

2022 December Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

Bob Williams of Amherst spoke about the passing of both Lindsay Toomey and Bill Monsen. Both of whom were a part of the New Hampshire lacrosse coaching community and left us far too soon. Others spoke up and offered kind words and condolences on their behalf.

November Minutes were accepted

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance of \$42,741.73 with disbursements of \$152.94 and a \$3.00 bank service fee leaving an ending balance of \$42,585.79.

Boys VP: USA Lacrosse will be posting local certification clinics soon. As of now, you can get certified at the convention (all levels). Now is the time to clean up your programs coaching rosters and to start getting coaches in compliance. Mike urged organizations to be proactive in getting all coaches within CEP compliance as well as updating information online.

Girls VP: 2023 rule changes will be posted after LaxCon. If any towns are interested in hosting a CEP clinic, please let Kevin, Mike or Jill know asap. We are hoping an organization will step up soon to host locally.

Officials Coordinator: Youth officials' portal is open to sign up at NHILA.org. Trainings will be held in Exeter on Thursdays starting February 6 from 6-8 PM and in Amherst on Sunday March 5 and 12. See information posted online for further details about both trainings (girls and boys).

Rule change voting details were discussed. (24) towns & board members were eligible to vote. (15) needed to secure 60% passage rule as defined in rules. Below is a brief summary. Each rule change proposal can be found in its entirety online at NHILA.org.

1. Allows NHILA to change league rules after LaxCon in order to better align with our governing body. Passed – 24
2. Each program will be responsible for recruiting and training (1) girls referee and (1) boys referee each year. Failure to do so will put your organization "not in good standing". Failed – 4
3. Revision to current rule stating rosters must be exchanged before each game. Failure to do so will result in team playing man down for the entire first half. Second violation would result in a forfeit of the game and playing (1) person down the entire game. Passed – 16
4. Revision to above rule to eliminate exchange of rosters entirely. Failed – 5
5. Rule stating that when a coach, player or parent is ejected, it must be reported within 48 hours. It goes on to outline penalties if it is a coach to include a NHILA official being present at the remaining coaches' games and fees (\$50.00 per game fee). Passed – 18
6. New proposal stating that if a home team can not get (2) officials for the regularly scheduled home game, the game can be moved to the away team's site with home team paying. Failed – 12
7. Revision to existing rule regarding goalie (girls) and attempting a "pass". The rule tries to clarify what is a throwing motion. Failed – 1

8. New rule stating that if the half or the game ends on a free position, that free position is still awarded. They get (3) seconds to complete the free position. Passed – 22
9. Revise current rule (girls only) regarding 8U mercy rule. If more than (4) goal differential exists, no pass is needed once the ball passes the restraining line. Failed – 10
10. Withdrawn
11. Withdrawn
12. Revision requiring girls (1) pass over restraining line. The rule explains what a “pass” is by explaining in great detail. Failed – 14
13. Revision stating boys (1) minute or less penalties will continue to be releasable (in regards to new USA Lacrosse rule making all boys penalties locked in). Passed – 16
14. Clarification (girls only / small field 8U & 10U) stating (3) players need to stay back at all times with it being understood that (1) of those shall be the goalie. Clarification on wording discussed & re-submittal of clarification not found by president before vote. Failed – 8
15. Revision to existing rules at 8U & 10U boys to play man down instead of just taking player off the field (create time serving penalties / extra man offense). Failed – 0

Festival: USA Lacrosse will be at the year-end festival this year. The same t-shirt company will be there as well as several other annual vendors. Dick’s Sporting Goods will continue to be our main sponsor giving \$10,000.00 to NHYLA in support of the festival. The PLL may be sending players as well (more on that soon). The dates for Dick’s Appreciation Weekends were proposed to be 2/24-2/27 and 3/31-4/3. Usually, we man the stores the first weekend only. After a discussion and new proposal – the (2) weekends were changed to 3/3-3/6 and 3/31-4/3. More on this next meeting. Field Marshalls at the festival were discussed. The NHYLA board would like towns to cover fields going forward instead of paying NHYLA to find people to man them. A discussion regarding the value of this then took place.

North / South: Laconia will host again this spring. They will send out information to all programs with information as we get closer. It is held on Memorial Day Weekend. They will post information on their website as well.

New Business: January’s meeting will not be held on the third Thursday of the month. It is being changed to 1/26 because the majority of the NHYLA board will be attending LaxCon in Baltimore. (this has been posted on the NHYLA.org). Discussion about the new bi-law committee was tabled to next meeting. Derry boys, Salem and Nashua will be looking to get others involved with this group. A general discussion about getting more people to the meetings took place followed by a separate discussion regarding where kids are supposed to register / play.

A fantastic Dick’s program to help those less fortunate was discussed. Programs with lower income families were urged to utilize Dick’s everykids.org program which pays for registration costs for prospective players (if they qualify).

Motion to adjourn accepted