



NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

April 11, 2022

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of New Trier Sailing (“NTS”) met in person at the Wilmette Harbor Club on April 11, 2022 at 6:45 pm. Present were:

Josh Lutton – President
Kevin Donahue – Vice President
Joel Bertocchi – Secretary
Toru Tokoyoda – Treasurer
Rosa Broseman – Away Regatta Chair
Brooke Hecht – Home Regatta Chair
Jim Elvart – Transportation Chair
Christina Body-Goldberg – Gear Coordinator
Casey Bertocchi and Will Broseman – team Captains

Captains’ Update. Casey and Will reported that they had been contacted by the team’s former New Trier High School “sponsor,” a teacher at the high school who formerly served as the liaison between the team and the school prior to the Covid pandemic. They planned to meet with him later in the week.

The Captains also reported that they planned to reach out to this year’s juniors on the team to see who might be interested in running for Captain for the 2022-23 year. There was a discussion of whether a junior (next year) or a JV sailor could serve as Captain, but the Board took no position on the issue.

Christina reported that the burgees for seniors are “en route.” With the Captains still present, there was a discussion of getting information out about getting out information about the sale of used gear, as well as preferences for food for the May 16 end-of-year party.

After this update, Casey and Will left the meeting. After they left, however, both contacted the Board via text to suggest that a burgee be ordered for Ann Tokoyoda, a junior on Varsity who will be leaving to attend school in Hawai’i next year. The Board unanimously approved this proposal.

Gear Update. Christina reported that she was up to date with gear orders from current sailors. She noted that pinnies can only be ordered for next fall, but several sailors have extras if current team members need one to race this spring. Christina and the Board discussed her new designs for yard signs and car magnets, which were roundly praised.

Treasurer's Report. Toru reported that eight sailors had not yet paid spring NTS dues. Kevin reported on two JV sailors who he knew were leaving the team. Various Board members agreed to reach out to the other sailors and/or their parents. The Board also unanimously approved a waiver of spring 2023 NTS dues for a JV sailor who had paid for fall 2022 but missed much of that season due to a medical issue.

Transportation Update. Jim reported that the Varsity carpool arrangement was working, but that the bus company was available if needed for those days. This was expected to go on for the rest of the season.

Regatta Update. The Board discussed recent regatta results. There was also a discussion of the procedures for leaving damage deposits with regatta organizers at the beginning of regattas.

End-of-Year Party/Annual Meeting. Brooke and Kevin led a discussion of plans for the end-of-year party and annual meeting at the Bartons' home in Winnetka on May 16. Joel agreed to send out a reminder on TeamSnap to prompt people to rsvp, and to draw attention to the ability to sign up to bring items to the party.

Board Slate and Organization for Next Year. The Bylaws require that, at the upcoming annual meeting, the Board present the member families with a slate of proposed members and assignments for next year. Under the Bylaws' prescribed election procedures (Sections 4.2 and 5.5), each member family gets one "yes" or "no" vote for each sailor it has on the team. The slate is approved, and takes office immediately, if it receives the approval of a majority of those present and voting at the meeting.

The Board discussed and unanimously approved the following slate to be proposed at the annual meeting:

President – Kevin Donahue (father of Nora)
Vice President – Brooke Hecht (mother of Tara)
Secretary – Cindy Benes (mother of Santiago)
Treasurer – Andrew Levy (father of Preston)
Away Regatta Chair – Georgia Schmit Wern (mother of Evan)
Home Regatta Chair – John Dischner (father of Kate)
Transportation Chair – Jim Elvart (father of Lucy)

Gear and Swag Coordinator (not a Board position) – Christina Body-Goldberg (mother of Emil)

The Board discussed the idea that, rather than designate a home and away regatta chair, Georgia and John could work together as assigned by the Board or the President, rather than distinguish between home and away responsibilities, although that will be an issue for the new Board.¹

Next Meeting. The Board and Captains will next meet at the annual meeting at the Barton's home in Winnetka on the evening of May 16.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joel D. Bertocchi
Secretary

¹ Following the meeting, the Board determined that the Bylaws require designation of a "Home" and "Away" regatta chair, but it appears that the Board may assign them specific or joint responsibilities as it sees fit.