

2023 February Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

January meeting minutes approved

Jessie Payntor from USA Lacrosse spoke about what is going on at USA Lacrosse. It is the 25th Anniversary so look out for some special events this season. He went on to explain all the things that they are involved with. They are seeing great numbers with sign ups (rivaling pre-pandemic totals). Also, there has been explosive growth on the women's side nationwide. He talked about the new insurance carrier (WTW) and all the reasons that they are better and why to have it. Program Leadership Portals were discussed at length. Having it and utilizing it properly will make everyone's life easier.

Jessie discussed the USOPC and hosting the Olympics in 2028. USA Lacrosse is trying to get lacrosse added to the games (most likely 6 VS 6 if added). He also talked about sportsmanship issues and the need for all organizations to address this head on. Age vs. grade based teams were discussed and the lack of officials for both boys and girls. He urged each organization to get (1) girl and (1) boy certified each season in order to help with this problem. The "Mobil Coach" app was mentioned and all were urged to take advantage of what it offers. Lastly, he mentioned the live CEP being held at John Stark High School on 3/19 (9:00 AM). Signup for this on field training is available on the USA Lacrosse website.

Treasurer's Report: \$44,052.79 starting balance with withdrawals of \$85.00 and \$3.00. Ending balance of \$43,964.79. Certificates of Insurance for all programs are due by March 1. If not in, programs will not get schedules. You can email it to Treasurer@NHILA.org or mail it to NHILA at P.O. Box 892, Hampstead, NH 03841.

Boys VP: The program leader portal was discussed again at length. Each program needs one person to be the lead. Instructions on how to work this are located on NHILA.org. Waivers / requests were then discussed. Mike made the plea to not shut down registration early. Kids need to be able to play in their town.

Girls VP: The 2023 rule change summary is available at USA Lacrosse. The NHILA updated cheat sheet / chart will be posted on NHILA.org shortly. All are urged to use as resources and have the chart on hand for games. Jill talked about SCI certified equipment. Coaching certification was then discussed at length.

Youth Officials: Wayne discussed the rules update meetings. If you want to host one, reach out to Wayne directly to set up. If hosting, you will need a room for both boys and girls, a projector for each and be prepared to pay each trainer \$100.00. A few that are already planned are one in Abenaki, Timberlane (boys and girls) on 3/15, Merrimack on 3/15 (both boys and girls) and April 4 in Exeter (both boys and girls). These and others will be posted on NHILA as information is shared. A reminder that (1) person from each organization is required to attend a boys and girls rules interpretation to be compliant.

Wayne discussed the youth officials training and the number of attendees. The Exeter training does not have great numbers. However, the Amherst training (still open) has great numbers signed up for both boys and girls. The on-field training for all new officials will be held on March 26 at two locations. Boys will be at Souhegan High School and girls will be at Exeter High School. Teams will be needed to play on

those days. Flyers will go out soon and will be first come first serve on availability. Returning officials will have a mandatory online training on 3/19. Details of that will be shared with all officials and posted on our site.

North / South: Laconia will be hosting again this year. It will be on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend (with the rain date of that Sunday). (2) players from each team are welcome. It is \$25.00 per player. They get one or two games and a reversible pinnie. More details and signup information can be found at Laconia's website.

Festival: Dick's Sporting Goods confirmed that they are donating \$10,000.00 again to NHYLA to be our lead sponsor. NHYLA Appreciation weekends were then discussed. Those dates are 3/3-3/6 and 3/31-4/3. Discount coupons will be sent out to all to use on those dates in store or online.

President: Kevin talked about certificates of insurance, waivers and the need to register teams by March 1. Rosters are due for April 1. If you are not sure about having enough for a team, register the team. It is easier to remove than to add a team later (late fee to add / nothing to remove).

The competition committee was discussed. It is presently composed of (14) members plus +/- 3 board members. Historical data will be shared via emails about each team. Some phone calls may be needed. There is usually one in person meeting needed to wrap things up. If you want to be on this committee, email Kevin to be added. CEP status was then talked about and a reminder that all coaches on all teams need to be fully certified in order to be on the sidelines. The exception is 8U (head coach fully certified and helpers need background check).

Old Business: Mike talked about the new website committee. He has (5) volunteers helping with this now. The hope is to make a decision late summer / early fall. He is looking for a few more people to join if anyone is interested.

Dick's Sporting Goods is having "sideline swaps" where you can take in used equipment and they will give a gift card in return. The equipment has to be more than a \$100 original value and still be in decent shape. Multiple dates for these swaps in the next two months. Check out Dick's online for more information.

The Charlotte North Clinic is coming to Phillips Exeter High School on 3/26. There is still room available if interested. Check out the NHYLA newsletter for ways to register online.

Motion to adjourn approved