

November 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

The Dick's representatives spoke about our relationship and what they can do for NHYLA. They previewed the new store in Salem. Mathew Catacchio will be our contact for that store and locally. They also talked about continuing the Dick's Appreciation Days. We will go back to having (2) like we did in the past. Some discussion ensued regarding the best time to do these. Unfortunately, the store doesn't stock most of the lacrosse items until we get closer to our season dates so both weekends will be later this winter / early spring.

October Meeting Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: \$53,359.76 beginning balance with disbursements of \$250.00 (room fee) and \$3.00 bank monthly service fee leaving an ending balance of \$53,106.76. (29) towns are eligible to vote. Passing will need (17) yes votes.

Treasurer's Report accepted

Boys VP: The 2025 rule changes are listed on the USA Lacrosse site with points of emphasis. New this year, part of certification is an annual test. See Mike G if you have trouble accessing team registration. Proof of insurance is needed from all organizations by March 1, 2025. Please get this to Christian Day or Kevin Bishop.

Girls VP: Jill not present. She had Kevin read an email. She urged all organizations to get your coaches certified early. USA grants open in January. They can be used for equipment, education or financial assistance. All players and coaches need to be USA Lacrosse members. This provides insurance minimums that we require. The rule changes are posted; however, the cheat sheet and any rule clarifications have not been posted yet. More to come on this as we get closer to the season.

Youth Officials Coordinator: Jay talked about some of the points of emphasis going into 2025. One of which is that equipment must be worn properly. More on this and others in the next few meetings. Training dates and sites will be posted soon on NHYLA.org. Classes will be throughout March and on field training will be at the end of March. All trainings will be on Sundays in several locations at different times. This will allow attendees to go to a meeting at a different location if more convenient / have time conflicts.

Presidents Report: Board nominations were discussed with the group voting in the existing board for (1) more year. The Competition Committee was discussed at length. Kevin asked for and received several more volunteers to be members at the meeting.

Festival Update: Nothing new this month. Still will be held at Souhegan High School. More to come next few meetings.

Rule changes: all rule change proposals will be posted online for detailed review. Please go there to read and see exact wording and meaning of each proposal. Below is a quick overview.

1. Change US Lacrosse youth rules to change wording to boys' and girls' youth guidebook.

2. Town attendance of (3) meetings needed to vote changed to eligible if attend only (2) meetings and are in good standing. Note – this would require a bi-law change (not a rule change). This will be discussed further at the next meeting but not subject to typical rule change voting.
3. Girls being eligible to play with the boys related to gender at birth (wording update). Talks about birth certificates and is meant to clarify current rule 3.3.
4. Boys rule change related to man up / man down. 10U small will have time serving penalties if passes – withdrawn.
5. Amendment regarding placing teams in divisions. Deals with competition committee and criteria used to place teams.
6. Revise girls' rules to have (2) girls at the draw circle (not 3). Clarification of existing rule.
7. If a player plays with a team for (2) years or more, he / she can stay with that team even if their town starts a new program.
8. (1) pass rule at 12U to be eliminated that requires one pass over midfield before shooting. This would align with USA Lacrosse.
9. Long poles would adopt USA Lacrosse standards for maximum length at younger levels. Certain length allowed at each age discussed.
10. Weather related game changes vs. non weather changes clarified with financial penalties noted if not because of weather.
11. Player and town obligation wording clarified.
12. No more than (3) coaches allowed at 8U. Rule talks about where a coach can and can not stand on the playing field (needs to be within 5 yards of sideline at all times).
13. 12U and 14U long pole rule change talks about length to top of head and allowing younger kids poles.
14. All youth lacrosse programs required to attend at least 75% of all NHYLA meetings. If not, all home games will be removed and the schedule will be all away games.
15. All boys must have a tethered mouth guard attached to their facemask.
16. Boys 10U penalty requires player to leave field. Change to man down / time serving penalties.
17. Boys small field players must stay behind the GLE line until possession is called.
18. New rule with (1) handed check in girls game clarified.

No Old Business

No New Business

Motion to Adjourn accepted

