

January 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

Jessie Paynter (our new US Lacrosse rep) introduced himself to the group. He made a short presentation and explained his role. He spoke about what USA Lacrosse is talking about regarding growing the game and “who is coaching” etc.

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Treasurers Report: A beginning balance of \$43,569.28 with a \$3.00 bank monthly service fee leaves an ending balance of \$43,566.28. Chris explained how we recently re-upped our non-profit status with the registration with the Secretary of State. We are good for the next (5) years.

Boys VP: Mike will continue to speak out and talk to various host website vendors on our behalf. He didn't have much luck at the convention but will follow up soon. He talked about the changes to faceoffs, misconduct penalties, (2) flags killing a play as well as other rule changes that were discussed at the convention. Detailed information regarding all rule changes can be found at USA Lacrosse. A discussion ensued regarding the requirement and certification of the new shoulder pads. They will be required in order to play in 2022 (as previously noted) even though there is a known issue (locally) with access. Mike urged programs to get new coaches certified as soon as possible. Options for certification are noted online. NHYLA is working on hosting a level 1 local in person clinic as well. As soon as that is confirmed, details will be posted on the NHYLA site.

Girls VP: Jill went over several new rules that passed at USA Lacrosse. These include accessory issue, time stoppage changes, substitution changes, goalie “pull back changes” amongst others. A complete rule change list and details can be found on the USA Lacrosse website.

Officials: Wayne spoke about the low numbers signed up for the trainings. He said there are only (6) boys and (8) girls signed up for Exeter and (0) boys and (7) girls signed up for Wolfeboro. There is still time to get more signed up. Exeter starts on 2/3 and Wolfeboro on 3/6. Wayne spoke about trying to get officials to return that may have taken the last year or two off (Covid). A special refresher session will be held specifically for those officials that find themselves in that position. Wayne will post that information on the NHYLA site soon.

Adaptive Program: Wayne is looking to have at least one game. There will be discussions with the team from Essex, Ma as well as any others interested. Also, if anyone is interested in helping out in any way please notify Wayne. He is hoping to set up a separate link for online access. More information to follow in the upcoming meetings.

Festival: Steve confirmed that our league sponsorship through Dick's Sporting Goods has been renewed for 2022. They will ask us to promote (2) NH Appreciation Weekends at their NH stores. Steve will send out a link to a 20% off coupon that will be usable in stores or online 2/25-2/28 and 4/1-4/4. He urged the group to send it to as many people as possible and stressed that it is for all items in the store with very few exceptions (not just lacrosse stuff). He also said that

Dick's will continue to support individual organizations. You will need to reach out directly to the local representative. Steve Tieland has that contact information.

President: Kevin spoke about TeamsCompete and explained the relationship to the group (they do our schedule). He noted that there is a guide posted on the NHYLA site on how to do everything related to registering teams. He urged all organizations to update contact information and to complete this process as soon as feasible (registration is open). He also spoke about Tim from TeamsCompete being involved with other leagues locally and the change from League Athletics. He felt like he would be a good resource in the decision making process of the eventual switch to the new league hosting site.

Competition Committee: Kevin explained that we could always use more people involved in this committee. Brian M from Bowe will be taking a prominent role in the committee.

CEP in person certification was discussed. It will no longer be held in Exeter so a new site is needed for NH. Several options were discussed and more information should be available soon.

Kevin that spoke about the WDNT NH / VT game. He explained who is eligible to play, a brief history of the event and asked if anyone would be interested in taking the lead on heading it up for NH. Barrett Brown (Nashua) stepped up and is going to review the details and consider the position.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Chris Day mentioned that the board has been the same for multiple years and that others should begin the process of being integrated soon.

The Nashua Blast announced their first annual Cornhole Tournament May 14th in Tyngsboro, Ma (organization fundraiser). Cornhole, beer and food trucks will be on-site. More to come on this as we get closer.

A clarification on 10U small or large field was given (optional at sign up). If a small field, a small goal is now required from 2022 on.

Mass. Bay Youth Lacrosse reached out regarding NH joining a multi-state tournament at Fort Devens for the weekend of 5/21 and 5/22. R.I., CT., Ma etc. will attend. It would be town teams (not all star teams) competing. More information will be shared on this as it comes available.

Motion to adjourn accepted