



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

FINAL Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – May 6, 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), Liz Graf-Brennen (LGB)

Absent: Eli Holmes (EH) (coaching), Becky Bronstein (BB)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Justine Barton

Draft April minutes (BB) reviewed and accepted

Finance (GH)

- Total Fund Balance \$69,976 holding stable
- Positives - \$3825 donation, increased class enrollment/membership
- Cautions – new motor, truck fund transfer (\$200), & course work transfer not posted yet
- Remaining interior boathouse expenses (e.g., cubbies) should be minimal (est. \$400 – 600) due to careful repurposing and design change
- Concern re impact of tariffs on equipment costs going forward

Fundraising (All)

- Successful Spring Regatta setup and takedown in March
- We have received a Washington State Parks Boating Safety Education reimbursable grant for up to \$6k for equipment. The grant is to promote water safety so should be used for entry level equipment (time sensitive) – discussion of stable Hody mini K4 for youth paddlers, maybe Epic K1 Sport for taller beginner masters
ACTION: TO will confirm equipment priority with Andy and follow up on locating/pricing a Hody mini K4
- Sprint team yard sale in July – timing depends on Ogle family summer house projects, firm date in July TBD

Youth Sprint (KO)

- Good start to season – about 12 sprint team members plus 2 new girls

- So far team has raced Cookies, Gig Harbor Distance, and Slawko Fedechko at Maple Ridge BC (9 sprint team members plus one master to Slawko Fedechko most recently)
- Jake Zikan and friend Solange (whitewater experience plus environmental education degree) are lined up to coach, with some overlap with Andy for consistency. Delia and Tai assistant coaches. Mark Parrish also willing to help on as-needed basis
- SCKC Open House on May 17th after practice – open to juniors and adults, 10 am to noon

Masters (EH – Justine read notes from EH and Breona)

- Increased spring/summer participation – need 2 coaches, especially on Sundays
 - 5 masters went to Gig Harbor race
 - There is difficulty accessing surfskis (V7, V8) and K2s behind K4s in west bay
 - Two boats being repaired by Eli, should be available this week (\$300)
 - Feedback on Epic Sport K1 demo over the last month was positive - fits wide range of paddlers, sturdy, relatively light
 - Input following our first month of adult open paddle hours – at times paddlers have trouble finding staff to let them in, both before and after paddling
- ACTION: TO looking at options -- wireless doorbell, perhaps providing a radio to paddlers on the water so they can contact staff when finished, for post-paddle communication staff can provide a contact phone number (but paddlers have to take their phones on the water), clarifying this responsibility in desk staff job description(s)**

Regattas & Race Course (SW & TO)

Race course maintenance

- **Sunday, May 18th at 9:30 am -- Work Party** to repair spools and spool another line, need 4-5 people familiar with race course
 - Cost of lane line small buoys down to \$9.99 each
- ACTION: On 5/7 TO taking samples of steel cables to LFI to make sure we get the correct gauge, TO will send SW copy of old receipt so he can also research cable**

Ted Houk Regatta (June 14-15)

- Philip working on online registration – should be ready this week
 - Officials lined up
 - Volunteer sign up sheet is almost ready (Shelley & Janet)
- ACTION: When completed, TO will send email with volunteer sign up sheet to other clubs**

Nationals (Aug 12-15)

- TO has contacted Connect-A-Dock to get estimate for 12 stake boat docks for the starting line
- TO mentioned that sponsors (e.g., Fisheries Supply) can be approached to give in kind items (e.g., marker buoys) in place of cash.

ACTION: TO & JB will set up a NATIONALS Zoom call this month to go over tasks and status, to include AC members and others

ACTION: All must have updated SafeSport and background checks, TO will send out emails to AC members who are not up to date

Boat House (TO & EH)

- Cubby construction schedule – Nancy Alice will provide cubby plan on Friday
ACTION: (TO) Potential Cubby Work Party over Memorial Day Weekend?
- Need equipment priorities list for planning
- John Cross-Whiter & TO finished the last piece of the boathouse corner so shelving can be placed to serve as a charging station for safety lights, radios, megaphone, etc.

Membership (LGB & BB)

- 16 adult members plus two more orienting this week
- BB providing QR code later this week per her email to the AC

Communications / Website / Newsletter (All)

- Reminder to do Google reviews of SCKC
ACTION: EH embed Google Calendar with adult member access schedule on SCKC website
ACTION: TO begin monthly announcement to membership

Green Lake Small Craft Center Report (TO)

- Summer classes and camps posted, coaches lined up
- TO to post on Next Door – free and parents more likely to scan it
- JB sent follow up email to RAC – planning to have a shared Community Boathouse Open House with them at Pathway of Lights in December

ARC Annual General Meeting, May 29th, 6-8 pm (50th Anniversary) -- JB not available, will forward invite to AC

AC Small Craft Center planning meeting, May 27th, 6-7 pm – JB not available, GH will attend

Adjourned 8:24 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 3rd

Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen

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.