



NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
June 14, 2021

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of New Trier Sailing (“NTS”) met in person on June 14, 2021 at 6:45 pm at 408 Woodlawn Avenue in Glencoe, Illinois. Present were:

Josh Lutton – President
Amy O’Keefe – Vice President
Joel Bertocchi – Secretary
Rose Broseman – Away Regatta Chair
Brooke Hecht – Home Regatta Chair
Jim Elvart – Transportation Chair

Captains Update. Captains were not present, having been advised by the President that an update from them was not needed at this meeting.

Finance Update. Because the Treasurer was not present, there was no finance update. It was reported that the former Treasurer (Jalpa Patel) and the current Treasurer (Toru Tokoyoda) are in contact regarding switching access for the NTS bank account.

Meeting Minutes. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the previous Board meeting (May 10, 2021) and the NTS Annual Meeting (May 13, 2021).

Board Responsibilities. The Board discussed a chart presented by the President that summarized the responsibilities of each Board position. The document was not formally approved, but was generally accepted as a guide.

Transportation. The plans for use of the bus for next year were discussed. It is expected that use of the bus will return to pre-COVID practices, that is, all team members will use the bus to get to practice, including possibly Fridays. This was expected to get the team to Belmont earlier than last year because New Trier expects to return to pre-COVID school hours. Freshmen should be able to get from Northfield to Winnetka in time using the New Trier shuttle bus. There was some discussion of whether having some seniors drive would allow boats to be rigged before the rest of the team arrived, as well as having the bus be scheduled

to leave Belmont after 7:00 pm in case practice ran late. The Transportation Chair will contact the bus company to get pricing for various options, including four days vs. five days and a late departure from Belmont.

Tryout Dates. The Board discussed the planned date and rain date for tryouts. CYC has advised that there are expected to be three team levels: varsity, junior varsity and development. Given that school starts on August 23 and that Pipeline will be held the week of August 9, it was agreed that the week of August 16 was the best time for tryouts. The Board agreed that later in the week was preferable. The Board also discussed how to maximize the ability of the coaches to observe sailors during tryouts, and agreed that CYC should be asked to hold separate morning and afternoon sessions on tryout day, with the expectation of approximately 20 sailors for each session, rather than having 40 sailors try out all at once.

The Board agreed that CYC should be consulted on how to divide the tryout candidates, that is, randomly, by ability/prior team designation or otherwise. The Board also agreed that CYC should not demote a previous varsity sailor to JV without substantial grounds for doing so, though it was recognized that individual assignments will be made by the coaches.

Miscellaneous discussion topics. The Board discussed steps that could be taken to provide NTS sailors with more coaching time and access, given the number of school teams practicing at CYC. Several options were discussed, including more coaches and sailing clinics/pre-pipeline sessions to be held over the summer, but no specific plan was approved. It was generally agreed that the U.S. Sailing recommended standard for coaches to sailors should be followed, and that we should convey to CYC that we would like to see it implemented.

The Board also discussed recruiting for next fall. The Secretary will check the current Expression of Interest and Registration Forms on the NTS website to make sure they are up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joel D. Bertocchi
Secretary