

## May 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

April Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: A beginning balance of \$39,803.28 minus a \$350.00 refund to Seacoast for over payment. Leaving a balance of \$39,450.28.

Derry boys, Hollis Brookline, John Stark, Weare, MVBS and Plymouth have not paid and Hampton has not given proof of insurance.

Treasurers report accepted

Boys VP: Make up games were discussed. Mike noted that everyone needs to play (8) games for final standings (festival). There haven't been many issues with ejections and cards until this past weekend's games. Ejections must be reported by both programs to respective V.P, written and within 48 hours.

Stick checks are legal to be requested by coaches (a discussion ensued).

Girls VP: Crazy game change requests because of limited /small rosters. Play games with less players please. A discussion regarding playing games no matter what then ensued. Game change requests need to be the Tuesday before the upcoming Sundays games (for officials). If having some lopsided games - try to play other teams (scrimmage) that are of your skill level (to have good experiences for the kids).

NHYLA rule- you have to have a visible scoreboard at each game.

Youth officials: There have been an increasing amount of problems with coaches yelling and berating officials. This needs to be addressed at the program level. If you have (2) full fields with (2) games at the same time, Bill Ball will not be able to get (2) adult officials (not enough to go around). If can't get enough officials, he will ok (1) official only. He is the only one who can authorize this as he knows who qualifies as able to do a game alone (boys' side).

Adaptive Program: (15) kids registered last meeting – actually only (3) were signed up correctly so the numbers have been disappointing. Wayne said we will continue trying to build the program in hopes of it catching on in 2023.

Festival: Last year there were (243) teams in NHYLA. There were (285) pre-Covid. (266) teams are registered this year with (264) going to the festival. (5) Programs need to let Steve know if going- Hudson, Lakes Region, Londonderry, Pelham, and Plymouth. Steve has been working with Amherst on all the details of the festival to include police details, porta potty, food vendors etc. etc.

The tier schedule will come out as soon as he hears from above programs.

After season is over and all scores are entered, typically the (Tues/Wed) week of festival the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of schedule goes out. Then the VP's do standings and send to Steve T. to do final brackets.

We need field marshals to cover fields at festival. Your program can take a field. To sponsor a field (just pay for it) it is \$300 for the weekend. NHYLA then pays \$150 a day for coverage. Reach out to Steve in regards to any festival details. Steve has (2) people in training to possibly take over next year, his son Steve and (1) other person.

President: Report ejections within (48) hours to VPs right away. Officials' payments need to be right away. Venmo is encouraged. Be proactive on payments ASAP. Venmo & QR Codes were discussed as great ways to pay right away. Standings and scores were discussed. Kevin then talked about re-scheduled games. There has been way too many of them. Please try to play games when scheduled.

A rule change will be submitted to access fees for game charges in 2022 (a discussion then took place regarding this as a feasible consequence).

Old Business: The new website vendor search was discussed. Mike and Steve have had (1) meeting with sports connection so far and a few more with others coming up. The committee will make a recommendation by end of season. A brief discussion took place.

A discussion about scheduling officials took place and the expectation of the schedulers.

New Business: Festival Referee Fees were discussed: They are \$50 – Adult & \$35 Youth now. Wayne thinks we should pay more. Hoping to have enough refs, very concerned with this will not be enough. Kevin disagreed and there was a group discussion. Summer tournaments and Mass Bay is in line with our fee schedule so the group decided to keep it the same for now. Chris talked about the importance of each town sending someone to each meeting. Making this a requirement going forward was discussed (needs to be a rule change).

North/South was discussed. Send names to Laconia on who is going. Info went out today on field setup etc. NHYLA will send a blast regarding this again soon with more information on the website.

Motion to adjourn accepted