



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2025

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

Present: Justine Barton (JB), Tracy Landboe (TL), Gerrie Hashisaki (GH), Karla Ogle (KO), Tami Oki (TO), Ann Busch (AB) for Jason Coffman (JC), Steve Wort (SW), Liz Graf-Brennen (LGB), Becky Bronstein (BB), Andreea Ghizila (AG), James Girton. Absent: Julie Roberts

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Justine Barton

Draft September 2nd AC minutes (LGB) reviewed and accepted

Continue to recruit new 2026 AC members. Julie's October move leaves us with 8 current AC members, optimal number is at least 9.

2. FINANCE (GH)

- **2026 Budget.** A final draft SCKC 2026 budget was approved by the AC via email and submitted to JC at SPR. JC then submitted all final 2026 small craft center AC budgets to ARC. Gerrie explained the method used to project income and expenditures. Estimates were based on actual 2024 and actual Jan-June 2025 figures, with adjustments for one-time items (e.g., hosting ACA Nationals, certain donations), a 3% COLA for staff, increased coach time, and the truck fund.

Sprint Team and Masters class fees will increase by 9%. Summer camp fees will increase related to parity among SPR summer programs (i.e., rowing and Mt. Baker). SPR will publicize summer camps and classes early in 2026, hoping to increase enrollment.

Action item: JC to work with ARC to open class/camp registration in February when organized parents are making summer plans. (Q: Who will pursue while JC on detail?)

- **August Financials.** August adult and youth class fee receipts were under budget. Increase in regatta income reflects increase in participation. Fundraising income was \$51,630, but net numbers will be adjusted as corrections and final expenses for OHR, Ted Houk and ACA Nationals come in.

Listed \$8028 equipment purchase is a Mt. Baker rowing miscoded purchase and will be corrected in September report. (JC action item – already submitted)

We paid over \$6K for the Hody mini K2 and mini K4 in July -- Tami just put in for the expected \$6K grant reimbursement. Also just in is W9 for \$900 paid for John Flynn's boat, so can expect that to appear.

The fund balance of \$89,874 may be \$4-8K off due to these outstanding items. Last year's fund balance allowed us to cover large unexpected expenses for a new truck and Sorenson motor. The current fund balance can handle these discrepancies, but GH wants more information and income/expenses to clear in upcoming monthly financials to guide plans for spending in 2026 (e.g., equipment campaign).

- **Summer Regattas (OHR, Ted Houk, ACA Nationals) Preliminary Budget Reports (TO)**

SCKC counts on the Ted Houk Regatta to be a major fundraiser each year and that income is expected in our annual budget. Ted Houk had fewer entries than anticipated as Canadian teams elected not to participate due to USA administration policies. However, most of the difference in income was made up by hosting the Olympic Hopes Regatta (OHR) on the course just prior to Ted Houk (Note: ACA wants us to host OHR again next year). ACA Nationals income and expenses is not included in our usual annual budgeting, and we had not hosted since 2012.

PRELIMINARY	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
OHR	\$5,535	\$2,571	\$2,650
Ted Houk	\$22,587	\$8,296	\$13,621
Nationals	\$74,648	\$62,748	\$11,899
Nationals Banquet	\$14,655	\$9,276	\$5,389

Other Details:

- Nationals stakeboats/dock \$9,100
- Berg Scaffolding for Nationals finish line \$4,000
- Price for 24 barricades will be adjusted to reflect the City price
- \$1,500 transfer to rowing for boat holders and banquet set up not in yet
- One gas tank was stolen and filled with water
- An Eagle Scout proposed a plan for the finish line scaffolding that involves concrete and would need a permit. Tami would support as it would allow us to erect finish line more easily in future.
- We hired one of the rowing coaches as required EMT coverage, which was less expensive than contracting out
- Opportunity for improvement: sponsorships!

Final income and expense adjustments are still coming in. Net may be better in the end.

- **2024 Annual ARC Report.** The annual report to ARC will be deferred until next month due to the heavy workload related to Nationals and the 2026 budget.

3. FUNDRAISING

- The final race course Setup/Takedown of the year for the Frostbite Rowing Regatta are October 26th and November 2nd (Note: Steve may not be able to attend on October 26th!)

Action item: Liz send reminders to AC list and Members list and Masters Signal Group. Karla post to Sprint parents.

- SCKC Frostbite Paddling Camp will be November 8, 9, & 10th – area coaches lined up to help
 - Eric Hughes Distance Race Saturday, Nov. 8th
 - Masters Surfski Clinic Sunday Nov. 9th
 - Possible Long-distance Racing Strategy Talk – Greg Barton?

