

NHYLA

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2025

7:00 PM

Required Attendees: Current Board Members and 1 Representative/Program*

Optional Attendees: Girls Scheduler / Boys Scheduler / US Lacrosse Representative

*** Board of Directors:**

President – Kevin Bishop

Treasurer – Christian Day

Secretary – Marty Auger

Boys VP – Michael Gallipo

Girls VP – Jill Mitchell

Youth Officials Coordinator – Jay Gallipo

1. Call to order @ 7:06 PM.
2. Roll call conducted.
3. Motioned to approve minutes from last meeting (March 19).
4. Treasurer's Update:
 - a. Beginning Balance as of 3/19 was \$54,114.51
 - i. Deposits: \$19,545.00 (Team Registrations and New Officials)
 - ii. Disbursements: \$14,511.78 (TeamsCompete, Room Dues @ Aloha, Training of Officials, \$3 bank fee)
 - b. Ending Balance as of 3/19 is \$59,147.73
 - c. Insurance Binders Missing:
 - i. Missing: Cocheco, Hooksett, Oyster River
 - ii. Ensure NHYLA and Your Program are listed on the binder
 - iii. Email: Treasurer@NHILA.org
 - d. 12 Towns have not paid their team registration fees: Amherst, Black Bear, Cocheco, Concord, Goffstown, Hampstead, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Nashua, Oyster River, Plymouth
5. Boys' VP Update:
 - a. Compliments to those who have been flexible and getting their games played
 - b. Find a way to play the games during school vacation week weekends
 - c. A reminder that any player ejections (boys) and red cards (girls) need to be reported to me or Michael by BOTH programs within 72 hours. Any coach unsportsmanlike penalties need to be reported by BOTH programs within 48 hours. Especially for away games, make sure your coaches are aware of this as we realize you may not have any board members present, so you'll only know if they tell you.
 - i. Note that if a player fouls out, that does not need to be reported, and the player is allowed to play the following week (basically it is the same as fouling out in basketball).
6. Girl's VP Update:
 - a. Please check the NHYLA website to ensure you can see the most updated list of team coaches and contact information under the "Team & Program Contacts" tab, as well as your team rosters, which this year can only be accessed under the "Schedule" tab. If you can't see them, no one else can. Let's work together to get that fixed asap.
 - b. Review the non-weather related cancellation rule with the organization (4.1.2)

4.1.2. Non-weather-related cancellations.

- Once the schedule is posted, non-weather-related cancellations will only be considered under extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstance are events affecting the entire team. All requests for changes/cancellations must come from the club's scheduler or president.
 - Change Requests submitted and agreed upon by the teams involved with more than 7 days' notice will not incur a change fee.
 - Requests for game change or a cancellation 7 Days to 72 hours before a game will include a \$100 fee payable to NHYLA.
 - Any cancellation that happens with less than 72 hours' notice will incur a \$200 fee payable to NHYLA plus the cancelling club will be responsible for paying any incurred referee fees. Game cancelled with less than 72 hours will not be rescheduled and cancelling team will receive a forfeit. The other team will be credited with a win.
- c. • Failure to pay fines will affect the club's participation in the NHYLA Festival.
- d. Reminder that only program admins should be submitting game change requests and contacting Teams Compete directly – the number of coaches that are going rogue this season is overwhelming, not to mention impossible for NHYLA and Teams Complete to keep up with. Please, please, please play the games as they are scheduled. Every action has a domino effect reaction, impacting available fields and officials. No team should have 3-4 games in one weekend because your coach is going away for spring break and decided to reschedule on them.
- e. Please remember, NHYLA does not adopt every USALAX rule, which is part of the reason the Rules Interpretation meetings are so critical.
- f. Under Documents on the NHYLA site, you will find:
- i. The NHYLA Girls Rules, which includes links to the umbrella USALAX Rules Guidebook, and the NFHS rulebook that all coaches should own. Again, think of things as a pyramid: 1) NFHS created the rules. 2) USALAX modified some of them for youth. 3) NHYLA, based on rule changes voted in by all of you, modified some of *those* rules just for the state of NH youth. Coaches are asked to know the difference, and at a minimum, stop arguing with the refs when you don't know the rules.
- g. If you want to be considered for a divisional change, all of your game scores must be entered by Monday morning.
- 1. Home teams should be submitting final game scores within 48 hours after each game.
 - 2. If you're having trouble entering scores, please email me or Michael.
 - 3. We ask the dominant team coaches to remember – this is a recreational youth sport. Do NOT run up the scores against a weaker opponent. Take measures to keep the game in control. If the goal differential for any game is greater than 10, you are to report it to the Boys/Girls VP within 48 hours. Depending on the situation, there can be consequences.
- h. Thank you to the programs who have done everything possible to get their games played, from renting turf, to giving up home field advantage and playing the games away, to playing 4x4 on small field or 9x9 on full field to accommodate a team with less than ideal numbers. We salute you.
7. Youth Officials Update:
- a. Officials Training: We will continue to train new officials throughout the season, pairing them with seasoned officials as often as possible.
 - i. Be patient with them as they learn and grow, just like your players
 - b. Be upfront with how you pay your officials – just tell them so they know what to expect.
8. Festival Update:
- a. June 7- 8 @ Amherst
 - b. Food Vendors:
 - i. Amherst Grill
 - ii. Kona Ice Spin-Off for Coffee – Only 10% donation in 1st year
 - iii. Will entertain all new vendor suggestions
 - c. Retail Vendors:
 - i. TBD
 - ii. Still pending Dick's Sporting Goods

