bats \$1,050 for the bats and had to pay RLC Bats \$1,050 plus shipping. RLC Bats will ship them to Blake's house (Blake and Julie will be wrapping these) no later than June 7th.
- Coach Gifts: Nike jackets (already received) and gift cards will be presented at the banquet.

Bubba & Bazzy's Backpack Brigade:

 Blake and Julie are setting up a collection at the Summer Academy. The drop off location will be at McKnight Elementary School. Send out flyers closer to the end of May. Pick up will be sometime in August.

JV & Varsity Banquet Details

Date & Time: June 17, 6:00–9:00 PM **Location:** The Camelot, Wexford

Key Information:

Invitations & Registration: Email and online registration form sent on May 1st with a registration deadline of June 1st.

Cookie Table: A Google form was sent on April 14th for families to sign up to bring cookies. The deadline to volunteer is June 1st. If there are enough participants, baseball-themed take-home boxes will be provided. If not, dessert will be covered by the caterer with marble cake based on the final guest count. Banquet menu selected based on review of historical choices.

Cost & Payment: \$30 per person. Payments accepted via Zelle or check.

Final headcount is due to caterer by June 6, 2025.



Baseball Summer Camps Apparel Fundraiser

• Coach Sabo will set up an online store. Items will ship directly to registrants. Discussed having students sell on hand apparel (including Embroidery More caps) during the youth and middle school camps. Possibility of NA lanyards being sold when students purchase their parking permits over the summer.

Upcoming Goals

July 2025: Reserve John Madia Room and Lower Level of Baierl Center for Tigerfest (March 8, 2026).

Budget Planning: Create the 2025–2026 budget over the summer.

Large Purchases: Confirm any additional coach requests (other than JV Pitch Com).

Insurance: Blake and Jamie - compare quotes with the current RVNA policy this summer.

Adjournment

FUTURE MEETING DATES: The Board will not meet in July due to scheduling conflicts. Moving forward, starting with the June board meeting, all meetings will now be held at 6:00 P.M.

June 1, 2025 - possibly via email	October 5, 2025
July - No Meeting	November 2, 2025
August 3, 2025	December 7, 2025
September 7, 2025	January 4, 2026