

SCKC November Meeting Minutes

(on Zoom hosted by Steven Wort)

November 16, 2021 7:00pm

Attendance: Steven Wort(SW), Justine Barton(JB), Gerrie Hashisaki(GH), Tami Oki (TO), Tracy Landboe(TL), Jason Coffman(JC), Karla Ogle(KO), Ben Dietz(BD), Liz Graf-Brennen(LG), Kathryn Orr(KOR), Eli Holmes(EH).

Upcoming dates: The December meeting will be Tuesday the 14th. Wear Christmas hats or sweaters.

Monthly Minutes: September and October minutes were accepted.

Live agenda:

Finance report: GH reported that as of end of September the club balance was \$19,790.00 with a net gain of \$3,882.00. Expenses from the Eric Hughes race will show up in the November report. This is much better than last year at this time because last year we moved funds into the boathouse account. The Boat house account fund 380a balance is currently \$93,785.00. We have added \$6,000.00 more over the past year to this account. GH has requested to see the monthly report JC added there was some fundraising activity in July otherwise nothing new has been happening with this account. JC would like to meet with SW, GH, TO and Sebastian at ARC to figure out how to better track the monthly payments as they come in. LG asked about the Erg-a-thon fundraising funds. TO reported these funds would not show up until the November report. JB asked for clarification on the \$6,000.00 which was set aside for the boathouse in addition to the \$10,000.00 we set aside earlier. It was agreed by all we need clarification on where those funds are being held currently and how they are being accounted for.

Fundraising report– The Erg-a-thon raised \$1,600.00. GH asked if we could let the kids know how much was raised and give them accolades for their efforts. KOR will do a post event update with the details LG asked if a picture of the rendering of the new boat house could be included.

Sprint report – KO reported that all but 2 paddlers participated in the Eric Hughes regatta. 17 SCKC paddlers in total and 4 from the Sunday class participated. It was a great way to finish up the season. Only 2 kids are signed up for winter conditioning, but we expect last minute sign ups this week. KO and TO will look into team jersey's by JL racing. KO reported Soren has erg ed at his school and thought we might be able to do a demo with the kayak erg for a day. TO and KO will see if they can get the coaches involved. The kids love the new SCKC sweatshirts they are a hit and good advertising. The Cascade distance race end of October was well attended by most of the team, and they had a good time at the event. JB asked about which teams have been attending the local races.

Regatta recap report- KO commented the new timing system worked well. It would be great to have more of a clear finish line. TO added we need to purchase new buoys for the finish line in order to make the course clear. We should have new GPS measuring for the markers to make the distances more

accurate going forward. It ended up being a 9.5 K race vs 10K. JB added it would be nice to have a clear map of the course. GH asked if anyone knew the cost of the pink vs yellow markers and deflating buoys for ease of storage. TO stated, the Rowing advisory council is interested in updating the race course buoys and will be pricing buoys at Costco in the near future. The post race feedback was good for the most part. Having the 2.5K race for the younger kids worked great. There were a total of 82 participants. We updated our ACA membership and insurance certificate for the event, and it was a low cost event with no pancake breakfast and minimal expenses. GH was thinking about the racecourse on the West side and how far the invasive lilly pads have encroached on the lake limiting our ability to widen the course. She asked if there is anyway we could cut back the lilly pads. JC said they would have to look into treatment options. He will see what our options are and explained trimming back involves divers if you do it right. More to find out. TL asked about how much money was made on the regatta (\$1,650.00) and TO asked JC how the money will go into the club. JC will investigate how to best enter those funds. Going forward some of this record-keeping will need to change. Crewtimer was the timing system used and it only cost \$50.00. JB asked if we can use this system at our other regattas and TO added Phillip is going to contact the owner and investigate.

Boathouse report EH – Had nothing new to report. TO a few boat repairs are waiting on parts and the Soren launch is going in for repairs. We should talk to the coaches about if we need to expand our club paddles or upgrade as there was an issue with use for the regatta. Add to the Winter inventory of equipment. GH mentioned the coaches should know the heaters were left on and they need to be turned off. This is a safety/fire issue.

Communications report KOR - Gave a social media recap. This was an active month with the races and the stolen trailer. For this month KOR would like images of winter conditioning and will do a re-cap on the erg-a-thon new boat house fundraiser. KOR will meet with TO to work on the new website. EH asked about images from the race. JB sent several images to KOR during the meeting to be put up on Instagram. TO will hunt down and sent several images to KOR to get out on social media.

New Boathouse report – SW ask LG if she had any updates. LG sent out a clip of Dan Strauss newsletter about the ask for \$1.25 million towards the new boat house in additions to the \$250,000.00 amendment he is working on. TO will send out a email template letter for us to send out Thank you's to city council members involved in this effort. This will all shake out in the next 8 days as the city budget is worked out. JB asked which council members are the most supportive of the new boathouse.

