



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2026

7:00 – 8:30 pm

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

Present: Justine Barton (JB), Tami Oki (TO), Steve Wort (SW), Liz Graf-Brennen (LGB), Owen Lilleleht (OL), Frederick Johansson (FJ), Karla Ogle (KO), Tracy Landboe (TL), Luis Buen Abad (LBA), Jason Coffman (JC)
Absent: Becky Bronstein (BB), Gerrie Hashisaki (GH)

The meeting was called to order by Justine Barton at 7:06 pm.

1. Admin

- We will review and update our 2008 Bylaws and Operating Agreement with ARC at a future meeting.
- The January 6 and February 3 draft minutes were approved with edits.
- The 2026 SCKC Calendar is available and posted online on the SCKC Website. It was also sent out with the March Constant Contact.
- We received a thank you note from San Diego Sprint Paddle Club for a surfski we gave them at Nationals.

2. Finance, Gerrie (per email)

- As of the January ARC Financials, our SCKC Total Fund Balance is \$91,955; we have \$2400 in the truck fund.
- Gerrie stated that the adult class fee income seemed high, but we had good Masters membership renewals. This is the month with the greatest number of members joining or renewing.
- Wages are higher than last year, and there was a salary increase for 2026, which will be ongoing. Otherwise expenses look appropriate.
- We had additional Financial Aid expenses in the 4th quarter (Frostbite Camp), bringing our 2025 total to \$6257. We budgeted only \$2250 in 2025, and similarly under-budgeted in 2024, which means our 2026 budget of \$3600 is also probably too low. However, our 2025 insurance cost held steady at \$4282, rather than the \$7900 budgeted. Jason reported that we budgeted \$8400 for 2026 insurance, thus insurance will likely offset our under-budgeting for financial aid.
- We still do not know the source of Donations received late in 2025, and this information needs to be tracked down. **Action Item (TO)**
- Tami verified the high November credit card expenses, but she is still working on checking those from December. **Action Item (TO)**
- We are still waiting for the \$5000 from ACA for Nationals; Suzanne and Tami are working on this. The January taxes and fees are in line with the December B&A report, but other discrepancies from last year remain to be resolved.

3. **Fund Raising, All**

- Our first fundraisers of the year will be Sundays March 8th and March 15th for setup and takedown of the Spring Rowing Regatta.
- The first Ted Houk Regatta planning meeting will be Saturday March 21 at 10:30 am. Tami reported that Northwest Ink is willing to make T-shirts for Ted Houk and OHR (Olympic Hopes Regatta) using our designs. We can ask Olivia to design these, as her work on the Nationals shirts was very good.
- We reviewed Becky B's flyer design for the Paddle-A-Thon and Open House Saturday May 16. Decision was to hold the Open House from 10 am – 2 pm with the Barbecue starting at 12:30.

4. **Youth Sprint, Karla**

- The Sprint team is going strong, with 7-10 paddlers at each practice and more expected.
- The team held a parent meeting last Saturday, strong engagement.
- Next race coming up is the Race for the Cookies in Bothell on March 28.
- After that, Paddlers Cup in Gig Harbor May 6.
- Nationals will be in Ohio; Karla has reserved a place 15-20 minutes from the racecourse that will fit the team, chaperones, and any masters who go.

5. **Masters, Luis (LBA)**

- Tuesday/Thursday evening conditioning continues with 3-5 masters.
 - Sunday morning class well attended with 7-13 masters.
 - Some concern was raised that all set ups and take downs as well as Advisory Council meetings conflict with masters paddling classes/sessions. Luis to canvas masters further re whether this is a concern.
- Action Item (LBA)
- Luis submitted a grant application for an LL Bean Foster Community Grant through ACA, hoping to hold an abbreviated marathon race in September, perhaps September 20th. He may hear about the grant (up to \$2000) by next week. There may be constraints, as Green Lake is the contemplated venue.
 - Mauricio Caffa of the Panamerican Canoe Federation (COPAC) offered to do a virtual workshop on organizing races according to the ICF, training, and preparing for a marathon race.

6. **Regattas, Steve/All**

- Steve Wort announced that due to medical issues, he will need to step down as Regatta chair. He will remain on the ACC and will stay on in a consulting role.
- Discussion of how the role can be filled – individual or committee vs role division and signup.

Action items before Spring Regatta:

Inventory buoys (JB)

Line pulling machine maintenance and waders (TO)

Walk course perimeter with NW Groundskeepers Jesse and Aaron (TO)

Karla reached out to her brother re cable reeling machine repairs

- Justine is still working on the ACA Sprint Nationals Lessons Learned report
- Course maintenance discussions with RAC (TO/SW) are ongoing.

- Tami shared a recent proposal from Maggie Hogan to allow the Nelo Viper 46 sit on top Hybrid Surfski in masters sprint races. Maggie's request is that we consider this for Ted Houk. Follow up is an **Action Item**, and will continue with further discussions once all have read the proposal.

7. Boathouse

- We reviewed the equipment (boat) priority purchase list submitted by Andy & the coaches.
- The list is divided into 3 priority categories, and it was noted that the 5 boats rated priority 1 would cost over \$21,250. Of this, we would probably need to do a fundraising campaign for the K4, which costs \$11,000.
- During setup this Sunday we will count how many connectors are needed to assemble the plastic docks, and will inventory paddles.
- Dave Riley now has time to finish the counter in the hallway.
- Work continues on storage improvements, organizing and labeling parts bins, and canoe improvements.
- The washing machine is FIXED!!

8. Membership / Adult, Becky

- We have about 22 members.
- Membership forms (Operating Rules and Risk & Release form) have been updated and a link issued in the Constant Contact.

9. Communications / Web site / Newsletter, All

- Tami sent out March Constant Contact
- Justine and Tami did some edits and updates to SCKC website; work remains
- City is also working on improving the website
- TO, BB, and JB finished editing and organizing Outreach lists and sent them to LGB, KO, and TL to review
- Steve Small has designed a new SCKC website and we will be able to review it soon

10. Green Lake Small Craft Center Report, Tami

- We have a new link to log/record Volunteer Work Hours online.
- We are in pretty good shape for summer camp coaching.
- Jake will be leaving the team coaching position after Slawko Fedechko in early May, so we will need to find a new coach (es) for Junior Sprint team. Mark will help out, but we need to recruit and/or advertise. SW commented that advertising has not been effective in the past due to the limited hours and niche skills of the job.

11. Other Business:

- TL noted the Boathouse Campaign tab is still on the website. Tami responded that City staff has to delete that. JB added that there are many more dated and incorrect items to edit and remove. This is an ongoing process.
- OL asked and had confirmed that the coach needed (Jake's replacement) is for serious Juniors.

Reminders:

Karla announced the annual SCKC Yard Sale July 11 to raise funds to take boats to Nationals in Ohio.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: April 7th

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.