



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2025

7:00 – 8:30 pm

In Person – New Community Boat House meeting room (Zoom option)

Present: Justine Barton (JB), Tracy Landboe (TL), Gerrie Hashisaki (GH), Karla Ogle (KO), Tami Oki (TO), Jason Coffman (JC), Steve Wort (SW), Julie Roberts (JR), Becky Bronstein (BB), Andreea Ghizila (AG)

Eli Holmes (EH) + Breona Gutschmidt (BG) joined at 8:04 pm

Absent: Liz Graf-Brennen (LGB)

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Justine Barton

Draft March minutes (LGB) reviewed and accepted

Finance (GH)

- \$1847 shortfall for February, likely due to lower adult membership fees
- Total fund balance \$64,943
- Only \$200 will be added to truck fund for quarterly payment at the end of March

Fundraising (All)

- Successful course setup and take down in March
- SCKC Paddle-a-thon and Open House on May 17
 - Andy shared fundraiser idea – \$10 to try a sprint boat, \$50 if stay up for longer than 10 seconds

Sprint (KO)

- Season opener at Race for the Cookies in Bothell on March 30
- 16 paddlers present, including Masters (everyone stayed in their boats)
- Lots of enthusiasm and parent participation
- April 26th is Gig Harbor Paddlers Cup race (13 signed up) , Slawko Fedechko Regatta in Maple Ridge, May 4-5

- 1 SCKC paddler going to junior team trials in Chula Vista (April 14-15)

Masters (AG)

- 5 students signed up for T/Th class (including 2 canoeists training for Ski to Sea)
- 2-6 regular participants for Sunday class
- In need of:
 - 220-230+ cm wing paddles
 - Zastera club (220 cm) = \$250 (includes tax) (EH has one of these)
 - Epic club (longest have online is 220 cm) = \$400 (+ tax)
 - SW, TL, JB might have paddles available
 - Before purchasing paddle(s) will check to see what members have available to donate
 - In need of: Tornado class for Tall paddlers
 - Zastera EasyMaster 110 (XL) = \$3600
 - Epic has new Masters K1= \$4695
 - Viper 42/Nelo ~ probably similar to Epic
 - In need of: Tornado class for Medium paddlers
 - Eli has a boat (EasyMaster M) in her garage that she may talk to the masters class about buying
 - In need of: Superlancer class boats
 - EH has the Zastera Master but not sure all the masters like it (unlike EasyMaster which is super popular)
 - Would be nice for masters to try this out when it gets warmer, before club buys
 - EH thinks we need to keep searching for a SuperLancer replacement
 - There is a Superlancer in sick bay with a very hard repair that is likely not worth our time
 - Summary of need: Once assemble priority list, will assess budget + home/garages and decide which paddles/boats to purchase
- Adult member access:
 - Using the January adult member survey and SPR spring season staffing, TO and JB determined an adult member access schedule for April and May (to be updated in June)
 - JB sent an email to all participants in the survey
 - TO and Michael will update the Google Calendar accordingly so members can see accurate shifts for paddling access

ACTIONS:

- SW, TL, JB will look to see if have paddles available, will discuss purchase of a new paddle (if need be) at the April meeting
- JB will bring an Epic K1 Sport demo down to the lake for Masters paddlers to try (in boathouse for month of April)
- EH will embed the Google Calendar with the adult member access schedule on the website

Regatta (SW & TO)

- Race course now stored in the Aquatheater
- Additional work parties needed to organize and repair materials including the spools
- New cable needed
- Prep for Ted Houk and Nationals underway
 - TO sent an email to local NW clubs + May 10 set as safety boat training (several Gig Harbor + Cascade members have signed up) - Karla will provide lunch, training 11 am - 2 pm
 - Several sprint team parents have volunteered for important positions planning for the Ted Houk and Nationals events. Volunteer coordinators (Janet, Shelley). Vendors/Sponsorships (Mark, Maura, Heather)

ACTIONS:

- TO will determine cost of new cable
- All should ensure their SafeSport Training is up to date (Andy will be checking)

Boathouse (All)

- Via email sent by JB 3/11/25, the full Advisory Council approved **\$3846.00** (including sales tax, installation, and the government discount of \$334) for the new Sorenson boat motor
- Cubbies have arrived, but still need to ensure proper layout before installation
- Old decrepit dock was recently removed. Discussion around whether the newer existing dock should be moved over into that footprint (TO, JC). AG and GH agree the club preference is for the newer dock to remain where it is. This allows for more distance from the public that may be using the dock, and allows more space for staging boats on the apron
- AG will install a pull up bar.

ACTIONS:

- TO will work with Nancy Alice about planning for cubbies
- TO will let Eric know we are not pursuing moving the dock

Adult Membership (BB)

- 16 current adult members
- Adult member schedule + spring weather may attract more members. May 17 open house will increase membership

ACTION:

- BB will look into QR code for sandwich board to share information about SCKC – to put out during open houses, classes, race course set ups/takedowns

Communications / Website / Newsletter, All

- Updates for website including Google calendar for adult access

ACTIONS:

- TO and EH will make necessary updates for adult access and other changes for 2025
- All encouraged to post Google reviews – GH will put in review this week, JB next

Green Lake Small Craft Center Report

- SPR decided to automatically roll over approvals for all financial aid recipients for the 2025-2026 year, while SPR considers financial aid management issues. For SCKC, most financial aid recipients are summer class participants rather than long term recipients, and thus far cost has been manageable. RAC and BAC (rowing councils) have very large expenses for financial aid, and they will be having meetings/discussions by site and with coaches to determine how best to manage financial aid coverage (e.g., whether to cover travel to distant regattas).
- Existing outreach programs for RAC and BAC are “STEM to Stern” and “Camp Lucy” respectively.
- From TO, summer classes opened April 1st, a request has been submitted to post on NextDoor, hoping Margaret will coach, still solidifying the coaching staff for summer camps.
- Discussed possibility for combined spring open house with RAC – TO shared schedule is quite packed with events already. The holiday Pathway of Lights could be pursued as a good opportunity for a shared community open house

ACTION: JB will follow up with RAC (Christina and Colleen) that a shared open house not likely until Pathway of Lights, but that that event has great potential

Other Business

- AG: Interest in a painted mural on the outside of SCKC boathouse, JC says SPR would need to approve any design

ACTION: TO will connect with JC about next steps in the process for pursuing a mural

- TL: Need to establish formal Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for Nationals – TO suggested selecting a regular monthly meeting day (e.g., the 3rd Tuesday) for LOC discussions

ACTION: TO and others will determine a regular meeting to plan for Nationals

Adjourned: 8:18 pm

Next Meeting: May 6th

Minutes submitted by Becky Bronstein

The mission of the Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club is to promote competitive and recreational canoeing and kayaking, by providing coaching and training in a fun, safe, and supportive environment to develop the sport and encourage sportsmanship, integrity, and community.