

## June Meeting Minutes 2022

Introduction of all those present

May meeting minutes accepted

Treasurers Report: Chris is still crunching final numbers from the festival. We did receive a \$13,000.00 check from Fine Designs (30% of festival sales). A discussion then took place about field lining & golf cart rentals going forward.

Officials fee increases were discussed for the festival. The total increase was +/- \$2,000 in increased expenditures over the two day event. The total officials' outlay was \$22,560.00 at the festival.

Beginning balance of \$39,450.28 + \$5,620.00 in deposits with expenditures of \$2,521.00 leaving an ending balance of \$42,546.28 as of the June meeting.

A discussion then took place regarding ways to get more people to attend the NHYLA meetings.

Boys VP: No coaches were ejected at the festival & over the course of the entire season. Mike felt that coaches conduct was better this year as a whole & definitely during the festival. He commented that the festival was a success again in 2022.

Girls VP: Jill & Mike are working on a cheat sheet to post online at NHYL.org regarding a multitude of details for the festival (for 2023). There was (1) no show team for the girls at the festival (Hampton). Jill stated that there seemed to be a bunch of yellow cards at the festival this year. Also, there were many ties. This is a good indication that the brackets work giving teams competitive games to end their season.

Officials Coordinator: Wayne stressed the importance of recruiting more officials going forward. It is becoming a major problem on both boys' and girls' sides. Details regarding training will be available on the NHYLA site in September / October. Training will be in February / March 2023. He stressed that we are losing officials because of unruly fans, coaches conduct and several existing referees aging out. Penalties for this behavior was discussed.

Girls Scheduler: Kirstin talked about changing girls' referee training next season. She spoke about issues at the festival & the need for more training for the youth officials. She would like youth referees to train on a big field amongst other changes.

Festival: Steve Jr. attended (Steve Sr., away) & reviewed the festival with the group. There were (29) more teams attending than last year. There were some traffic issues early Sunday AM (that were addressed) but no major issues or injuries reported in 2022. There were a few games that ended in ties that were supposed to have an overtime. This issue needs to be addressed so that all the field marshals understand before games start next year (Mike & Jill addressing). Kona Ice will be issuing a check to NHYLA for \$4,600.00 as a percentage of sales for the festival. Steve thanked Bedford for supplying the small goals and Amherst for everything they did / do. A discussion about the port a potties ensued. Overall, the festival was a success with no major negative incidents in 2022!

President: There were 266 teams in NHYLA this year. We peaked at just under 300 a few years ago (pre-Covid). Planning continues for the fall of 2022. Board seats are all up for voting later in the fall. Kevin wants everyone to think about how we can get more people involved in NHYLA (new blood). He talked

about the importance of getting more people at the monthly meetings. Possible penalties for not sending someone from each organization to the monthly meetings was also discussed.

Using a purple card was discussed for (festival purposes). As well as throwing people out of games (parents / coaches). The next meeting will be September 15, 2022. The proposed dates for 2023 are the festival June 9 & 10 with regular play dates of: 4/8, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, off for Memorial Day, 6/3 as a makeup day and 6/4 (last day). Officials pay for 2023 will be discussed in September. A discussion about the top tiers of 14A possibly being played on Friday (festival) or some other special time (to feature those games) then took place (pros & cons were discussed).

Kevin mentioned that referees will most likely raise rates in 2023 so please all organizations – plan ahead! He mentioned the problems Hampton no showing at the festival created for the other teams in the bracket. He urged all organizations and teams to make every effort to attend once committed. The other teams suffered because of the lack of notice. National celebrate lacrosse week will be 11/5-11/13. Special activities are listed on the USA Lacrosse website. There are grants and money available for equipment and supplies there as well. Starter kits, first aid kits, lax clinics as well as diversity grants etc. Check it out for more information. PLL may send some ambassadors to the festival next June. Kevin is working on that and will keep the group in the loop. With over 300 games at the festival, he feels strongly that it would be a great joint venture.

Website Changes were discussed briefly. Mike gave an update. There are (4) companies in the running and he stated that he should have a recommendation on a change by the September meeting.

Motion to Adjourn passed