



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Board Meeting Minutes – Aug 20, 2024 7:00 pm

In Person at Boathouse & Online via Zoom

Present: Steve Wort (SW), Tami Oki (TO), Liz Graf-Brennen (LG), Karla Ogle (KO), Justine Barton (JB), Jason Coffman (JC), Julie Roberts (JR), Becky Bronstein (BB), Gerrie Hashisaki (GH), & John Cross-Whiter (JCW)

Absent: Tracy Landboe (TL)

AGENDA

1. Review Agenda, Steve

2. Minutes – 7:05–7:10 pm

July draft minutes were reviewed and approved. Going forward we will send final copies of Board meeting minutes to ARC at ARCAvisorycouncils@seattle.gov. Justine will distribute to the Board and send the final July minutes to ARC.

3. Live Agenda, Committee Chairs – 7:10 – 7:50 pm

- a. Finance, Gerrie – GH sent out finance information before the meeting. Our total fund balance is \$88,836. TO still working on two money transfers -- -\$169 via intercouncil transfer for race course work in March, and \$6000 to be transferred to the SCKC Fund from the Boathouse Fund. In addition, similar to last year, it appears that there may have been a mis-coding issue for the Ted Houk Regatta for ARC fees. Follow up needed!

ACTION: JC and TO will complete and/or follow up on these finance issues and report at September meeting.

2025 Budget – discussions underway among JC, SW and GH, draft will be provided to Board when available for review.

- b. Fund Raising, All – TO reported there are three remaining fundraisers for the year:

- 1. Race Course Set Up #3: Oct 27th set up and Nov 3rd take down.
- 2. Frostbite Paddle Camp and Eric Hughes Memorial Race Nov 9-11th – we need to start planning, **ACTION:** TO will be meeting with Gig Harbor next week about their participation.
- 3. Green Lake Pathway of Lights – need to collaborate with rowers on bake sale and hot chocolate sales, held second Saturday in December (December 14, 2024).

- c. Sprint, Karla – 5 SCKC paddlers (including 1 Masters (Karla)) raced at Nationals. 11 kids are currently on Sprint Team with 11-12 kids on Dev Team. 11

kids in this week's final summer camp session. Soren Ogle will race at Olympic Hopes Regatta Nov 14-23. Maple Ridge race is Sept 7-8. Anna McGrory is moving to Minnesota this week. Andee will be coaching this fall/winter, but SCKC will need another coaching option for the spring training/racing season. Aaron and Elena are moving to Newport, CA to train and attend school.

d. Regatta, John & TO

- i. **Racecourse replacement plan** – The race course will be moved into the AquaTheater in early November following the final race course take down of the year on Nov 3rd. The three most costly parts of the race course are the cables, buoys and spools – TO is tracking down costs. Another idea for next year is using the davit crane to put the heavy spools on to the whalers during course set up. The davit margin/shoreline needs fenders or other protection for the boats due to sharp concrete, etc.
 - ii. **Nationals planning for 2025 (August 13-16th)** – **ACTION: TO meeting with Steve Kelly and with Gig Harbor next week to discuss plans and participation.**
- e. **Boat House, Eli** – repairs by Chuck are underway on the boats on the AquaTheater racks, with some repairs long overdue. Seeing whether queuing the boats in this way helps move along the long list. Eli ordered 8 new rudders and has installed 4. We are running low on Liangjin parts for the Tornados. Moving everything to AquaTheater shelving should help with inventorying our supplies and extra parts, which are currently in storage. LG pulled together an accounting of boat usage by Masters classes and Duck Island racers this summer, which will be used to understand priority for boat acquisitions. We need more boats for larger paddlers with relatively large feet.

