



NEW TRIER SAILING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

September 3, 2025

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of New Trier Sailing (“NTS”) met in person at the home of Alon Finkelstein at 8PM. Present were:

Alon Finkelstein – President
Elizabeth Vargas – Vice President
Cindy Benes - Secretary
Jennifer LeMonds – Regattas & Transportation Coordinator
Kim Hargis – Regatta co-chair
Deepti Roy – Comms & Regattas

Ben Waters – Student Co-Captain

Call to order. The meeting was called to order. The April, May, and August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Finance Update. No official update was shared, but we have good enrollments, so the assumption is that we are in a good financial situation. Alon will follow-up with Alberto to confirm if there is an update to share.

Fall Roster Update. Fall rosters were published. There are a few special cases that were discussed and resolved.

Transportation. For the first JV practice, the bus arrived on time. An informal bus captain should be appointed to ensure that all sailors are accounted for to/from CYC. A brief discussion on refunding the drivers for gas money followed. Alon will follow-up with Alberto to confirm whether or not he planned for this in the budget.

CYC Coaching Update. CYC has appointed a new coach, Telmo.

Regatta. Sailors are being encouraged to fill out their availability spreadsheet. The upcoming travel regattas, such as the MISSA Girls qualifier should be rostered as soon as possible.

Gear Order Update. Alicia needs confirmation that gear orders have been paid for from Alberto.

Social Events. Captains are planning a few social team building events. The board has budgeted to cover the costs of breakfast for the team up to \$400. Deepti and Elizabeth are working on planning a fall parent social event. Targeting a Thursday at the end of September / early October.

Captains Update. MISSA is planning a new format for next year to divide the schools into brackets: Gold/Silver (similar to how they do it in Florida and California). The board should research the pros and cons to understand if this is something the team would support. There is an upcoming townhall that MISSA is hosting with more information that members of the board will plan to attend.

Yearbook Photos. The NT yearbook adviser has reached out to coordinate photos for the yearbook. The captains will be coordinating the team photos. Cindy has reached out to Telmo to organize the professional photos at an upcoming practice or regatta.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM. Next meeting will be conducted on October 6 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cynthia S. Benes - Secretary