

NHYLA

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026

7:00 PM

Required Attendees: Current Board Members and 1 Representative/Program*

Optional Attendees: Webmaster / Festival Coordinator / US Lacrosse Representative

*** Board of Directors:**

President – Kevin Bishop

Treasurer – Christian Day

~~*Secretary – Marty Auger*~~

Boys VP – Michael Gallipo

Girls VP – Jill Mitchell

Boys Officials Coordinator – TBD [Christian Day]

Girls Officials Coordinator – Kirsten Kochanek

Festival Coordinator – N/A

Webmaster – N/A

1. Call to order @ 7:02 PM.
2. Roll call conducted.
3. Motioned to approve minutes from last meeting (December 11).
4. **Teams Compete – Tim Kelly**
 - a. Registration Process
 - i. Includes Sportsmanship Pledge
 - ii. Allows for special requests (i.e., Rivalry Day) – No guarantees
 - iii. Take the time to be specific about individual field availability (days and hours, small or large field, out-of-town rented fields, etc.) – do not wait until a week before the season begins to tell us your field likely won't be available for the first 3 weeks of the season!
 - iv. PLEASE state if you have a turf field!
 - v. Will now pay registration fees at the time of registration in the system – not via check to the Treasurer
 - b. Team Rating: 1-10 (10 = Strong), Comp Committee will evaluate rankings alongside additional data points, such as number of club players, and results from previous 2 seasons
 - c. If you don't understand what BLOCKING is, or how to enter it correctly when registering teams, please reach out to TeamsCompete in advance.
 - i. Please understand there are some limitations to blocking requests (i.e., a team can only be part of one block request, or there are only so many other programs in the league that have teams in the same block request divisions).
 - d. Request accepted to sort primary schedule by Home team
 - e. Rivalry Days: The system looks at programs with highest alignment of teams in each division and finds days to have all the teams play one another in one town; an opportunity to turn it into an all-day event.
 - i. You can request it for a certain date, but no guarantees will be made
 - f. All Game Change Requests require acknowledgement that the other team approves the change as well – please pay attention to NHYLA rules 4.1.2. and 4.1.3.
 - g. It is easier to ADD teams than to DROP teams; however, if that happens, it is unlikely that block requests will be granted
5. **Treasurer's Update:**
 - a. Beginning Balance as of 11/20 was \$59,789.41.

- i. Deposits: \$150
 - ii. Disbursements: \$(815)
 - b. Ending Balance as of 01/15 is \$59,124.41.
 - c. Programs need to pay fines for non-weather related cancelations before registering.
 - i. Appeals must be submitted asap!
 - d. All certificates of insurance due 3/1 – sent to Treasurer
- 6. Boys' VP Update:**
- a. Boys Youth Rules Book posted online now
 - b. Make sure coach memberships are valid and not lapsed
 - c. Rate your teams appropriately please, and use the comment box (we read them all)
 - d. We will not refuse to move a team after Week 3 even if it is blocked with another
- 7. Girl's VP Update:**
- a. Girls Youth Rules Book posted online now
 - b. *Coach Certifications*: Silver level for coaches; Bronze level for small field parent helpers; max 3 total per team on the sidelines
 - c. *Program Admins*: Please get the contact lists on your respective websites updated; make sure the link from the NHYLA site to your site works, and ensure that someone currently on your board gets Program Admin emails from USALAX and from TeamsCompete
 - d. March 1 - Certificate of Insurance (instructions went out from USALAX to Program Admins on 12/16) and Team Registrations
 - e. April 1 – Team Rosters
 - f. As a reminder:
 - i. For those that carry insurance with USALAX, you've *always* been required to have 100% of your players and coaches be current USA Lacrosse members for the duration of their season to have access to the General Liability Coverage. They require all member programs submit a "Member Organization Agreement form" to be able to *use* the General Liability Coverage as well to receive the COI for your lacrosse activities.
 - ii. If your season has started and your team rosters are not uploaded in the USALAX Roster Management tool, your insurance coverage will be nulled if/when you end up needing it.
 - iii. Again, each program is responsible for ensuring their coaches are certified and properly trained, that they register all of the teams they plan to have this spring, that their rosters are uploaded and copies in spreadsheet format sent to Michael and I as backup, and that we receive your COI proving you have liability coverage. Otherwise, the kids can't play.
 - g. Marisa Sergio: msergio@usalacrosse.com
 - h. NHYLA Rule Changes: Those that passed in December have been updated on our website. We will have the USALAX rule changes updated soon.
- 8. Boys Youth Officials Update:**
- a. Registration will open soon – separate registrations for new and returning officials
 - b. Timeline: Classroom Training March 15th and March 22nd
 - i. March 15: Amherst 2:00-6:00 PM or Exeter 9:00-1:00 PM
 - ii. March 22: Amherst 8:00-12:00 PM or Exeter 1:00-5:00
 - iii. Locations are interchangeable both weeks
 - c. On-Field Training @ Lax Jam (both Small and Full Field) March 27-28
 - d. Returning Officials Meeting (Zoom): TBD (Times TBD ~60-90-minutes)
 - e. Rules Interpretation Meetings (Times TBD ~60-90-minutes)
 - i. Bow: 3/9 Boys / TBD Girls
 - ii. Londonderry: 3/18 Boys / TBD Girls
 - iii. Exeter: 3/26 Boys / TBD Girls
- 9. Girls Youth Officials Update:**
- a. New USAL "Rules & Penalties Course" – highly recommend!

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- g. New Rule: 14U is allowing Deputies (goalie steps out of crease and a field player can step in and grab the ball off ground)

10. Festival Update:

- a. June 6-7, 2026
- b. Amherst sent NHYLA a proposal that will be negotiated shortly

11. President's Update:

- a. Comp Committee: Send interest to president@nhyla.org asap
- b. Season Prep/Dates:
 - i. Game Dates: April 4 (Sat), 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 30, 31
 - ii. Get your coaches certified, solicit officials
- c. 2025/2026 Monthly Timeline
 - i. Timeline emailed in Sep & October (president@nhyla.org)
 - ii. Timeline posted on website under Documents

12. Old/New Business

- a. Jim Wilson - Londonderry 8U > 10U Girls Coach
 - i. He received notice yesterday from Londonderry (which was sent by NHYLA at the conclusion of the 2025 season to Londonderry) that NHYLA was requesting he step down as a coach. He pleaded his case – the letter stated:
 - ii. *Demonstrates aggressive behavior towards coaches and officials*
 - 1. He rejects notion that he has ever been aggressive to players
 - 2. States he was addressed aggressively by NHYLA representatives
 - iii. *Loud and intimidating presence caused unsafe and negative environment*
 - 1. States he is just loud in general
 - iv. *Unsportsmanlike behavior - repeated displays of disrespect toward officials*
 - 1. Disagrees
 - v. NHYLA rebutted the arguments made – final status will remain private between Mr. Wilson, NHYLA, and the Londonderry program
 - b. North/South Tournament is back in Laconia Memorial Day Weekend!
 - c. Officials Rates
 - i. 2025 (Old): \$30 - 1st Year / \$45 - 2nd Year / \$55 - 3rd Year / \$65 - Adult Official
 - 2026 (New): \$35 - 1st Year / \$45 - 2nd Year / \$55 - 3rd Year / \$75 - Adult Official (Patched)

13. Adjournment @ 9:06 PM.

- a. Next meeting is February 19th!