- d. Sponsoring Field/Marshals: Programs may donate \$300 to sponsor a field and NHYLA will find a Field Marshal OR they may host a field and find their own Field Marshal (paying them is at your discretion); 7:30 AM - 8:00 PM Saturday and Sunday
- e. Festival Suggestions:
 - i. Bring back the dunk tank
 - ii. Set up a NHYLA Instagram account
 - iii. Create NHYLA stickers
 - iv. Speed Gun/Shooting Station – Ask vendor to donate a t-shirt to each age level winner or free Kona Ice?
 - v. If we have enough fields sponsored to cover the cost, recruit additional Marshals to man the dunk tank and the speed gun to eliminate chaos.

9. President's Update:

- a. No *North/South Games* this year in Laconia
- b. Teams Compete
 - i. Game Rescheduling:
 - 1. Most requests are being rejected if due to coaching conflicts or lack of players
 - 2. 13 requests today, 185 to date, majority due to weather and field closures, but too many due to coaching conflicts and low player attendance
 - ii. Standings/Scores:
 - 1. Get them in or ask the NHYLA Boys/Girls VP to enter them for you
 - iii. Comp Committee:
 - 1. Expect to move quickly once Week 3 game scores have been entered!
 - 2. We will entertain programs volunteering to move UP in division, but please remember, for every team that moves up, one needs to move down – each team will absorb the other team's schedule. There may be other teams in your age group that are more deserving/necessary to move.

iv. Rules 4.1.1

4.1.1. Home team responsibilities-The home team is responsible for:

- Securing Dedicated Scorekeeper and Timekeeper for the game. Preferably this is two separate people; however, one person may do both timing and scorekeeping. However, under no circumstances can this be a coach or assistant coach of the teams playing the game
- Game clock
- Scoreboard visible to both teams' benches
- Paying referees
- Extra line judges, ball chasers etc., as needed
- Provide alternate jerseys or pinnies if both teams have the same color

v.

- c. 2024/2025 Season Timeline
 - i. 4/6, 4/13, 4/19, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11 (Mother's Day), 5/18, 5/25 North/South, 5/31 Makeup, 6/1, 6/7- 6/8 Festival

10. Old/New Business

- a. Reminders from Lead Officials:
 - i. Litchfield 10U Boys coach received praise for a job well done.
 - ii. A motion made to allocate funds to continuing training our new officials throughout the season on-field. Proposed that the money that comes from the Program late cancellation fees could be used for this.
 - iii. If you need to cancel games at the last minute due to weather, please ensure you communicate not just with the other town, but also with the officials. We've had some show up to fields when games were canceled – host team still needs to pay them if this happens.
 - iv. Games need to start on time - scheduled officials are assigned based on the schedule as they are originally posted, many of whom are going from one

location to another to cover games. We had an instance last week in Nashua where a 2:15 game did not start until 3:00 (45-minutes is not ok).

v. Per Rule 4.1.1, the host team must have some scoring and timing the games for all to see.

b. NCAA Championships @ Gillette – May 23-26

11. Adjournment @ 8:32 PM.