

## February Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

Matt C. from Dick's Sporting Goods spoke about our relationship and the upcoming NHYLA Appreciation Weekends. He reminded the group of the discount days are 2/27 – 3/2 and 3/27-3/30. The discount is 20% off any item at the NH stores with the provided coupon (see our site). In return for us promoting these two events, Dicks's has continued to be our primary sponsor, giving us \$10,000.00 each year towards the end of season festival. Please support the relationship by sharing the coupon with others to ensure a solid partnership going forward. He noted that they will have a presence at the festival again this year.

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Festival: An Amherst recreation department representative was at the meeting. The festival was discussed to include vendors and responsibilities. The discussion included looking into new vendors and a variety of different food options for this year's festival. If anyone knows of interested vendors, have them reach out to the any of the NHYLA board members.

Treasurer's Report: \$59,124.41 starting balance with deposits of \$700.00 (mostly referee training fees) and disbursements of \$870.34 to include the monthly bank fee of \$3.00, Aloha monthly room rental and \$650.00 for board insurance. (7) towns still have not paid fines from last season. If not paid, they will not receive schedules for 2026. Insurance binders are due by March 1 from all programs. Please send them to Chris Day at GreenerdaysNH.com. A reminder that each program needs to send a representative to one of the three NHYLA Rule Interpretation meetings. The locations and dates are being finalized now but it looks like Exeter will host one on 3/26 at 6:00 PM at the Tech School (for both boys and girls). Londonderry is looking to host on 3/17 at 7:00 PM and Bow possibly on 3/10. As these are confirmed, they will be posted on the NHYLA site. Check in for updates.

Report accepted.

Boys VP: Please get all coaches certified. All need to be silver level certified to coach. Roster verification will be stricter this year. Rosters are due April 1. Do not accept kids from towns that have programs. If questions regarding this, reach out to Mike G or Jill M for clarification and they both will happily walk you through the process.

Girls VP: Jill was not present but Kevin spoke on her behalf (from shared email). Marissa S. from US Lacrosse sent program administrator information. Please all update contacts and any information soon. Jill reminded the group that three coaches maximum are allowed on the sidelines please. The 2026 youth rule changes are on the NHYLA site for review. The NHYLA

Cheat sheet shows only modified rules that differ from US Lacrosse. Please familiarize yourselves with the rules in the girl's rulebook as well. Jill mentioned that she would be happy to train a new Girls VP and asked if anyone was interested to please contact her.

Boys Officials Coordinator: Get kids signed up for referee trainings now. 3/15 and 3/22 will be classroom training in Amherst and Exeter and the boys will be on field on 3/29 at Lax Jam. More information on training dates and locations will be posted on the NHYLA site.

Girls Officials Coordinator: 2026 girls' rules are available online. Kirsten notes that the cheat sheet is only the difference in US Lacrosse and NHYLA rules again. Please know the rules when coaching. She urged coaches to take learning the game seriously as to avoid any issues and to properly teach the kids. She reiterated the classroom dates of 3/15 and 3/22 at Amherst and Exeter. On 3/9 there is a zoom for all returning officials (required). There was discussion about the rule's interpretation being held at Exeter on 3/26.

Presidents Report: Kevin reminded the group that Certificates of Insurance are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Send them electronically to GreenerdaysNH.com. Kevin noted that there has not been many waiver requests. If you have one, get it in soon for review to the proper VP. A discussion regarding Timberlane and Hampstead joining teams at 14U because of severely low numbers then took place. This illustrates a scenario where this is ok and encouraged to allow the kids a place to play. Mike and Jill just need to be in the loop and ok this ahead of time. Team registration will be closed on 3/1. Please try to have all teams registered by then in order to make the creation of divisions and scheduling much easier. A reminder that if fines remained unpaid from 2025 that schedules will not be given to that entire program (both boys and girls).

Old Business: None

New business: None

Motion to adjourn accepted