

October 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

September meeting minutes accepted

Treasurers Report: \$73,946.65 beginning balance with \$550.00 in disbursements (Aloha room fee, insurance payments and bank service fee). Leaving an ending balance of \$73,393.65. Amherst has still not sent a bill yet for the festival. It is usually +/- \$18,000.00. This amount covers the field rental, field repairs, lining, porta potties and dumpster fees. Nobody from Amherst at this or last meeting to discuss. \$1,800.00 worth of fine money has come in from the fees sent out at the end of the year. Much more to come. Fees need to be paid before schedules are given for 2026. Vendors accounted for \$31,593.00 in festival reimbursement. Fine Designs led the way with more than \$26,000, Kona Ice over \$2,100.00, Kona Coffee \$475.00 and more. Still waiting on some fees. Hopefully, we will have Amherst bill, and all payments squared away by November meeting.

Report Accepted

Boys VP: Boys youth changes have not been posted yet. High School are listed at USA Lacrosse but rule changes and points of emphasis for youth should be out soon. Mike urged all to get your coaches trained as soon as possible. Make sure they are at least silver level (base to be allowed to coach in NHYLA).

Girls VP: NHYLA requires Silver, but USA Lacrosse only requires bronze. Make sure your coaches understand this and are all up to date with required certification and background checks. Jill asked that all program administrators update websites and contact information for both board as well as all coaches. Please make sure the link between the programs' websites and NHYLA is still connected for ease of use. Teams Compete will email all organizations soon with a reminder to update all contact information. USA Lacrosse is also updating their site. Reminder that age verification goes into effect in 2026. If any USA Lacrosse questions reach out to Marissa (our rep). Her info is on their site.

Officials: No dates and times are set in stone yet for trainings. However, March 8 and March 15 look pretty solid as the days for classroom training. Iax Jam will be the venue for on field training (big and small field). The plan is to have (3) different locations for classroom training with (3) different start times on Sundays. This will allow for a trainee to toggle between the locations as his / her schedule requires. Jay urged all to recruit officials now. A question about age and officials started a long discussion on minimum age requirements to be a youth official. The end result is we will follow USA Lacrosse and go with 14 and up. Discussion about a boy's scheduler

came up again. What the position exactly entails, and more details were requested. Nobody has stepped up yet to fill this possible roll. There was then discussion about a master schedule and website like Arbiter to help with this.

Festival: Amherst / Souhegan High School will host the festival on June 6 and June 7 again in 2026. We are always looking for more / new vendors to be added so if anyone knows of anyone that would bring value to the festival, please let us know. A discussion about contacts at news outlets then transpired. WMUR and the Union Leader were discussed as local outlets to contact for possible coverage of the event.

President: Kevin talked about the Cocheco survey / report and possibly posting it on the NHYLA site for review. He then went over some of the items on the survey again. There was a discussion regarding game schedules and the problem April vacation poses each year. With the year end festival being set, it makes it very difficult to eliminate the first weekend of vacation as a game date. Team rankings were then discussed. Better ways to self-rank were talked about as well as putting two teams in the same age division. A request to split teams by skill and reasons on why to do it this way was then discussed. The competition committee was then discussed as well as team registrations. The group was urged to get more involvement on the committee as anyone is welcome.

The 2025-2026 timeline was posted on the NHYLA site for review. It lays out the basic agenda for a typical NHYLA year. October is board nominations, November is rule change proposal submissions and board vote, December is voting on rule changes. Check it out for more details. A reminder that one person from each organization has to be present at the September, October and November meetings to be able to vote at the December meeting. A long discussion regarding game change fines / requests then ensued. The board reminded the group that the group voted in this rule change last year. It was not highly supported by the board but passed anyway. The fines are due, and the board can not reduce or eliminate them unless there are obvious discrepancies. There was talk of setting up an appeals committee to deal with the issue. Tabled until November... Officer nominations were discussed. Most of the board is willing to stay on as is except Jill has requested to step into a possible webmaster role. Cari from Cocheco has offered to step up and Jill said she would train her. A discussion regarding splitting up Jay's (youth officials) duties to a boy (only) and a girls (only) coordinator then took place. This will be discussed more at the November meeting and put out to vote. The rule change form will be on the NHYLA site for those with rule change proposals. The rule change proposal must be submitted on that form before the next meeting to be considered. Any appeals to game change fines need to be sent to Tim at Teams Compete for consideration (not the board).

New Business: Lakes Region should be the winner of the sportsmanship award for last year. Litchfield boys should win as well for the boys. Massachusetts LaxCon will be held at Gillette Jan 31-Feb 1 2026.

Motion to adjourn passed