

February 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

January meeting minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: \$43,566.28 beginning balance with disbursements of \$1,725.00 leaving an ending balance of \$41,838.28. Disbursements were for conference stipends, postal fees and board insurance.

Insurance binders are due March 1st. Email or mail to Chris Day (NHILA treasurer). His information is listed online at NHILA. If we do not have your certificate in hand, you will not be allowed to play.

Treasurers Report accepted

Boys VP: Careful of "fishing emails". They have become a problem and we are seeing them come from and to members of NHILA. March 10th at 7:00 PM there will be an online tutorial related to using the team registration portal. We will send more information out on this soon. On 3/2, 3/7 and 3/15 there will be virtual level 1 clinics offered through USA Lacrosse. Nothing is scheduled in person yet in NH. There are clinics scheduled in Vermont on 3/26, in CT. on 3/13, 3/20 & 3/26 and in R.I. on 2/27 (more information on USA Lacrosse website). On 3/2, Dover will host a rules interpretation meeting at the McConnell Center. Let Mike G know if you will be attending. A reminder that one coach from each town is required to attend an annual rules interpretation meeting in order to eligible to receive a schedule.

Girls VP: Rules interpretation locations are needed. The cost is \$100 (for trainer). Let Wayne or Jill know if interested in hosting.

Youth Officials Coordinator: (18) girls and (12) boys were signed up for the youth officials training in Londonderry. (13) girls and (6) boys actually showed up. Those who did not attend were told that they could go to the (2) Sunday option instead that is being held at the Seacoast School of Technology on 3/6 & 3/13 in Exeter. Overall, Wayne is concerned that there are not a lot of youth officials signed up. He urged organizations to reach out to people from their towns to have them attend the Sunday classes. Rule interpretation meetings are being added daily. The full list will be on the NHILA site. Some locations are Merrimack (2/21), Dover (3/2), Amherst (3/14), Bow (3/7), Timberlane (3/9) and others. Make sure to keep track of who attends the meetings and what organizations they are from. Then send that information to the respective VP so that town is credited properly. If you want to host a rules interpretation meeting, let Wayne know and he can help with scheduling and setting it up.

Amherst will be hosting a jamboree for boys on Sunday 3/27 and girls on Sunday 4/3. Referee training will take place on both those dates. Let Wayne know if you would like to host scrimmages where referee's could be trained.

Adaptive Program: Wayne started it in 2019. In 2020, Covid shut it down and we have been trying to get it on track again since. Wayne is looking for help with this if anyone is interested.

Festival: Dick's Sporting Goods gave \$10,000.00 to NHILA to be our lead sponsor. In return for hosting they ask us to support NHILA Appreciation Days. They host NHILA Appreciation days

over (2) weekends each spring. The first one is 2/27 and 2/28. Steve will send out a 20% off coupon to all NHYLA organizations soon. This can be used in store (NH only) or online during the respective dates. Once your organization receives the coupon, please send it out to your entire organization as well as any others. They track usage and it doesn't have to be just lacrosse players or for lacrosse merchandise. Another weekend will be announced in April for those who want to take advantage of it again. Our Dick's rep is sponsoring town programs individually as well. Reach out to Steve and he can hook you up with her. At the end of April, Steve will start planning the year end festival. He will need to know early this year which teams will be attending or not.

President: Certificates of Insurance need to be with Chris by March 1st in order to be able to play. If you are not planning on having teams this year, please let us know as a courtesy. Teams need to be registered by 3/1. If you are not sure, register them and we can delete later (easier). The Competition Committee will meet after week three to make any needed moves. If you wish to be on that committee, reach out to Kevin to be added (always looking for members). Coaches need to be fully level 1 certified to be on the sidelines (except 8U / parent helpers are allowed if have background checks etc.). Up to (3) certified coaches are allowed on the sidelines during games with other age groups. Virtual coaches clinics are listed online for those who need to be certified still. NHYLA is looking for an organization willing to host an in-person level 1 clinic. Level 1 clinics are for both boys and girls. Information and all details can be shared by contacting Wayne or Kevin.

Old Business: Chris talked about organizations that have historically participated in NHYLA that we are not sure about 2022. He urged all organizations to confirm their status and if not having teams where you typically do, if they could let us know to help with scheduling.

The scrum rule at 8U and 10U were discussed. If (3) players in the scrum, the ball is awarded to the team with fewer players.

The North / South game was mentioned. Laconia typically hosts during Memorial Day weekend. (2) kids from each team chosen by your individual organization (no specific criteria used) will be added to teams to play that weekend. A fee of \$25.00 per player is required to cover costs. More information to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mike is working on gathering information for our new website host (2022-2023 season).

Milford Middle School is looking for a head coach.

Motion to adjourn passed