

## 2025 March Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

February meeting minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: \$52,388.11 beginning balance with deposits of \$3,015.00 (referee training fees) and disbursements of \$1,000.60 (board insurance, yearly storage rental, aloha room fee and bank service charge). Ending balance of \$54,114.51. Chris spoke about still waiting for insurance binders from a few towns. Need them in before you can get a schedule. Registration for boys is \$165.00 per team and \$195.00 per girls' team. Boys' officials are set up through Paul D'Marino for \$30.00 per team and girls are included. This is the difference in initial fees.

Report accepted.

Boys VP: If a player or coach ejection – you must report within 72 hours to Mike or Jill, Both the home and away teams need to report. A reminder that (1) person from each town needs to go to the rule's interpretation in order for your organization to be eligible. This is crucial to learn all new rule changes. Mike spoke about the fees associated with changing games and asked the group to please make coaches aware ahead of time. He spoke about the reduction of contact at 8U and 10U as a point of emphasis. He brought up some of the new NHYLA rules such as timed served at the younger ages now. He urged all to attend a rules interpretation meeting before our season starts to familiarize yourselves with all the rule changes (meetings listed on NHYLA website).

Girls VP: Jill talked about if you are a program administrator and you are having issues with the portal, reach out to [msergio@usalacrosse.com](mailto:msergio@usalacrosse.com) for help. Our rules are all posted on our site. Defer to the overall rule book, youth guidebook and our cheat sheet for rules questions. Jill mentioned that the NCAA is looking for volunteers to help championship weekend. A question regarding the girl's mercy rule was then discussed.

Officials Coordinator: There are 5-6 boys' and girls' rules interpretation meetings spotted on our website right now. Get all your coaches to attend (one required). Chris then discussed the importance of going to meetings and to buddy up with other towns to host. Jay spoke about the new referee trainings. The classroom part is complete. (36) new boys and (22) new girls have been trained. Please email Jay G directly if you notice any new youth officials struggling a bit this season. Jay mentioned that Lax Jam in Epping will again be used for small field trainings. He stressed the no body checking at 8U and 10U emphasis this year. The boys' rules cheat sheet is done and on the NHYLA site for review. Jay's information is posted as well for people to reach out directly with

questions or concerns. A long discussion regarding new girls' officials and on field training then ensued.

President: Team registrations were discussed. Had to deny a team from registering (tried to register late). Kevin noted that when the schedule comes out, please be patient. Teams are placed the best we can with the rating system in place. A discussion about team ratings then took place regarding team placement. More questions will be on self-rating in the future to help with this. The schedules are being worked on now and first runs will be out soon. April 1 rosters are due. Make sure all your coaches are fully certified now. March 28-31 is the second Dicks Appreciation Weekend with 20% off discounts for NHYLA members. Spread the word. A reminder that they are our primary sponsor to the tune of \$10,000.00 per season. Please support them!! Teams Compete has been great so far. We are still having several issues with Sports Engine. We are still trying to address them as best we can.

Old Business: None

New Business: Rules interpretation meetings may be scheduled by region next year. More to come on that

Meeting adjourned