



NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

August 9, 2021

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of New Trier Sailing (“NTS”) met via video conference on August 9, 2021 at 6:45 pm. Present were:

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

President Josh Lutton was away, so Vice President Amy O’Keefe presided.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting (July 12) were approved without dissent.

Captains’ Update. The Captains reported that they had received indications of interest from 13 potential new team members. They also reported that the previous year’s Varsity sailors were working on setting up an informal practice session to be held at Sheridan Shores, which would be in addition (and prior) to the pre-season Varsity practice sessions to be held at Chicago Yacht Club (“CYC”) on August 23-26. After their update, the Captains left the meeting.

CYC Update. Amy reported that CYC has hired Katie Tinder to be the Director of its educational programs. This is expected to improve communications between CYC and NTS. CYC will plan to field three levels of competition: Varsity, Junior Varsity and Sonar (“learn-to-sail/race”). Tryouts (for NTS) are on schedule for August 31 and September 1, with rosters expected to be announced on September 3.

In light of that schedule, sailors will be required to register with CYC and NTS and pay applicable fees before tryouts, unlike prior years. CYC will update us on how it will handle refunds for sailors who decide not to continue after learning

where they are placed. The Board agreed that NTS will refund all paid dues to people in that situation.

Finance Update. In light of pending registration and tryouts, the Board discussed setting dues for the 2021-22 season. Toru recounted that last year's team had 10 Varsity and 20 JV sailors, and added that it will be hard to predict the size of this year's team given the planned addition of a Sonar component. Based on the expected cost of the buses to and from practice, and the expectation that they will run five days a week rather than four (as in prior years), he suggested that dues for the fall should be set at \$500. After discussion, the Board ultimately approved dues of \$495 for the fall.

Transportation. The Board discussed the scheduling of buses to and from CYC for practices. It was again agreed that they would run five days a week and that all sailors would be required to take the bus to and from practice. After discussion, it was agreed that the bus would arrive at New Trier East (Winnetka Avenue side) at 3:30 pm, with a planned departure for CYC/Belmont at 3:40 pm. Return would be to the same location at 7:30 or 7:45 pm, depending on when practices end. Jim Elvart will contact the bus company regarding its cancellation policy. The Board also decided that buses would be provided for tryouts, but not for the pre-season CYC practice sessions.

Registration. Aside from setting the fall dues, the Board decided that the registration deadline for NTS would be August 30, the same date as CYC's deadline. The Board also tentatively approved a video conference parents' and sailors' meeting for that same date at 6:00 pm. There will be only one session, for both new sailors/parents and returning sailors/parents. The Board agreed that the Covid-related policy would be aligned with that of the City, New Trier High School and CYC.

The Board favors holding a parents' social event sometime soon after the season begins. Joel will investigate possible locations and report back at the next meeting.

Next Meeting. The Board and Captains will next meet on September 13, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. at the Hecht's home, 370 Washington Avenue in Glencoe (weather permitting).

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joel D. Bertocchi
Secretary