

December 2024 Meeting Minutes

November meeting minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: \$53,106.76 beginning balance with deposits of \$3,639.35 (Kona Ice / festival). Disbursements of \$1,499.00 (website) and a \$3.00 (bank service fee). Ending balance of \$55,244.11.

Boys VP: Mike G. urged all to get their certifications taken care of now. He asked each program to start thinking about new coaches and explained the importance of starting the process early.

Girls VP: Jill M. echoed Mike and asked all coaches to check their certification status. She urged programs to be vigilant in early certification. She is re-creating the rules cheat sheets and will be posted online. In 2025 USA Lacrosse will start doing age verification for players. More on this in upcoming meetings. Coaches need to be certified; rosters need to be uploaded for NHYLA access and each teams' players will need to be age verified. If this does not take place successfully, no insurance will be granted through USA Lacrosse. With no insurance, teams will not be able to compete.

Youth Officials: Trainings will be 3/9 & 3/16 at (3) locations throughout the state (Amherst, Exeter & 3rd TBD). Small field training 3/28 and 3/29 at Lax Jam. 3/23 and 3/30 will be full field training for new officials. A refresher for returning officials will be done via zoom (exact date & time TBD). See Jay G or Chris D for information on holding rules interpretation meetings. More information regarding officials dates and times to be posted on the website shortly.

Voting: (29) towns eligible to vote in 2024 (eligible due to attendance at prior NHYLA meetings). (17) needed to pass. Note – more detailed original proposals can be found at the NHYLA site. The following is a very brief summation only.

1. NHYLA meeting attendance minimum 75% by each organization. If not, all home games will become away games. Failed
2. Withdrawn
3. Non-weather-related cancellations and outlined detailed penalties. Passed
4. NFHS / US Lax Youth Guidelines – clarification that we follow youth guidelines. Passed
5. All boys' players must have a tethered mouthguard attached to their facemask. Failed
6. Dels with team placement and details on how the competition committee deals with teams being placed. Passed
7. Clarification of the language allowing girls to play boys. Birth certificates come into play. Girls can play either / boys can only play boys. Failed
8. Revision of current rule cleaning up language requiring players to play for a specific program. Align with high school in district / jurisdiction of towns. Passed
9. 10U small field boys no time serving penalties now. Change to time served (player leaves field). Passed

10. Long poles at 10U boy's full field. Currently allowed at USA Lacrosse but not in NHYLA.
Failed
11. Long poles at 10U boy's full field. Failed
12. Revision of 8U girl's rule. No more than (3) coaches with one being able to be on the field. Detailed locations presented for where coach is available to and not go outlined.
Passed
13. Pass rule for 8U, 10U and 12U girls requiring (1) attempted pass over midfield before shooting. Change keeps it at 8U and 10U but would not require a pas at 14U and 12U.
Passed
14. Elimination of (1) handed checks in the girl's game entirely. Passed
15. Clarification of the small field draw circle in girls. Talked about 2 or 3 girls at draw when release call is issued. Failed
16. 8U and 10U small field boys clarifying that the players need to stay behind GLE until a release / possession call is issued. Passed

Festival: Amherst will be hosting again. More updates at the January meeting.

New Business: Andy Conlin lost his wife recently (cancer). Active within Timberlane rattlers Program and as a referee over the years. A college fund is set up for the girls. NHYLA will be donating \$250.00 per child.

Motion to adjourn passed