Small craft center report– TO reported we have covered most of the items above. Fall recap- there were 9 kids attending frequently. Aaron and Andria did a great job coaching on the water this fall. Tomorrow dry land training begins and runs until 12/17. We have had 2 Aqua theater break ins in the past month. Parks finally got the lighting redone behind the office and deadbolts are being installed on latches for the doors. All city repairs are taking longer due to low staffing levels at the city. Winter to do items include assessing where we are with the race course and what we need to update. Looking closely at what we have in the boat house and anticipating needs as we move towards moving out for construction. Racecourse and trailer recap. The trailer was stolen around 4am in the morning on October 31st as seen by a "off duty" Fire Department employee. It was stolen by a 12-seat cargo van. November 1st, Ann Jennings spots the trailer on the South end of Lake Union upon. Chuck was advised by the Police not to move it. That night... It was stolen again. So when Tami and Chuck went to move it on November 2nd it was gone. Same day a Lake Union Crew member calls to report the trailer has been

spotted on Fairview Ave. N. This time Tami and Chuck recover the trailer and move it to the Haller Lake facility. However, the thieves had emptied out most of our equipment. November 3rd Eli Holmes finds the equipment on Northlake Ave by Gasworks Park. Tami rounds up a volunteer group including Aaron Small, Miles Cross-Whiter, Jonas Ecker and several GLC coaches and board members who return the equipment to the lake. The trailer is being repaired currently. JC has organized a place at Fort Lawton to store our equipment going forward. The big blue trailer should probably also go over there but the flooring and Paddle boxes need replacement. Chuck is getting a bid on paddle boxes and flooring for the rowers. At this point the large trailer is not safe to use and needs repairs. The small trailer is safely stored at Magnusson. As a board we need to decide if we want to put money towards the repairs. GH mentioned we need to consider what the kids wear on their feet when loading the trailer. TO mentioned we might also want to investigate fundraising for a covered box trailer. JC asked about what size that would be. It would have to be longer than 20 feet.

Governance report – No progress at this point. JB clarified governance is not the same as the retreat we did last year. No progress on the Retreat long term follow up yet, (JB,TL and EH). SW informed the board the conversation between ARC and Parks is still ongoing and should be finalized soon. JC is expecting the second draft operating agreement this week. Then we will have the latest Governance documents in hand, and we can discuss them.

Other business

JB- We should talk about December meeting plans. We usually take off the December meeting but have a get together. What we want to do this year?

December meeting discussion. SW proposed that given Covid and the cold we have a regular online December meeting with Christmas hat on. All agreed this was a good idea. The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14th instead of the 21st.

GH – Question for TO about the new docks. JC got word of extra funds available to make purchases, so we purchased 2 10 x 80 docks to be delivered by year's end. Same type of docks Mike Stanley was looking at as part of the new boat house project. \$82,000.00 worth of docks which will probably be stored at Fort Lawton. Today we got approval for a new boat hoist to pick up safety boats off the docks. There will be no hand launching boats in the future. They will not be installed until well into next year, but they will come. They were covered by the permitting umbrella. These docks are modular and can be used for many other things going forward into the future. JC reported that Mike Clinton, the aquatic manager went to bat and made sure we got the money and secured this equipment.

LG – Concerned we did not have a “to do” list for volunteers at the regatta. SW commented it's the first event we have done in 2 years it would be a good idea to have a checklist. TO added this year since we did not have a camp before the event there was not the week of volunteers and people around prior to the event to assist with planning. It was agreed by all that we should have a timeline which includes items such as clearing off the monuments... TO will add to the February calendar. TO added we have a Racecourse folder on Google drive. EH added we will probably need to be more intentional going forward due to the time gap from when we last did regatta's prior to Covid. TO will put these items on the calendar 2 weeks ahead of time going forward. JC added to the regatta debrief that going forward we need more delineated tasks and organization so TO does not need to do so much.

GH – Mentioned we used to have a sheet with instructions which might be good to have on the website about racecourse set up. Perhaps a volunteer webpage might be a good idea.

TL – Mentioned we should consider thinking about finding a person interested in becoming a club historian.

EH – National association of coaches are meeting bi-weekly currently. Current issues are when to host Nationals and a vote on the Governing body to determine if the ACA was going to continue to remain as the National Governing Body. At this point there is no vote coming up and it looks like the ACA will continue as the Governing body and the ACA will clarify who needs to be on their committees. The sprint coaches communications email list is posting the minutes.

KO – No

KOR – No

SW- No

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm