



NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
July 12, 2021

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of New Trier Sailing (“NTS”) met via video conference on July 12, 2021 at 6:45 pm. Present were:

Josh Lutton – President
Amy O’Keefe – Vice President
Joel Bertocchi – Secretary
Toru Tokoyoda – Treasurer
Rosa Broseman – Away Regatta Chair
Brooke Hecht – Home Regatta Chair
Jim Elvart – Transportation Chair
Casey Bertocchi and Will Broseman – team captains

Approval of Meeting Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting (June 14) were approved without dissent.

Captains’ Update. Will and Casey asked whether burgees had been ordered for last year’s graduating seniors: Molly Morris, Sarah Trunsky, Quin Doughty, Amit Patel and Kevin Hu. There was some thought that Adam McLain may have ordered them. Joel and the captains will reach out to Christina Body (Gear coordinator) to confirm status and get the necessary information so that they can be ordered.

The captains also asked about recruiting. Josh reported that there had been some responses to the Google form, which he would forward to Joel so they can be notified of tryout and other dates.

Will reported hearing from a potential recruit who wanted to know if he could join the team in the second semester. He was told to advise the sailor to contact the team over the winter.

After their update, the captains left the meeting.

Report on CYC Plans. Josh Lutton reported on discussions he has had with Chicago Yacht Club (“CYC”) on its plans for the coming year. CYC plans to field

three teams: Varsity, Junior Varsity and Development. It is not yet clear whether the Development team will be “learn to sail” or “learn to race.” Practices will be scheduled as follows: Varsity Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, JV and Development Monday and Wednesday and, by invitation, Friday. Tryouts are expected to be around August 31 to September 2; since school starts on August 23, they will necessarily be held after school. CYC may also hold optional practice sessions the week of August 23.

Transportation. Jim Elvart indicated that he had talked with both Dara Zweig (previous Transportation Chair) and the bus company. The current tentative plan is to run one bus per day, Monday through Friday, from the east campus. Timing will depend on the planned school schedule, but if, as expected, school ends at the east campus at 3:30, the bus could be told to arrive at school at 3:15 and plan to leave at 3:35 or 3:40. Some students will come to the east campus from the west campus by shuttle bus, and should get there in time. JV “bus captains” will be needed to assist on JV practice days, especially if the shuttle bus from the west campus is late. One possibility is to have the captains choose from among more senior JV sailors.

Josh reported that CYC expects the first day of regular practice to be September 7, and that practices are being scheduled through November 19.

Finance Update. Toru reported that he and former Treasurer Jalpa Patel have connected and completed the handoff of access to the NTS account(s) and financial records. Toru reported that the bus cost for all of last year was \$16,330. The NTS bank account currently has a balance of \$17,857. Toru will produce a budget for this year, which will allow the Board to determine next year’s dues amount.

Recruiting. Josh and Amy reported on several expressions of interest in joining the team, including one male student moving up from Florida who has substantial sailing experience. The Board discussed several ways to keep track of and in touch with students interested in joining the team (and their parents). Amy and Joel will discuss ways to keep tabs on these people via e-mails, TeamSnap and the NTS website.

Next Meeting. The Board and captains will next meet on August 9, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. at the Hecht’s home (weather permitting).

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joel D. Bertocchi
Secretary