



Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2026

7:00 – 8:30 pm

In Person – Community Boat House, 2nd floor meeting room (Zoom option available)

Present: Justine Barton (JB), Becky Bronstein (BB), Tami Oki (TO), Gerrie Hashisaki (GH), Steve Wort (SW), Liz Graf-Brennen (LGB), Owen Lilleleht (OL), Fredrik Johansson (FJ), Karla Ogle (KO), Rich Dashner (RD), Andreea Ghizila (AG) Absent: Tracy Landboe (TL)

The meeting was called to order by Justine Barton at 7:07 pm.

1. **Admin**, Justine

JB requested that when the AC votes on issues by email, each member reply to the most recent response -- so that the final email in the chain contains all votes in one post.

December 2, 2025 draft minutes were approved as submitted (LGB).

New 2026 AC members Owen Lilleleht and Fredrik Johansson were introduced. Owen's ARC paperwork is complete and Fredrik's has been submitted.

JB noted that over the next months she will review three important SCKC documents – 1. 2026 Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement between ARC and SCKC, 2. SCKC Bylaws, and 3. SCKC Operating Agreement.

The recently signed 2026 Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement outlines the relationship between our AC and ARC, the functions ARC performs for SCKC, and ARC fees/funding. ARC's functions include regular reporting of financial balances & transactions, payroll reports, processing and/or disbursement of receipts, deposits, and checks, provision of liability insurance, and human resources (HR) functions for ARC employees at the GLSCC including coaches. JB said that she would distribute the final signed Agreement to the AC by email this month.

2. **Finance**, Gerrie

Total Fund Balance for November was \$85,224, down from October as expected.

ARC financial numbers are sent by John Bray, ARC CFO, each month by the 25th. The numbers are two months behind, i.e., we review November's numbers in January.

ARC's B&A (Budget and Actual) sheet shows \$4514 in October donations, but does not identify where it is from or if it includes Steve's Microsoft donation.

WA State taxes (B&O) for August and September are unusually high; GH and TO will check whether those amounts are correct.

Expenses that were resolved were scaffolding for Nationals, John Flynn's boat, transport charges for the new Hody K4 and K2, and donation to Green Lake Crew for Nationals boat holders and Awards dinner help.

Final Frostbite Camp and Eric Hughes Regatta figures are pending.

Gerrie was concerned about high fundraising expenses. Many of the increases are due to Nationals, which is not a typical annual expense, and is covered by revenue from Nationals. Nationals was budgeted separately from our usual annual operating budget. She and Tami will go over details from credit card expenses to ensure all expenses are correct.

Equipment repair and purchase costs were also high, reflecting some non-boat expenses for the dock, Sorenson, and truck.

Financial aid (\$5,534) was over budget (\$2,250), but not extreme compared to the other councils who have seen large increases.

2025 Insurance costs will appear in the December numbers.

Gerrie is still working on the 2024 Annual Report to ARC, but she has the numbers she needs. The 2025 Annual Report will be due soon as well.

3. Fund Raising, All

December's Green Lake Pathway of Lights fundraiser netted \$848.15 in donations for each council – SCKC and RAC. SCKC served hot beverages, while the RAC handled the baked goods tables. We served hot chocolate and hot cider using 2 propane burners and 3 Cambros. A fourth Cambro would be useful! We served approx 750-780 8 oz servings, and used up the 13 packets of cocoa and 11 packets of cider by 7 pm. Suggestions: purchase 1000 8 oz cups next year, purchase a few more cocoa and cider packets to last through 7:30 pm. Supplies were purchased from US Foods Chef Store in Ballard. More cookies needed as they ran out early.

Tami asked Rich Dashner how a GiveButter account can be set up by ARC. Rich reported that GiveButter was used at a Mt. Baker fundraiser, and they are getting good feedback and ideas for improvements. ARC is working to make the platform available to SCKC and RAC at Green Lake.

4. Youth Sprint, Karla

8 kids signed up currently. The SCKC End of Year Party on Dec 6 was well organized and well attended. Andy did the annual awards remotely from San Diego, and provided an entertaining presentation.

5. Masters, All

Tues/Thurs evening Masters Conditioning class 6:45-8:15 pm has 3-5 participants
Sunday 9:30-11:30 am on water class well attended (up to 12 paddlers)

6. Regattas, Steve/All

ACA Sprint Nationals (Aug 12-15) Lessons Learned – interviews/report is still underway (JB)
Maintenance discussions with RAC - TO and SW

Action items before Spring Regatta (Rowing) setup in March:
Line pulling machine maintenance and waders (TO)

Frostbite survey to coaches and athletes (AG)

2026 Frostbite Regatta (Rowing) will be Oct 31st (Halloween), so set up date is Oct 25th, take down is Nov 1st. The 2026 SCKC Frostbite Camp and Eric Hughes Regatta will be Friday-Sunday, Nov 6th, 7th, and 8th.

7. Boathouse, TO and AG

Andy presented input from masters and youth coaches on boat priorities (which were presented in a one-page list). Adult and youth coaches had different suggestions, and these were combined for the club into the following priorities:

1. Paddles, incl shorter canoe paddles (relatively inexpensive and high need), K1 paddle that can extend to 220 cm
2. Repairs to our existing fleet (incl inventory and repair of surfskis)
3. Replace TK1's (Hody) – these are heavily used and relatively inexpensive at about \$2000 each
4. K2 Cinquo L -- \$5150 each
5. Stable K2
6. K4 Nelo L (not a Sete), maybe a Vanquish or Cinquo?
7. K1 transition boat for larger masters, maybe a Nelo 42XXL or Nelo 44XXL – but only if masters try the boat for fit
8. K2 Cinquo M

There is a desire to see what Nelo has in stock that we want and then to consider the most cost-effective path to purchasing. Boats to remove from boathouse are: Tubby 2, Fat C-4 and once we have a new K2 remove the Osprey K2 or green Liangjin.

JB requested the final priorities be placed in an ordered spreadsheet for our Equipment Campaign, with background information, manufacturer, cost, etc. and Andy agreed.

Boathouse projects for Fall/Winter: second paddle rack, countertop, plastic dock assembly (March), storage improvements (rack labeling, padding, bungees), parts bins organized and labeled, canoe improvements e.g., C4 floorboard – status

Thanks to David Riley for installing the door trim in the boathouse!

7. Membership / Adult, Becky

Orientation dates: Sunday, January 11th 12 pm and Tuesday, January 20th 6 pm

Can then do orientations monthly at 6 pm before the AC meeting the first Tuesday of each month.

8. Communications / Web site / Newsletter, All

Constant Contact for monthly member & family community notices – sent out for December and January
Becky B., Tami, and Justine are editing/organizing Outreach Lists

9. Green Lake Small Craft Center Report, Tami – 8:00 – 8:15 pm

Tami Oki continues acting for Jason Coffman through end of January.

We now have a 5 gallon water cooler in the boathouse.
Summer camp registration will be posted mid-February.

10. Reminders:

SCKC and ACA annual membership renewals

SafeSport training required annually for all adult club members, AC members and boat drivers.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: February 3rd

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.