

March 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Introduction of all those present

February meeting minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: A beginning balance of \$41,838.28 adding the Dick's Sporting Goods sponsorship of \$10,000.00 and expenses of \$270.00 for the post office, \$200.00 for Referee Stipend for convention and miscellaneous expenses. Leaving an ending balance of \$51,770.28.

Treasurers Report accepted

Boys VP: Rules interpretation meetings lightly attended (9) only. (10) portals with USA Lacrosse have been created so far. All need to be done. Brian T. from USA Lacrosse can help. Portals are where you would go to verify coaches are certified. All waiver requests have been handled to date. If there are no teams in your town, you are a free agent (can play anywhere).

Level 1 clinics – a few coming up online. After week three, the competition committee will determine final placement and tweak divisions as needed. It is very important that all teams try to get those first three games in to help with this process. Three games must be played and scored to help with this process.

Girls VP: Rosters are due by April 1. If on league Athletics, it will link to NYLA site. If not, use the template on the NYLA site and get to the VP's. Each program must set up portals through USA Lacrosse so we can verify coaches certification. Limited portals have been set up - \*need to do. (10) programs have been to rules interpretations.

Festival: Steve secured the agreement with Fine Designs again. We get a percentage of their sales at the festival.

April 1, 2, 3 & 4 is the next Dick's appreciation weekend. 20% off discount on store purchases. The first appreciation day went OK. Dick's was happy. Contact Steve T and he will hook you up with Stephanie from Dick's for coupons and gift cards for individual town programs.

Youth Officials: Boys officials' participation is very low this year. Only (15) new officials and (30) returning.

(45) youth total. (11) towns- boys.

(25) new girls with (17) returning for (42) total.

This Sunday there is a mandatory zoom for returning officials (3/20). Information about this is on the NYLA site.

On 3/27, Souhegan High School will host the on-field training for boys and on 4/3, Souhegan High School will host the field training for girls. After those dates they will be ready!!

2022 pay rates: \$30 new officials, \$45 returning officials and \$65 Nola & Nula officials.

Bill Ball will schedule (1) adult boys' referee per game for \$30.00 per team (for season)

Details are on the website on how to do this. You are responsible for 2nd official. Meetings this weekend will most likely be posted on NYLA website. Kirsten K will schedule officials. Get her your game schedule by Tuesday of each week.

Pay officials – Towns do it differently, checks, Venmo, cash. Keep an eye on it. Venmo was mentioned as a great way to pay officials.

Adaptive Program: Tried to do it in Amherst, Laconia, and Seacoast in the past. Laconia had a team from Essex, MA come up and played in 2019. This year, we will have a team based out of the Exeter/Seacoast area. Help contact special ed locally to get the word out and drum up more interest. Looking to have practices on Sundays and play a game or two. All info is on the NHYLA Website. Players can be 10-21 years old and teams are co-ed.

Mike from Laconia spoke about hosting the North/South weekend. Max of (2) kids can play from each team in the organization can go. They will split the kids up and play Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. It is \$25.00 per player. He will send an email shortly with all information regarding the North / South games along with requests for commitments.

President: Team registration was due March 1<sup>st</sup>. (40) teams were late. (270) teams are now registered (up 30 from 2021). Kevin talked about the competition committee and the process. The proficiency rankings worked out pretty good last year. Please score all games ASAP and after week 3, the competition committee will tweak as needed.

Teams compete was discussed. Should see all 1<sup>st</sup> draft schedules about April 6<sup>th</sup>. Check and reply if need tweaks. Make sure your teams are all there and that they are in the right division. A discussion about rating teams ensued. Blocking games was then discussed. April 1, completed rosters are due. Names with #'s are required. You can link through League Athletics.

Old Business: none

New Business: Reminder that on April 1<sup>st</sup> Roster are due. March 1<sup>st</sup> proof of insurance needed, if no insurance, you will not be given games! Chris listed multiple towns who still need to comply. Also noted many towns have not paid yet. Pay as soon as possible please.

A discussion about rules for playing a game with only 1 official was discussed. With low referee numbers, should we re-consider NHYLA's stance on this? The discussion was tabled until next meeting. Confirmation that small field games need to use small nets this year (last year it was optional).

Motion to adjourn accepted