

January 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order.

December meeting minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: \$55,241.11 beginning balance with disbursements of \$2,143.00 total. Expenses of \$3.00 bank service fee, room rental fee, board insurance payment and the \$1460.00 donation to Wayne Demers and wife leaving an ending balance of \$53,101.11.

Chris asked to officially enter into the minutes the request to remove Steve Tieland from the TD Bank account and add Kevin Bishop as an authorized signer. This needs to be in meeting minutes in order for them to take action. He will take action on this before the February meeting.

Chris urged organizations to get certificates of insurance to him asap. They are due by 3/1/2025 but getting them in early is recommended. You can email them to him through the website (treasurer@NHILA.org) or mail it. The mailing address is NHILA at P.O. Box 812 Hampstead, NH 03841. Report accepted.

Boys VP: Mike urged all those organizations to get your coaches certified and to check the status of all current and future coaches now. A draft revision is located on the documents page of all NHILA rule revisions for review. Mike talked about codes of conduct for parents and coaches. He urged implementation of a "24-hour rule" within each organization in hopes of limiting issues going forward.

Girls VP: Jill urged all current coaches to check their certification status. While you may be certified, background checks need to be updated. She noted that items like this are often caught late. Take care of this now. A girls rules interpretation has been scheduled for 2/24. Check out the website for more information. Jill discussed how after 7/1/2025 USA Lacrosse will begin age verification of all players. She urged organizations to start the process now. New rules from USA Lacrosse should be available after the Feb 10 meeting. Some discussion ensued that they may not be available for some time after that. The cheat sheet will be posted online soon regarding the differences in our rules for different ages and deviations from USA Lacrosse.

Youth Officials: New officials' registration is now available on our website. Jay urged all to sign up for this soon. March 9 and March 16 will be the trainings. They will be located in Amherst (9-1), Exeter (2-6) and Plymouth (11-3). The times will be staggered so if unable to make a time in one town, you could go to another to satisfy the in-class portion. Returning officials zoom is scheduled for 3/2 at 4:00PM for boys and 3/23 at 9:00 AM for girls. Minimum age of 14 by April 1 and you have to be in high school are the minimums for reffing. 3/28 and 3/29 Lax Jam will be hosting small field trainings. Looking to confirm full field training date and sites. 3/30 is the date but looking for host sites. All this information will be updated to the NHILA.org website soon. Check it out for updates. Jay then discussed coach and parent conduct at the younger levels. Small field typically have younger refs. We need to clean up the problems here with conduct going forward.

Festival Update: Amherst (Souhegan H.S.) will host again 2025. New representatives from Amherst will be taking the lead going forward. Some turnover in their Parks and Rec committee but still a full go on the festival. Each meeting we will update any news about this year's festival.

President: Teams Compete needs updated contact information from each organization. Please do that now. Also, there is a YouTube video available showing how to register. Check that out as a reference. Kevin mentioned reaching out to him if you want to be on the competition committee. Always adding members to that group.

Old Business: none

New Business: A discussion about the Mass Bay lacrosse Convention coming up. There is no traditional USA Lacrosse Convention anymore so this may be a good local resource for many. Seek out more information on that as it is believed to be soon.

The NCAA championships will be held at Gillette Stadium this year for both men and women. You can buy tickets now. The games will be Friday May23 – Monday May 26.

A 7 vs. 7 play day at the Milford Hampshire Dome is being hosted by GSE on 3/29 and 3/30 for both boys and girls. Check this out if interested.

Dick's Sporting Goods sponsorship money has been approved again. That should be showing up soon. This will ensure them as our primary sponsor again and will continue our partnership in 2025. The appreciation days are slated for the weekends of 2/28 and 3/28. Discounts and specials will be available during those periods to NHYLA families as well as others. Sales will be tracked and linked to our partnership and its success.

Motion to adjourn accepted