

November 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

October meeting minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: \$73,393.65 beginning balance with deposits of \$140.00 (electronic) and disbursements of \$397.24 (monthly service fee, old referee checks cashed). Ending balance of \$73,136.41. Chris reminded the group about having a representative at the September, October and November meetings in order to vote at the December rule change meeting.

Boys VP: Mike urged the group to be diligent in getting coaches certified early. Do this ASAP and update coaches on town / organization website as they are certified.

Girls VP: Jill asked program administrators to make sure websites are updated with pertinent contact information. Make sure your town sites are linked with NHYLA for efficient sharing of information. Make special care to make sure the person that gets communication from NHYLA, Teams Compete and USA Lacrosse is correct. High School rule changes are out. It will be a bit before any trickle down to youth. Youth changes should be posted in the next few months (USA Lacrosse).

Youth Officials: Both boys and girls officials' trainings will be held on March 8 and March 15 (classroom trainings). The locations are being finalized and will be available soon. They will be held in (3) geographically friendly locations throughout the state (Amherst confirmed).

President: Bylaw change discussion and vote. Vote was to go to a boy's officials' coordinator and a girls officials' coordinator, as well as add a webmaster and a festival czar to the board. The webmaster and festival czar will not have voting rights. Vote passed with (36) votes. The present board as it currently stands was voted in for (1) more year adding Kirsten Kochanek as girls' officials' coordinator.

The Competition Committee was discussed briefly. All are welcome to join (see Kevin Bishop). More information regarding the committee will be shared as we get going (most of work is within first three weeks of season).

Festival: Kevin, Chris, and Marty met with Amherst Parks and Rec and Amherst Lacrosse to discuss the festival going forward. Parks and Rec reiterated its commitment in hosting the end of year festival while Amherst Lacrosse needed some more time before assuring its participation going forward. They do concessions and provide traffic control amongst other benefits to the festival. If they decline to continue, it will be available for another organization to run as their fundraiser.

Rule Change / Proposals: Please note that each rule proposed is listed in its original form and in its entirety on the NHYLA site for review. The following is a brief overview only.

1. Junior official clarification stating that officials must be 14 years or older and no longer playing in NHYLA. Clarification regarding (2) years older was discussed at length.
2. Cocheco presented a referee rule dictating (2) officials and assuring both were adults at 14U (over 18). Another item in change was a boys scheduler creation.
3. Home team responsibility clarification to an existing rule stating that a clock must be visible, and field must be appropriately lined.
4. Non-weather-related game change rule was proposed (fines). Several proposals regarding this are being considered and some may be merged.
5. Clarification of youth rules book (not NFHS) stating that we use the current year
6. Bylaw change stating that all rule changes / proposals must be submitted (10) days before the rule change meeting so that all can review, and possible tweaks and mergers can take place ahead of time
7. (1) pass rule for girls 8U and 10U (over the restraining line before shooting) looking to add back in 12U to this requirement
8. Meeting attendance rule requiring 80% attendance at NHYLA meetings or (1) game is taken from your schedule, 50% or more or (2) games are taken etc. February to January attendance would be the timeframe.
9. Prohibit scheduling any games the first weekend of April vacation
10. Scheduling an early season jamboree regionally on turf that would also help with seeding, no games first weekend of vacation included in this proposal
11. Competitive based change regarding rating teams and placement
12. Parent helper rule adding a parent helper to all age groups (not just 8U)
13. Festival to have playoffs / champions for all top tiers.
14. Elimination of 10U full field boys and girls removing the option all together

Old business – none

New Business: Merrimack lacrosse president passed away. Please all have the family in your thoughts

The December meeting will be held (1) week early because of a room rental conflict. The meeting will be held on December 11 at 7:00 PM (Aloha Restaurant / Manchester NH)

Meeting motion to adjourn accepted