New boats: We are currently expecting five new K1's for the club, with three approved for SCKC-purchase at this meeting:

1. 1 Zastera EM 90 (adult) – part of \$5K SCKC purchase approved at this meeting (\$ indiv cost here?)
2. 1 Zastera Pilot mini – part of \$5K SCKC purchase approved at this meeting (\$ indiv cost here?)
3. 1 Zastera EM 70 -- to be purchased by Masters paddlers and donated to the club.
4. 1 Zastera EM 70 or Nipper – to be purchased by Bebe Burns and donated to club
5. 1 Nelo Cinco SCS construction – purchased from Anna McGrory for \$1800, approved at this meeting.

New paddles: No new paddles were approved for purchase at this meeting. New paddle needs should be identified, discussed and approved at future meeting(s).

K4s: There was discussion about the need for a stable K4 Hody mini (**ACTION: Eli will check on Hody K4 cost for September meeting**).

There was also discussion about the need to fundraise for a new racing K4 for older/larger club racers. Following the meeting Eli checked on the pricing for a new Nelo K4. Per email from Michele, new Nelo K4 Setes currently run at \$11K for SCS ("solid composite system") and \$9995 for G ("Extra carbon foam epoxy vacuum heat cured") construction. No large used Nelo K4's currently available in the U.S. There may be a used boat opportunity after the Jr/U23 Worlds in Sarasota in 2026.

Website for more information:

<https://nelous.com/boat/k4-7/>

- f. **Sprint Coaches Association report** – TO said that following Nationals and ongoing coaches' discussions, there are many improvements anticipated for Nationals.
- g. **Membership / Adult, Liz** – Liz reported that two new adult members (Aaron Skull, Lucas Jeter) did orientation just before the Board meeting.
- h. **Communications / Web site / Newsletter, TBD** – **ACTION: Eli will add the final 2023 and 2024 Board meeting minutes to the website.** Duck Island races posted on Webscorer with the final race this Friday 8/23. GH commented that we should be sure the Duck Island Race schedule is posted/clear because while it was cancelled for the two weeks of Nationals, some folks showed up and were confused. Discussion about the best ways to communicate with the various segments of the SCKC membership followed – unclear how to manage better!!!
- i. **New Boathouse** – All TO reported that all interior Massart walls are finished and the SCKC side is primed and painted and ready to go for rack installation. Post locations were figured by Jared Ogle, so Board and others will show up for rack installation at 8 am on Saturday, 8/24. Tami will rent a roto-hammer and correct-sized bits for the project.

- 4. **Green Lake Small Craft Center Report, Tami** TO reported that this is the final week of summer camps. >10 kids likely to attend Pacific Cup, and there are 11-12 Dev Team kids. The large trailer was repaired (new steel floor – blue) by Steve Scoggins – SCKC will purchase steaks for him as a thank you. The small trailer will be fixed as well.

5. Other business – 8:05-8:10 pm

JB continues to work on race course set up and take down documentation.

BB reported on the Olympics watch parties – really fun, thank you Becky!

There were questions about Board membership and whether the "3-year limit" is for holding officer positions or membership on the Board. Subsequent to the meeting JB found the following language in the 2024 Bylaws and Operating Agreement:

5.5 Term. Members shall normally serve for a term of three (3) years, commencing on the effective date of appointment by the ARC Executive Director and each Member, including an initial Member, shall hold office until their successor is appointed and qualified, or until their

death, resignation, or removal. After consultation with the proposed member, they may be appointed to serve for one (1) or two (2) years of an initial or renewal term. Any Member may serve an unlimited number of terms, including successive terms, and shall not be disqualified by reason of having served previously as a Member. Members must pass a background check every three years.

8.2 Election and Term. The officers of the Council shall be elected each year by the Members on an annual basis for a term of one year. Unless an Officer dies, resigns, or is removed from office, he or she shall hold office until the next Elections Meeting or, if later, until their successor is elected. An individual may be re-elected to serve more than one (1) term in office; but no individual may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office.

6. Adjourn 8:40 pm

Minutes prepared for the SCKC Board by Justine Barton

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