

May 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

May Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: \$67,184.73 beginning balance with deposits of \$435.00 and disbursements of \$6,142.50 (training fees, room rental and bank service fee).

There are a few towns that owe for team registrations. These need to be paid before receiving a festival schedule. Chris spoke regarding 10U small field issues. It is a rule to have time serving penalties with this group. Towns are not following this. Everyone needs to make sure the referees and coaches all know this and do this going forward.

Boys VP: Mike talked about the rules and the importance of everyone following and abiding by them properly. A reminder that two officials are required to do the older level games. Both coaches could be suspended if they do not get prior approval for using only one. Ejections need to be reported within 72 hours to the appropriate VP. If ejected, the player or coach can not participate in the next game (both programs involved need to report). Game re-schedules were discussed. Try to get all your games in (June 1 deadline). May 31 will be a busy day so plan ahead now if still need officials etc. (not enough refs).

Girls VP: Jill reported that as of this meeting, there has been no red cards or coaches' ejections reported to her. She talked about scoring games and some issues that have risen. She offered to help score games if teams are having issues. She reminded the group that only a board member can allow a forfeit. Coaches or team administrators do not have the authority to input them. Kirsten spoke about girls wearing jewelry as an issue that has come up a bunch this season. She reminded the group that no jewelry is allowed.

Ref Coordinator: Jay spoke about 10U small field man up and man down again. He talked about the importance of time serving penalties at this age group. He expanded about only (1) official doing games. He stressed that the insurance coverage is based upon having (2) officials and if something bad happens, there may be no coverage. The ref doing the game alone faces possible termination. He talked about if there is an altercation during a game the head coach is the only one allowed to go on the field to help break it up. If any other coach, parent or player goes on the field, they will be ejected (and not able to participate in next game). He stressed that when looking for a second official to meet the requirement, feel free to reach out to the entire youth list. Some will travel if your regulars have other commitments. He stressed not playing games without the second official.

Festival: The festival will be held June 7 & 8 at Souhegan / Amherst High School. The fields will host games from 8-8 each day. There will be more food vendors and merchandise vendors than ever in 2025. Kevin stressed that teams must be in good standing in order to get their festival schedules. He noted that if one team from a given program refuses to play a game, the entire program is in jeopardy / not in good standing. To sponsor a field for the festival the fee is \$350.00. You can host it yourselves (no fee) or sponsor one. The money goes to what we have to pay to man it for the two-day event. The festival schedule will be out the week before. All game scores must be in and the schedule is run multiple times before it is final. Please let Kevin know if you have a team that can not make the schedule. It is assumed that all teams are going unless we are told otherwise.

Presidents Report: No coach ejections have been reported as of yet for the season on both girls and boys' sides. There have been some players, however. Officials being paid in a timely manner was discussed. Some towns are better than others. Methods of payment and acceptable timeframes for payment were then spoken about. Kevin noted that the standings and scores are being updated as soon as information is inputted. Be sure to play all games scheduled. Not playing will affect both you and the team you did not play. He spoke about overall sportsmanship. It has been ok with few incidents as of this meeting.

Old Business: None

New business: Kevin asked the group to nominate a few teams for sportsmanship wards. The discussion regarding the first two weeks of the season playing at common turf venues came up again. This was briefly discussed and then tabled to next meeting

Motion to adjourn passed