



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2026

7:00 – 8:30 pm

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

Present: Justine Barton (JB), Tami Oki (TO), Gerrie Hashisaki (GH), Steve Wort (SW), Liz Graf-Brennen (LGB), Owen Lilleleht (OL), Fredrik Johansson (FJ), Karla Ogle (KO), Andreea Ghizila (AG), Tracy Landboe (TL), Susan Lee (SL), Elizabeth Driggers (ED)

Absent: Becky Bronstein (BB), Jason Coffman (JC)

The meeting was called to order by Justine Barton at 7:04 pm.

1. Admin

- JB introduced Susan Lee, ARC Director of Recreation, Lifelong, School-Age Care and Substitute System, and Elizabeth Driggers, ARC Area Operations Supervisor. They will be taking over Rich Dashner's ARC responsibilities. Elizabeth is our liaison for work on the Operations Agreement and Bylaws.
- The March AC minutes were approved as submitted by LGB.
- A new Operating Agreement with ARC and updated SCKC Bylaws were approved by the AC in 2023, but were not signed. After a new review by the current AC and ARC, we will finalize and sign these documents. JB will send draft versions out in the next month.

2. Finance, Gerrie

- Total Fund Balance as of end of March is \$90,496.
- We had a net loss of (\$1459) in February, but this is expected at this time of year, because we did not have any major revenue or expense items.
- Tami continues to follow up on loose ends from 2025:
 - Donation sources and undocumented donations
 - Credit card sweeps for December and January
 - Tax discrepancies, which may just be due to ARC putting them in wrong category
 - The \$5000 from ACA for Nationals. Beth Spilman (ACA) has requested a budget and receipts for the purchase of docks.

Gerrie transferred the 2026 Final Budget numbers (worked out with SPR and ARC last fall) to the format we prefer, the B&A (budget and actual) sheets, and included the January and February actuals for review.

She continues to work on the Annual Reports to ARC for 2024 and 2025.

Our current equipment campaign balance is \$10K budgeted, plus \$10K from Nationals. When the additional \$5K from ACA comes through, that should also be available.

3. Fund Raising, All

Spring Rowing Regatta setup and takedown went well, with Mark Lentini coordinating on the day of. Next fundraiser is May 16th Paddle-A-Thon and Open House. Becky B. completed the flyer; SL will help ensure we are able to have a link/QR code for fundraising. TO is working with Natalie Roy at ARC on this as well. Subcommittee to organize the event includes Tami, Becky, Karla, and Owen. They will meet week of April 20th when Becky is back in town.

Action item: Sprint team paddlers and parents please pickup Paddle-A-Thon flyers from Tami and post in your neighborhood.

NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting it was decided to have a Spring Fundraiser via donations rather than a Paddle-A-Thon. Flyer has been updated to reflect, and a Constant Contact will go out mid-April.

4. Youth Sprint, Karla

Race for the Cookies went well.

JL Racing order went in. Additional items are swim jackets, bright white beanies, Patagonia sweater/vest, and duffel bag (in progress). The bag will be blue and white, as the kids voted down green.

Soren and Nora will be going to US Team Trials next week in Chula Vista, CA. Mark, Tami, and Jared will go as officials.

5. Masters, All

Masters Tues/Thursday sessions are 6:30-8:30 pm with some participants training for Ski-to-Sea and a few for the 70/48 race from Tacoma to Port Townsend. Also some beginners coming.

Discussion of conflict of setup/takedown with Masters class times is deferred to May as Luis was not here.

6. Regattas, Steve/All

First planning meeting for Ted Houk was held March 21. Tami working on SignUp Genius, budget, OHR, etc. Luis did not get the ACA grant for a sprint marathon event. He may be able to move forward on webinars about organizing and training for sprint marathon regattas.

There is some racecourse maintenance to be done. Mark Lentini will be helping to organize this work and coordinating with Steve in May time-frame.

SCKC is considering a request from Maggie Hogan of Three Oceans to allow additional kayak models (specifically ≤ 5.2 meter length sit-on-top surfskis/K1s) as permitted watercraft for standard K1 Masters sprint kayak races at the Ted Houk Regatta. All boats would continue to meet current K1 specifications, including 5.2 meter hull length and 12 kg weight requirements. At Ted Houk both oversterm and underhull rudders would be allowed. We anticipate the proposed change could encourage more Masters participation in existing events without lengthening the overall regatta.

Example models that currently meet this spec are:

- Nelo Viper 46 hybrid surfski, Nelo 520 surfski;
- Epic V5 surfski, Epic V7 surfski, and Epic K1T Sport;
- Fenn Fennix Bonito; and
- Carbonology Cruze X RT, Carbonology Flash Splash X

Some concerns were raised that expanding this category might increase Masters entries to the point of extending the overall length of the regatta (SW). Also, concern re. increased work for boat control. However,

overall there was general support for this change in 2026 to see how it affects the regatta and entries. Emphasized that coaches need to be made aware of this change.

7. Boathouse, Andy

The AC reviewed the equipment priority spreadsheet submitted by the coaches and **approved the purchase of one K2 L Nelo Cinco for \$5150 plus tax**, which is in stock at Three Oceans at the Gorge. Tracy volunteered to pick it up next week, assuming it is still available.

We decided not to pursue the Hody TK1 at this time as it would need to be shipped from Europe and shipping would not be cost-effective without joining with orders from other clubs.

As Tami left the meeting early, discussion of Boathouse projects was deferred until Tami is able to attend in person.

Action item: Count connectors needed for plastic dock assembly and contact RAC re cost sharing.

8. Membership / Adult, Becky (in Australia)

While Becky was not in attendance, she has been working on the Open House flyer for May 16. Tami will print out color copies and have them available for all to post.

9. Communications / Web site / Newsletter, All

April Constant Contact went out at beginning of month. A separate one specific to the Open House and Fundraiser will go out mid-month.

Work continues on updating City and SCKC websites and editing outreach email lists.

10. Green Lake Small Craft Center Report, Tami

The AC voted to approve reimbursement for Masters coaches Breona and Luis (\$225 each) for the ICF Level 1 Coaches Training they did in March.

The Volunteer Work Hours Tracking site works well, IF YOU REMEMBER TO USE IT. :)

Tami is having the club Awards Trophies engraved with names since 2019, the last time they were updated.

11. Other business:

GH has not had time to pursue the possibility of showing Paddling Magazine Film Festival Kayak films as a fundraiser at the Boathouse. She will look into it.

Reminders:

Enter all Volunteer hours in our tracking site. Link is in every monthly Constant Contact message.

ED reminded all that we are invited to the May 28 ARC General Meeting at Magnuson at 6:30 pm. Invitations to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: May 5, 2026

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.