

October 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

September meeting minutes accepted

Treasurers Report: \$52,390.73 - \$8,086 in disbursements. Ending balance of \$44,304.73. Reimbursements to NH / VT. Games & payment of the annual League Athletics fee (\$1,500.00) were a few of the expenses. Report accepted

Boys VP: CEP training was discussed. Virtual training sessions are listed for 11/3, 11/29 & 12/12 through USA Lacrosse. If anyone wants to host an in-person clinic, let the NHYLA board know and we can help with getting it coordinated.

Girls VP: There is an additional course now through USA Lacrosse titled "how to coach kids" that will be held on November 5. This will be a 3-hour event. Jill talked about the Program Leader Portal and the importance of making sure it is updated. It is used to check the CEP status of coaches by NHYLA. Stick checks, alternating fouls, goal keeper crease violations, crease violations and other rule changes are all being considered at USA Lacrosse. Keep an eye out for confirmation and more will be talked about next meeting. All assistant coaches need to fully certified. At U8, parent helpers just need background checks completed in order to help.

Officials Coordinator: Wayne urged all those present to get more people involved in officiating. Dates will be posted soon for trainings (on the NHYLA site).

Festival: Waiting for new officers' elections to make a final decision on how the festival will be handled in future years. The 2023 festival will be Saturday 6/10 and Sunday 6/11 and will be held at Souhegan High School.

President: Season dates will be 4/8 (Sat / Easter on 4/9), 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21 & 6/4. The makeup date is Saturday 6/3. Festival 6/10 & 6/11. North / South will be held at Laconia again in 2023 the weekend of Memorial Day. More information on that as we get closer.

Officer nominations was discussed with the current board all agreeing to another term if elected (next meeting). Kevin reminded the group that all positions are open for new candidates. You can let him know of your interest before the next meeting.

The Competition Committee was discussed. It is looking for new members for 2023. Its responsibilities and the commitment were explained. There is no limit on the amount of people who can be involved in this. It is strongly urged that we get multiple people involved from large and small towns as well as girls and boys throughout the state.

Rule change submissions were discussed. Forms are available on the NHYLA site. In order to properly submit, you must send to Kevin before the November meeting (in writing). At the next meeting, proposals will be discussed. At the December meeting, all eligible organizations will then vote on them. 60% is passing. To be eligible to vote, organizations must have someone in attendance for the September, October and November meetings (vote in December).

New Business: Abenaki is looking for some help with how to split teams etc. A discussion then ensued.

Old Business: The website change was discussed at length. Mike and Brian talked about the demonstration that they were a part of and went over some options. NHYLA is looking for more people to be involved in the hosting site (change) decision. Email Mike G (Boys VP) or Brian from Bow if interested in helping with this. The consensus is that we can not make the change until right after this upcoming season is over at this point.

Meeting attendance was discussed at length. The board feels that we need to either adhere to current rules more strictly (about organization attendance) or adopt a new policy. The ramifications would be the loss of an organizations ability to register teams for the spring season and the festival. This started a discussion regarding meeting postings, communication to organizations and overall consequences. As it stands now, each organization is required to attend September, October & November to vote in December. That would remain. One proposal discussed was in order to register teams, organizations would have to attend December, January and February meetings. In order to attend the year end festival, organizations would have to attend the March, April & May meetings. More to be discussed at the next NHYLA meeting. That meeting will be at The Aloha Restaurant in Manchester, NH at 7:00 PM (always on the third Thursday of each month) on 11/17.

Meeting Adjourned