

March 2026 Meeting Minutes

March meeting called to order

February meeting minutes accepted

Tim Kelly from Teams Compete spoke about scheduling. He talked about such things as number of teams, games and turf availability. He explained blocking of days and how to use Teams Compete properly.

Treasurers report: Beginning balance of \$58,954.07 with deposits of \$15,249.55 and disbursements of \$2,187.37 leaving an ending balance of \$72,016.25. Deposits were made up of team registrations and new referee registrations. Disbursements were made up of bank service fee, old referee checks being cashed (festival), website renewal and the storage unit annual fee. Make sure to get insurance binders to Chris day asap. Chris noted towns who had not paid yet and then transitioned to discussing the rules interpretation on March 26. He urged those towns who have not done so already to attend this meeting to become compliant. There are (154) boys teams registered this year (139 in 2025) and (130) girl's teams (130 in 2025). \$51,180.00 from team registrations.

Report accepted

Boys VP: Mike spoke about the competition committee and explained the process. He noted that if you are not happy with your team placement, you need to play at least 2 of the first 3 games scheduled to be eligible to be moved. Mike wants everyone to export their team rosters to excel and get them to Jill and him for review. He urged all to get your coaches certified now if they are not already. He suggested checking to see if they are all in good shape asap.

Girls VP: GSE is offering a coach's clinic this Saturday at the Hampshire Hills in Milford (girls only). They will go over drills, schemes and team culture etc. Jill urged the group to make sure kids are playing in the correct towns. If not sure, she can help with guiding towns with the proper placement and procedures for this.

Boys Officials: Paul D'Marino will be scheduling adult officials again this year. You will need to reach out to him directly to set this up. The updated youth roster will upload to the NHYLA site soon. You are responsible for having (2) referees at each full field game and the youth ref is the town's responsibility to schedule. Cocheco, Derry and a few other towns had great numbers at the youth referee trainings. It will be a (2) game suspension for any referee or coach that plays a game with only one official where (2) is required. New officials did a get a raise this season. This is clearly defined on the NHYLA site. First year \$35.00, second year \$45.00, third year \$55.00 and adult is \$75.00 per game. New officials will do on field training this Saturday at Lax Jam.

Girls Officials: There are (25) new girls officials being trained. They will do their on-field training at Lax Jam as well. Note that there is a girls rules interpretation meeting on March 23 in Wolfeboro. An updated list of girl's officials will be on the NHYLA site soon. Kirsten talked about game changes and requests problems. The group discussed the 72 hour rule and the fees and fines associated with it.

Noth / South Game: Laconia will be hosting again this year. It will be the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend (rain date Sunday). Two players from each town are welcome (goalies do not count towards this). Kids will play at least one game. It is \$30.00 per player. They get the one game and keep the pinnie. There will be concessions and bathrooms on site. Reach out to Laconia soon if you want to participate.

Presidents Report: Kevin spoke briefly about team registration. He then discussed fields and the concern that there will not be enough open to get all games in the first week or two. He asked all to plan ahead and noted previous discussion about securing turf. He spoke about the competition committee meeting and described the process of team placement. He urged the group to explain the process to your coaches and parents to avoid issues. Scheduling is in process now. It should go live soon. He noted that rosters and coaching status are due April 1 to each VP.

Festival: Amherst has stepped back from a major role at the festival. This means traffic, trash and other duties will be assumed by NHYLA. Amherst Park and Rec are helping again (thank you). He noted Dick's Customer Appreciation weekend 3/27-3/30. The coupon will be on the NHYLA site for all to use. Please share and use as it affects are funding from Dick's. They are major sponsor and donate \$10,000.00 to the year end festival each season.

Old Business: non

New Business: There have been some recommendations from people on how to change / tweak things at NHYLA. All the suggestions have been noted but there are current positions open / left unfilled on the board. The board urged the group to fill those and go from there (always looking for more help).

Motion to adjourn accepted