

November 2022 Meeting Minutes

Introduction of all those present

October meeting minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance of \$44,304.73 with disbursements of \$1,563.00 (\$3.00 bank service fee, \$1,500 League Athletics fee & \$60.00 room rental fee for meeting). This left an ending balance of \$42,741.73. Report accepted.

Boys VP: Mike deferred to Jill as not much is going on yet.

Girls VP: There are (2) level 1 and (1) level 2 clinics posted at USA Lacrosse. LaxCon is 1/20/2023-1/23/2023 in Baltimore. They will be hosting CEP clinics for level 1, 2 and 3 on-site. Check out USA Lacrosse for registration and signup information.

Youth Officials: The week night training option will be Thursday 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 & 2/23 in Exeter from 6-8 PM. The Sunday option will be Sunday March 5th and Sunday March 12th from 9-1 in Exeter. Signup information and more details are available online at NHYLA.org. Conversations with Plymouth and Amherst are taking place regarding possible additional trainings.

Sunday 3/19/23 from 9:00 – 11:00 will be online training for all returning officials. Sunday 3/26 will be on field training for new officials. Amherst is hosting one group. The other site is TBD. Please let Wayne know if interested in hosting. A discussion about referee training and focusing on small fields then ensued. The fees were discussed for the training as well as total costs (outlined online at NHYLA.org).

All board positions went up for vote with the current board being voted in again for one more year.

The Competition Committee was discussed briefly. As always, they are looking for new members. If interested, send an email to Kevin Bishop.

Festival: Amherst is hosting again in 2023. As we get closer and item get confirmed, we will confirm some exciting partnerships that Kevin has been working on (PLL etc.).

Rule Change Proposals: (note – that these are summations only / actual proposal listed online)

1. Would allow NHYLA to change our rules after normal December voting in order to align with USA Lacrosse (vote at subsequent meeting / in years past some new rules came out after we vote)
2. Proposing that boy's penalties stay releasable (not all locked in as USA Lacrosse is mandating for 2023).
3. 10U boys small field penalties would be time serving and teams go man down.
4. Proposal to delete rule requiring roster exchange before games.
5. Proposal outlining if roster exchange rule is violated, team will have to play man down for first half. If it happens again, they forfeit the game.
6. Proposal in girls that if the half or game ends in a free position being awarded and the time runs out, the free position is still taken and the play can take up to 3 seconds to complete.
7. Proposal to change the wording of an existing small field girls rule requiring (4) players staying behind the restraining line.
8. U8 girls – if (4) goal differential, losing team does not have to adhere to (1) pass rule.

9. Proposal to not allow girls throwing the ball to an open spot and picking up being counted as a pass (must be to a person).
10. Proposal to (1) pass rule in small field girls to clarify pass needs to be in the direction of a player with a passing motion within (4) meters of player
11. Proposal to clarify (1) pass rule / girls. (1) pass required after restraining line before shooting / must be (4) meters away from a teammate (no dropping in cross)
12. Proposal to clarify (1) pass details before shooting. The (1) pass must be in the air & not dropped in the cross. Must be an attempted pass.
13. New rule proposal that each program will be responsible for recruiting (1) new youth official for both girls and boys each season.
14. New rule proposal stating that if the home team can not provide (2) certified officials, the game is to be moved to the away team's venue.
15. Ejection rule addition to standing rule would add that if a coach has a second offense, a NHYLA official will attend remaining games and a \$50.00 fee will be assessed to the program per game.

A few of the rule proposal were withdrawn and some will be combined before the next meeting. Any combinations / tweaks are due to Kevin by December 1.

New Business: Sarah from Hopkinton is going to do a monthly NHYLA newsletter. A discussion about that then took place. Please reach out to her directly or Kevin with any ideas and content. Look for that coming soon (details to be worked out shortly).

The Bi-Law Change vote was then discussed and then voted on. The proposal states that each board member (each program) needs to be at the September, October and November NHYLA meetings to vote on rule changes. They need to attend the December, January and February meetings to be able to register teams. Finally, they need to attend the March, April and May meetings in order to play at the year end festival. Voting then took place and the proposal was defeated. The existing rule will be enforced.

Those towns eligible to vote were then listed. They include Amherst, Windham, Hampton, Bow, Weare, Hampstead, Hopkinton, Manchester, Exeter, Londonderry, Hollis Brookline, Nashua, Plymouth, Derry girls, Derry boys, Seacoast, Black Bear, Salem and Merrimack. Please reach out to Chris Day or Kevin Bishop if you think your town should be eligible and is not listed.

USA Lacrosse sponsored a playday / free clinic in Exeter recently. They provide free sticks and supplies for the Exeter program. More than (60) new players showed up and were exposed to lacrosse. This was possible through a learn to play grant in conjunction with USA Lacrosse and the special week of lacrosse 11/5-11/13/

Motion to adjourn accepted