Action item: TO purchase 8 more large inflatable tetrahedron buoys for distance racecourse.

- Pathway of Lights at Green Lake – Saturday, December 13th, 4:30-7:30 pm, plan to work with SPR and RAC to provide open house and cocoa again (for donation)
- Other Suggestions –
 - Sponsor evening holiday book sale at local independent book store (e.g., Third Place Books),
 - Brown Bear Car Wash ticket sales,
 - Trivia Night at Reuben's Brews or similar (in March to kick off year).

4. SPRINT – Karla

Good numbers for fall: 14 Sprint team, 7 Dev team

New Hody K2 and K4 received enthusiastically and went into the water immediately

Team did Lake Samish Salmon Row in Bellingham , 8 Masters also went

Soren went to OHR in Czech Republic and had good experience

Cascade may have change in venue for their upcoming distance race, as the city is creating a new park

Andy announced morning weight class to be coached by Miles Cross-Whiter

Andy is moving to San Diego Nov. 15th to pursue her own training with the National team. Andy has been coaching for 6 years. She will continue to work with the SCKC team by providing team training plans.

The SCKC awards banquet and holiday gathering is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 6. May change date to include Andy coming back to town for holiday break.

Head boys rowing coach Grayson Busch talking to Andy about morning weight equipment.

5. MASTERS

Participation remains strong. 8 participated at Salmon Row in Bham. Evening classes are over for year. 5 paddlers last Sunday.

6. REGATTAS

A draft Nationals Lessons Learned document including only ideas from Justine and Steve has been put together and will be circulated for additional comments/input. More to follow (JB)

Action Item: Nationals lessons learned (JB)

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7. BOATHOUSE (TO)

Next tasks to get trim and PFD racks installed

Need to assemble and install stakeboat dock – Tami purchasing connectors

Need clearly labeled CLEAN AND DIRTY bins for towels

Need list of priorities for boat purchases for 2026 – coaches currently discussing

Dispose of unneeded/unwanted boats. Tami has emailed John DePalma as he is setting up a club in Burien.

8. MEMBERSHIP (BB)

Adult membership numbers unclear because Teal's printed list may include participants who are not members.

While the club would like to allow families to sign up for a family membership at any time, ActiveNet is not set up to add additional family members for the \$90 fee following any family member's initial registration. Thus, the current system does not allow the family discount except when a first family member signs up.

Action item: TO working on a family membership fix with ARC.

FALL OPEN HOUSE. “Spooktacular” 🎃 SCKC Fall Open House on October 18th, 10 am -1 pm with Duck Island Race Held in conjunction with a memorial Move-A-Thon also organized by BB

- Duck Island Race at 10:30 am
- Breakfast foods served -- pancakes
- Have waiver available on iPad or laptop
- Need member helpers who can help get interested people into boats

Action Items: Liz and Becky to meet with Tami to integrate various lists (Google Group, 50th Anniversary, iCrew, Constant Contact) to avoid duplication or inactive folks. Will broadcast flyer widely.

9. COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH

Eli updated website for Frostbite/ Eric Hughes Distance Race in November
TO sent email to area coaches for Frostbite Paddling Camp

Action Item: Still hoping for monthly Constant Contact email (or similar) from Tami. How will Frostbite Camp and Eric Hughes Distance Race be publicized to entire SCKC membership?

10. GREEN LAKE SMALL CRAFT CENTER REPORT (TO)

Toxic algae has been present at Green Lake for 3 weeks, potentially a byproduct of the Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan and herbicide applied in June to control milfoil and elodia. 1000 rainbow trout stocked yesterday, though the water temperature is too warm

Two recent break-ins in the parking lot. Remind paddlers not to leave belongings in cars.
On his return from vacation end of October, Jason Coffman will be on a 90-day detail to another SPR assignment; Anne Busch is covering for him in October.

Tami has asked the City surveyors to replace the 500 m course buoy in prep for upcoming regatta/races.
Tami is working on setting up the Jan–Mar classes in ActiveNet, including morning weights.
Tami getting boathouse and stakeboat dock organized.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Anne Busch (SPR) is adding float test documentation to swimming program course content to make it easier for participants to access other aquatic programs that require float tests (like SCKC camps).

Liz asked about increasing the RAC contribution for racecourse supplies due to inflation. Steve and Tami working on a maintenance proposal to present to RAC.

SCKC officers will be reviewing the 2026 ARC Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement which must be signed by the AC president before the new year.

GH reported that the ARC President’s Meeting held on Sept 30th was a festive 50th anniversary celebration. GH represented SCKC at the event.

Meeting adjourned 8:54 pm. Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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