



## NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

**September 13, 2021**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of New Trier Sailing (“NTS”) met in person at the Hecht’s home on September 13, 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  
Christina Body-Goldberg – Gear Coordinator  
Casey Bertocchi and Will Broseman – Team Captains

**Captains’ Update.** The Captains expressed concerns about the bus arriving and departing late, resulting in their getting to CYC later than usual and losing time on the water. The Board discussed a report it had received from Jim Elvart, Transportation Coordinator, who was not able to be present for the meeting. Jim had earlier reported (via e-mail to the Board) as follows:

I have spoken to the general manager (Max Polen) of the bus company and basically what we have been experiencing as far as service is what we are going to get, with hope for improvement due to the efficiency of repetition. Our bus arrives [at New Trier East] directly after completing a route in Glencoe, and it is as fast as it can get there when it completes.

Unsatisfied with this response, I reached out to Frank Lamberti, the purchasing and transportation manager for New Trier High School.

I inquired about alternatives and he informed me that, because we are a club sport, we are welcome to pursue alternative options. HE DID HOWEVER strongly advise against it for the following reasons:

- 1) There is a shortage of buses and drivers area-wide.

2) We would be surrendering the negotiated New Trier [High School] rate.

3) Currently we have reliable bus service, the bus shows up just not exactly at the time we want, this cannot be guaranteed or supported by NT if we choose another option.

Frank went on to explain that we have a known, reliable driver. He said that most NT athletic buses scheduled were set for 3:45 arrivals. He suggested that it may not work out well if we changed providers, and that we should probably stick it out in hopes for improvement.

The Board and Captains discussed this report, and this discussion continued after the Captains left the meeting. Before they did so, they reported on planned initiation activities for new sailors. They also reported that Katja Siebrits and Evan O'Connor had been appointed as JV bus captains. After their update, the Captains left the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.** The minutes of the previous meeting (August 9) were approved without dissent.

**Further Discussion of Transportation Issues.** The Board discussed statements attributed to CYC staff regarding NTS' supposedly late arrival to practice due to use of the bus. The Board will also ask Jim Elvart to look into alternative transportation arrangements to see if anyone can offer more timely transportation options.

**Gear Update.** Christina reported on the status of various gear orders. The burgees to be presented to last year's seniors are due to arrive soon. Pinnies have been ordered. The Captains have redesigned the tec tees, which need to be ordered by September 14. Christina also described the two sources for other NTS gear (Team 1 Newport and Squad Locker). She indicated that she planned to order more car magnets and yard signs.

**Treasurer's Report.** Toru reported that there is approximately \$37,000 in the bank. He reported that the cost of tec tees and pinnies had increased over last year and over the listed price, and the Board agreed that NTS would make up the difference.

**Upcoming Regattas.** The Board discussed upcoming regattas at Pewaukee, Wisconsin, Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota and the keelboat qualifier in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The Board discussed number of sailors and rosters, though all agreed that rosters were the responsibility of CYC.

**Parent Event.** The Board discussed holding a social event for parents at some location where it would be possible to be outside. Joel Bertocchi agreed to look into venues and report back.

**Next Meeting.** The Board and Captains will next meet on October 11, 2021 at 6:45 p.m., either in person at a location to be determined or via video conference.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joel D. Bertocchi  
Secretary