



## NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

**August 4, 2025**

The Board of Directors ("Board") of New Trier Sailing ("NTS") met virtually via Teams at 7PM. Present were:

Alon Finkelstein - President  
Cindy Benes - Secretary  
Jennifer LeMonds – Transportation Coordinator  
NEW! Kim Hargis  
NEW! Deepti Roy

Olivia Gingue – Student Co-Captain  
Ben Waters – Student Co-Captain

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order. The April and May meeting minutes were not reviewed. Cindy to follow-up to ensure that the late April minutes are shared and minutes from the annual parents meeting in May are documented and shared prior to the September meeting.

**Board Roles.** The detailed board roles were discussed with a focus on succession planning and all agreed to the following allocation of duties and roles:

- Alon – President
- Elizabeth – Vice-President
- Alberto – Treasurer
- Cindy - Secretary
- Jennifer/Kim to work together as co-Regatta Chairs
- Deepti to start transitioning into Secretary role, assuming some of the communications activities from Cindy

Additionally, Alicia Waters will continue to serve as the Gear Coordinator, but noted that we will need to ask for another volunteer to transition into this role for next season/year.

**Tryouts and Upcoming Season.** Cindy reported that we have identified at least 5 new sailors who have reached out with interest in joining the team - she

is continuing to communicate with them and share updates about Tryouts as well as the High School Pipeline camp. Tryouts this year are on the weekend and are mandatory for all sailors - we discussed the possibility of providing buses, but in the end agreed that the expense of having the buses waiting at Belmont doesn't make sense for a full-day tryout. Captains offered to coordinate carpools for those sailors who might be interested. After tryouts are complete, Alon will be organizing and scheduling an information session to be conducted via Zoom in early September.

**Social.** Once rosters are set, the captains will be organizing the traditional sailor social events to encourage team building and introduce the new sailors to the rest of the team. Additionally, Alon and Deepti will look into planning a fall social for all families, targeting sometime in September.

**Financial Update.** Alberto shared some financial scenarios for different pricing structures for the Fall dues. The Board voted and agreed that \$600/sailor dues are appropriate. As always, these dues cover transportation costs, insurance, social events and other miscellaneous expenses. Cindy will ensure that the registration materials and website are updated accordingly.

**Regatta Planning.** Alon shared a spreadsheet containing the preliminary fall schedule of regattas. Cindy will ensure that the schedules in TeamSnap are updated accordingly.

**Adjournment.** The Board agreed to a future meeting cadence of meeting on the first Monday of each month starting in October. The September meeting will be on the first Wednesday due to the Labor Day holiday occurring on the first Monday. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM. Next meeting will be conducted on September 3.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cynthia S. Benes - Secretary