



NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

May 8, 2023

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of New Trier Sailing (“NTS”) met in person at the home of Kevin Donahue on May 8, 2023, at 6:45 pm. Present were:

Kevin Donahue – President
Brooke Hecht – Vice President
Andrew Levy - Treasurer
Cindy Benes – Secretary
John Dischner – Regatta Co-Chair
Sarah Boulos – Regatta Co-Chair
Lucy Elvart – Student Co-Captain
Emil Body-Goldberg – Student Co-Captain
Cristina Body – Gear Coordinator
Will Black – Proposed Transportation Coordinator
Alon Finkelstein – Proposed Regatta Co-Chair
Alicia Waters – Proposed Gear Coordinator

Call to Order. Motion made, seconded, and approved the April meeting minutes.

Financial Update. \$15K cash on hand. Major upcoming expenses include an estimated \$6700 transportation bill for the spring season.

Team Captain Update. The sailors would appreciate the opportunity to voice their opinions at the upcoming June board meeting where the vote will be taken on the potential switch to Sheridan Shore. We discussed having an open-door meeting prior to the board meeting where parents and sailors will be invited to attend and share their thoughts. Kevin will research venue options (Wilmette Park District?). Will also suggest individuals should email their thoughts to the NTS email address if they aren’t able to attend the meeting in person and would like their voice to be heard.

Board Update. The three new board members (*) were introduced. This is the slate that will be shared at the upcoming May 22 annual meeting for the parents to approve.

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Upcoming Regattas & Registrations. The Culver travel regatta is coming up this weekend (May 13 – 14). NIT (travel) and the IL State Championships (local) are scheduled for the following weekend (May 21 – 22).

As suggested by the captains, it would be a good idea to organize lunches for the sailors participating in the local regattas so that they don't have to bring their own. Many of the other teams do this and it is a good way to continue to promote team spirit and camaraderie. Regatta chairs will confirm a parent volunteer to order lunches for local regattas (this is already typically done for the travel regattas). In addition, we need to make sure that the emergency contact and insurance info for all the rostered sailors is shared with the chaperones for the travel regattas.

In the fall, we will keep an eye out for the NT Club Fair and make sure that we coordinate a booth there to continue to raise awareness and drum up excitement for recruiting new sailors to the team.

Annual End of Year Party. The Fat Shallot food truck will be onsite for dinner. A Sign-up Genius has gone out for helping with bringing items and assisting in set-up/clean-up activities. In addition, the CYC coaches will be invited to join. There has been some confusion with the CYC banquet that is also scheduled for Wed, May 24. Kevin will send out a note clarifying that we have two events on the calendar that week. Burgees have been created to be gifted to the graduating seniors at the CYC banquet.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m. Next meeting will be the annual meeting / year end party which will be conducted on May 22, at the Wilmette Harbor Club with the following new board meeting to be conducted on June 12.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cynthia S. Benes - Secretary