



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – December 2nd, 2025

7:00 – 8:30 pm

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

Present: Justine Barton (JB), Tracy Landboe (TL), Tami Oki (TO), Karla Ogle (KO), Andreea Ghizila (AG), Becky Bronstein (BB), Steve Wort (SW), Liz Graf-Brennen (LGB), Owen Lilleleht (OL)

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

1. **Admin** (JB)

November Draft Minutes – reviewed and approved with minor edit (LGB)

ARC AC member renewals – reminder that paperwork due NLT 12/20 to Rich Dashner (Becky, Liz, Justine, Gerrie, Karla, & Tracy)

ARC new AC member paperwork has been submitted for Owen Lilleleht

2. **Finance**, JB & TO

October ARC financials: 1. Reimbursable \$6K grant for Hody K2 and K4 received, looking into \$4514 in other donations to ensure they are attributed correctly (including SW matching donation)

Still working to get \$5K from ACA for Nationals (TO)

The final 2025 intercouncil transfers, truck fund transfers, etc. as discussed in the October minutes will show up in November financials (which we will review in January). The same is true for payment for John Flynn's boat, scaffolding for Nationals and donation to RAC for their Nationals helpers. Thus, we won't know available 2026 equipment-purchase starting budget until January.

The Total Fund Balance is \$99,894, over budget by \$5000. But with above expenses pending, plus insurance and scholarships, we will need to watch priorities carefully.

Annual report for 2024 to ARC – status still pending as Gerrie is out of town

Equipment campaign – planning for 2026 (see fund raising below).

3. **Fund Raising**, All

Green Lake Pathway of Lights (Saturday, Dec 13th, 4:30-7:30 pm) – cocoa & cider, open-house with the RAC (Stephanie Jordan, RAC contact). Rowers will staff baked goods table. We will use Venmo and cash jars for voluntary donations.

Action item: Sign up for cocoa/cider shifts, SCKC boathouse tours/ergs, baked goods. Tami will send out reminders.

Suggestion made to explore platforms we can use for donations and discuss with ARC.

Tami reported on the Mt. Baker Gala and GLC Auction, which used the Givebutter fundraising platform. Givebutter is all-in-one fundraising software for non-profits, with 0% fees. Owen stated that he has experience with the software and found it simple and effective.

Natalie Roy is now development contact at ARC instead of Sonia Doughty.

Action item: (TO) check on how Givebutter accounts are set up with ARC

4. Youth Sprint, Karla

SCKC End of Year Party & Awards - Sat, December 6th, 5:00 pm at Boathouse, bahn mi for dinner and potluck sides/desserts

4 pm arrival for set up help.

Send pictures to Andy for party slide show, Andy will participate remotely

Action item: (TO) will send potluck sign up reminder

8-10 youth paddlers at practice.

Alert: Miles Cross-Whiter may take job in NY and be unavailable for leading weights.

5. Masters, Eli & Breona

Tues/Thurs evening Masters Conditioning class 6:45-8:15 pm has consistently had 3-4 people.

Sundays 9:30-11:30 am

Social paddle from Kenmore yesterday

Greg Barton, Mark Parrish, and Brian Ecker (Bellingham) are three of five members recently elected to the 2026 ACA Sprint Committee, so the PNW is well represented.

6. Regattas, Steve/All

Frostbite Camp: 40 participants in Frostbite Camp (Nov 8-10th) and 82 racers in the Eric Hughes Memorial Regatta (Nov 8th)

Feedback was positive, especially on good video analysis and Greg's race strategy talk.

Tami is pulling all race course related receipts, e.g. buoys

Action item follow up: (TO) waders, take down machine repairs

Action item: (SW, TO) maintenance discussion with RAC

Action item: Andy would like to survey athletes and coaches re camp classes and regatta

2026: Rowing Frostbite Regatta will be Sat, October 31, so setup will be Sun, October 25. SCKC Frostbite camp date is to be determined.

Action item: (TO) Set Frostbite Camp and Eric Hughes Memorial Regatta dates

7. Boathouse, Eli, Tami and Andy

Andy will meet with other coaches to finalize list of priorities for 2026, incl 6-8 boats.

Action item: (Andy and coaches) finalize 2026 equipment procurement priorities list

Tami has been offered donation of another Wenonah marathon C2 (type used for Ski to Sea). This could be stored under the Aquatheatre.

Boathouse projects for Fall/Winter:

Bulletin board is up

Door trim and countertop – Dave Riley to help

Plastic dock assembly - to do in March (ask RAC to share fastener cost)

Share inventory with coaches for comments on boats to retain/remove

Storage improvements (rack labeling, padding, bungees), parts bins organized and labeled, canoe improvements e.g., C4 floorboard. We can use rowing label-maker for racks

Action Item: (TO) buy magnetic tape labels

Action item: Eli send info on recent Stellar K2 donation so AC can send thank you note

8. Membership / Adult, Becky

3-4 adults have been attending each practice. Need to work out electronic sign in. 2026 new year required orientation dates have been set for Sunday, Jan 11th 12 pm and Tuesday, Jan 20th 6 pm. This information will be included in monthly club-wide January Constant Contact message and to masters Signal group.

9. Communications / Website, All

Tami, Becky B, Gerrie and Justine are working to revamp Communication Lists to reflect member and outreach needs. Lists to be used for Constant Contact messages to groups (e.g., adult members, youth paddlers and families, SPR class participants, local supporters and wider community). Depending on the group, these should be sent in a predictable cadence (e.g., monthly or other).

10. Green Lake Small Craft Center Report, Tami

Disabled paddlers outreach -- Vadim Kin has moved to Florida long-term, so we have no adaptive paddling mentor. Adaptive rowing will be starting in spring at Green Lake. Using these contacts TO may be able to better pursue adaptive paddling contacts and resources in 2026, TBD.

TO continues acting for Jason Coffman through end of January. Juggling reading contracts, working on scholarships paperwork, etc. with GLSCC usual work.

TO is working on the information Gerrie needs for both the 2024 and 2025 annual reports.

Winter classes will open in ActiveNet Tuesday, Dec 9th

TO has help while acting -- Teal is 5 days/week until the end of January. Sheen is working 2-3 days a week.

Eagle Scout has now volunteered to build custom shelving for the meeting room closet as a merit project. His original project was constructing a Finish Line platform and would have required permits for concrete pads, so he has changed projects. Steve Scoggins said that he may be able to help with design and construction of an aluminum structure that would be easy to move and would take the place of scaffolding at the Finish Line. TBD.

11. Other business

2026 ARC Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement – GH and JB have reviewed initial draft. The main language is unchanged. SPR PAR fees will be unchanged - \$6300/year. Appears insurance will be increased total of

\$200 for all 3 small craft programs, so not great impact. There will be minor changes to ACTIVENET fees and credit card processing fees, as well as ARC contact details.

The final draft of the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement will be provided by Rich Dashner in mid-December and must be reviewed and signed by ARC and the SCKC AC President before December 31st.

12. Reminders:

ACA new membership platform via Sport:80. Email to reset password and set up account

Meeting was adjourned prior to 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: January 6th

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.