

FINAL SCKC April 20, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom)

Attendees: Ben Deitz (BD), Steve Wort (SW), Justine Barton (JB), Eli Holmes (EH) Tracy Landboe (TL), Jason Frisk (JF), Gerrie Hashisaki (GH), Kathryn Orr (KOR), Liz Graf- Brennen (LG), Cynthia Cozza (CC), and Karla Ogle (KO)

Meeting started by SW including review of the agenda.

Meeting Minutes: Board members discussed the March minutes. More time is needed to review them and they will be discussed at the next meeting.

Finance Report: (GH) Reported we have no new numbers. JF reported on the consolidated budget. In 2018 ARC recommended no more than 3 months' worth of funds to be held in recreational council accounts going forward. This situation was mostly due to Recreational centers with large unspent funds accumulating in their accounts. The small craft centers by nature do not operate in the same way historically and this fact was recognized in the past by ARC. We may still have \$3K in the budget if the small craft center programs are allowed to use the money per prior agreements. JF is pursuing this aggressively. A decision should be made on April 23rd to decide if we can keep our \$3K still in the account. Either we are part of the consolidated budget and they take our \$3K or we are exempt and not part of that original agreement as we are separate from community centers. JF will be at the meeting advocating for the money to stay in the accounts going forward.

Fundraising – JB reported no new news. Just wrapping up a few thank you letters and that is it. Fundraising will be one of the topics in our next retreat Sunday April 25th at 9:00 am. SW will be absent but will email his ideas or add them to the google doc.

Communications – Working on a post on the newly announced events. Everything that has gone up so far has had good engagement.

New Boat House – JF is trying to put pressure on the Parks superintendent and the architect to move things along and Mike Stanley is meeting with Senator Murray. Board members are writing letters of support to state and Federal legislators. We have a \$100k verbal agreement of support from Senator Frock. Lots of asking is ongoing in an effort to close the gap between the bids and amount of money raised. JF reported there have been a few modifications to reduce the construction costs by the architect which were approved. Examples: redesigned lift, different siding, downgrading from gold standard to silver standard... etc. However, the gap still remains around \$500,000 short including the cutbacks on design. The project is managed by the Parks department, the architect has made design cuts, now trying to get Parks going on the approval.

New Boat House Fundraising – JB No active solicitations. SW asked if it should be removed from the live agenda and JB agreed it should be.

New agenda Item – Governance Conversation. JB gave the background on why we are bringing up Governance as it came up when planning the brainstorming retreat. JB mentioned we do need to make sure new board members are receiving the information from Jason. JB will forward the email with the 2 attachments out to everyone so all current board members have the documents. SW mentioned these documents should also be on the website and available to all members. 2008 was when the Bylaws we are currently using were signed. GH agrees now is a good time to review the Bylaws and consider

updating them for board approval. SW informed the board that during a review of operations called the 2011-2012 statement of legislative intent (SLI), the City council asked ARC to review the Small Craft Center governance models for boating programs. A study was completed and the final recommendation was that our current model in use is very cost-efficient and does a good job of serving the community. During the research part of this study the committee reached out to several similar programs around the country to see how they run. The majority being nonprofit programs which rent space from a city/local government. One of the benefits we have is we do not pay any fees for the boathouse and facility. JB asked how do we want to proceed with this? SW will get the documents uploaded onto the website and we will continue to discuss this over the next several meetings. JB suggested we decide on which document we will discuss as we go forward at the next meeting and add this as an agenda item.

Small craft center report - JF reported we got a “thumbs up” on the Summer programs which were approved by the city. An informational meeting was held with potential coaches to go over what the programs allowed this summer would look like to see who might be interested. For paddling Margaret Buzzard and Jerry Chen have confirmed they can coach this summer. TO is working on the web page. JF will follow up with the Bylaws and minutes and get those on the webpage along with updates for the new classes and services. Goal setting to get both webpages online and up to date in the next couple of months. TO will send out the link for the retreat this weekend. Jason will be out of town.

JF surprised the board by announcing this is his last summer and he will be retiring at the end of August to spend time with his family. He will work to ensure that at least one person from the advisory council be on the hiring committee. JF has put in 29.5 years at Green lake and 1.5 years at Mount Baker before that. Members thanked Jason for all of his years of stewarding the programs and service to the community. These are big shoes to fill.

JB asked if Jason could share what the Summer classes will look like. JF reported there will be a 9: 1 ratio running classes during the week. M/W/F Development classes at 5-week sessions. A lot of it will depend on staff available for the classes. One issue will be the price increases due to the small coach to participant ratio, ARC fees, staff and equipment maintenance. There will be no more in-person office registration and everything will be online, with the exception of scholarships. SW suggested we add an agenda item as we go forward. Prior float tests have been extended for 2021. Everyone must have a float test with the exception of the summer outreach program and open houses. There will be several new mandatory trainings for all staff and coaching going forward. LG asked if we could get a copy of the proposed new program schedule for this summer.

New Business

SW went around the room.

GH – brought up the idea of eliminating the float test due to the diversity barrier it generates, with the requirement that life jackets be worn at all times. Discussion was had about the idea. KO mentioned perhaps we could figure out a way to offer the float test at the facility to help reduce the barrier. JF requested the first and third Tuesday we would be able to offer a float test at the facility. He has permission for now because pools are not open.

KOR – Agreed this is great and we should also have a way to direct people to resources for swim lessons, float tests, etc...

JF - Both release forms and waivers are now online.

TO is now on the Equity and Diversity Committee looking at new ways to break down barriers and get more people out on the water.

KOR – reported she has taken a look at a couple of online virtual fundraising platforms and so far nothing is free or that impressive, but she is taking notes on the options and looking for new possibilities.

EH reported the Sprint Championships are scheduled to be held in OKC August 21-24, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Minutes by Tracy Landboe.