



## NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

**June 12, 2023**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of New Trier Sailing (“NTS”) met in person at the Wilmette Rec Center on June 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Present were:

Kevin Donahue – President  
John Dischner – Vice President  
Andrew Levy - Treasurer  
Cindy Benes – Secretary  
Alon Finkelstein – Regatta Co-Chair  
Sarah Boulos – Regatta Co-Chair  
Will Black – Transportation Coordinator  
Alicia Waters – Gear Coordinator

Lucy Elvart – Student Co-Captain  
Preston Levy – Student Co-Captain

Skip Dieball – Sheridan Shore Sailing School Executive Director  
Hector Guzman – CYC Head Coach

Other representatives for Sheridan Shore Sailing School and CYC as well as various sailors and parents

### **Sheridan Shore or CYC Discussion.**

Both CYC and Sheridan Shores shared a presentation of their sailing program priorities and goals. Each went into a discussion of their history, where they see their programs headed in the future, data on their equipment, program sizes and sailing performance.

The captains (Preston Levy and Lucy Elvart) then each spoke on behalf of the sailors and their preference to stay at CYC. Several other sailors and parents then spoke as well asking questions and sharing their perspectives.

Once the open discussion closed, the board members stayed behind for additional discussion and to conduct the official vote which resulted in a motion to stay at CYC with additional demands (see below). This motion was seconded and eventually approved (6 to 1). The additional demands for CYC include:

- A comparable level of rigor in the coaching of the JV team as we have witnessed on Varsity.
- For both Varsity and JV to participate in more Tier 2 & 3 regattas.
- Encourage early guidance from CYC on rostering for regattas. In return, we will insist on a timely RSVP from sailors planning to race or not.
- We would like to be kept in the loop on CYC's plans for the Belmont Barge replacement project and the anticipated impact that it will have on the sailing school operations.
- To the extent possible, we would like the CYC staff to observe the team dynamics among New Trier Sailors and help to promote a strong team culture among all sailors (JV & Varsity).
- We agree that sailor should take advantage of off-season opportunities to participate in competitive sailing programs and events and request a comprehensive calendar that our sailors should/could plan for in the upcoming summer and winter breaks.

**May Meeting Minutes.** Motion made, seconded, and approved the May meeting minutes.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m. Next meeting will be conducted on August 14, at the Donahue home.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cynthia S. Benes - Secretary