



NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

August 8, 2022

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of New Trier Sailing (“NTS”) met in person at the Belmont Station of the Chicago Yacht Club on August 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Present were:

Kevin Donahue – President
Cindy Benes – Secretary
Andrew Levy – Treasurer
John Dischner – Regatta Co-Chair
Georgia Schmit Wern – Regatta Co-Chair
Jim Elvart – Transportation Chair (“Czar”)
Christina Body – Gear Coordinator
Lucy Elvart – Team Captain
Emil Body-Goldberg – Team Captain
Hector Guzman – CYC Head Coach
Katie Tinder – CYC Education Director

Call to Order. Introductions made.

Communications with Coaches. Hector and Katie shared that the board is the communications bridge between the coaches and the school’s sailing families to streamline communications for all schools.

Tryout Registration & Capacity. Tryouts for New Trier are officially scheduled for August 31 and Sept 1. Hector shared that the sailors will be evaluated on a set of criteria including their: ability to rig a boat, starting ability, upwind technique, boat handling, character, coachability, punctuality, teamwork and leadership. The equipment or number of boats dictates the capacity of each team (40 sailors will be rostered to varsity across all 5 schools). Rosters will be communicated by the end of the week of tryouts. Katie also shared that there is financial assistance available to families through the CYCFDN on an as needed basis. This information will be communicated to our families who are registering for tryouts.

Rostering for Events. The CYC coaches will try to have the regatta rosters ready 1-2 weeks in advance of each event as a suggestion with the sailors that are most ready. Parents will have the final say as to whether or not their child is available to ultimately attend any rostered event. The board discussed looking for more JV events to add to the calendar as CYC coaches aren't needed for these events and parents can chaperone. The preliminary list of regattas will be shared in a Google document. Varsity can expect 6 – 7 regattas per season (most kids should expect to attend 1 – 2 regattas).

Transportation Update. Buses have been scheduled for tryouts as well as all practices (both JV and Varsity). Jim has contacted other busing companies to see if we can find a company that can arrive on time at a competitive rate, but no one will call him back. Will continue with AllTown for now as that is the bus company that New Trier has a contract with and will give us the best rates. The busing company has agreed to do their best to arrive as close to 3:45 as possible. To make the most of their time on the water, sailors should get ready on the bus (or prior to getting on the bus) so that they are ready to sail when they arrive at Belmont. Coaches don't consider that sailors have gotten to practice until their boats are on the water.

Additional Season Kick-off Activities. Kevin is planning on hosting an informational Zoom session for all new families and anyone interested in learning more about the sailing team on Tuesday, August 9. Details are available on the website. In addition, Kevin is also coordinating a Parents Social on the evening of Sept 29 at the Wilmette Harbor Club. Invitations will be sent to all parents via TeamSnap in the coming weeks.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes. A motion for approval was made, seconded and a vote was taken to officially approve the July 11 Meeting Minutes.

Next Meeting. The Board and Captains agreed to next meet at the Wilmette Harbor Club at 6:45PM on September 12. This has since been adjusted and the new meeting date/time is September 14 at 6:45 PM at the home of Kevin Donahue.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cynthia S. Benes
Secretary