



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2026

7:00 – 8:30 pm

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

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

Absent: Gerrie Hashisaki (GH)

The meeting was called to order by Justine Barton at 7:03 pm.

1. Admin, JB

April 7, 2026 minutes were approved with minor edits.

The AC discussed and approved the Bylaws that Justine sent out prior to the meeting. They will be e-signed by Secretary LGB, and all will receive a signed copy. The Bylaws are an Exhibit to the Operating Agreement, which we will review and discuss later in the summer.

2. Finance, JB

Justine presented the March financial report in Gerrie's absence.

Total fund balance is \$93,902. March was a straightforward month with no outstanding questions.

Some earlier items remain to be clarified: \$5000 from ACA for Nationals, donations, and WA state tax. Tami is working on these. Jason and Elizabeth clarified that credit card sweeps (as shown on the Expanded General Ledger) are specific to each month only, even if the effective date is listed as occurring after the end of a particular month.

Annual reports to ARC for 2024 and 2025 are deferred to June when Gerrie will be present.

3. Fund Raising, All

- KO, TO, and JB met and decided not to include a paddle-a-thon May 16th, in order to focus on the Open House and community BBQ. A different fundraiser will be pursued later in the summer when there are more kids in the programs.
- JC reported Baker had a successful fundraiser with 2 challenges – one a dollar amount and one for a percent of team participation.
- GiveButter is still under development by ARC.
- The Yard Sale will be July 11 at the Ogle's house. Start saving items. Sports equipment and bicycles are good sellers.

- Karla is ordering “Jibbitz for Crocs” with the SCKC logo to sell. Our financial reports have a “Supplies – Resale” line item for supplies for resale such as jibbitz and sweatshirts.

4. **Youth Sprint, Karla**

- 11 kids are registered on the Sprint Team with 8-9 out on the water each practice.
- The team participated in the Race for Cookies March 28th, ACA US Team Trials in Chula Vista (Soren Ogle & Nora Tsong), the Gig Harbor Paddler’s Cup distance race April 25th, and Slawko Fedechko May 2-3rd in Canada. Soren and Nora will be on the National Team at Junior/U23 Worlds in Halifax.
- Jake Zikan finished coaching the youth sprint team at the last race at Slawko Fedechko and was thrown in the lake.

5. **Masters, All**

- We have 14-18 masters regularly paddling in the Sunday morning class, and about 8 in the weeknight classes. Many are attending area races, and the Elks Club Monday evening races started this week.
- Luis reports he is continuing to work with Mauricio Caffa (Argentina) and are planning for him to give two virtual presentations on sprint marathon racing. One will be aimed at organizers, and the other at athletes. The tentative dates are Wednesday May 27 and Wednesday June 3. If there is to be an in-person component at our club, we will need a room with a screen and computer. The big room in the Community Boathouse will be in use, so the conference room is a possibility. Also possible there could be an offsite room in a community center. Mauricio will have an interpreter.

Action items: LBA and TO to confirm room and equipment availability, and send announcements to SCKC and other local clubs.

- Some AC members paddled from 5 – 6:30 pm today before the AC meeting. There were 4 members. This is an effort to mitigate the conflict between adult padding sessions and work of the AC including the monthly AC meetings.

6. **Regattas, All**

Racecourse maintenance meeting (Justine, Marc Lentini, Fredrik and Tami) will meet this Saturday at 8:30 am. Steve W busy but will consult.

Ted Houk Planning:

- Tami has finished invitation letter to club coaches
- Registration to open May 18
- Tami has finished Ted Houk and OHR budgets
- Signup Genius will be in invitation and on website.

2025 ACA Sprint Nationals Lessons Learned: Philip working on Competition Secretary Report

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

7. **Boathouse, JB & TO**

- We purchased the Nelo K2 L Cinco for \$5,712.39, and the kids are loving it.

- We have learned of a lightly used Nelo K1 Viper 46 XXL offered for sale in Gig Harbor at \$3400. This is one of the type of boats on our high priority list – suitable for tall paddlers. Tracy thinks it is reasonably stable (Owen reports it is listed as level 4). New list price is \$4000, and tariffs are introducing volatility in prices.

The AC moved and approved to spend up to \$3400 on this boat contingent on Finance Chair (GH)'s approval and chance to try it out.

8. **Membership / Adult, Becky**

- ActiveNet adjusted to take family member registrations.
- At least one new member to attend orientation.
- Open house May 16 from 10 am -2pm. Flyer is out and all have been urged to post in neighborhoods. Signup Genius for 2 hour shifts starting at 9 – cleanup at 3 pm. POTLUCK BBQ sides!

9. **Communications / Web site / Newsletter, All**

- Constant Contact messages have been sent out for month of May and for Open House.
- Outreach lists have been edited and updated.
- Edits and updates to City and SCKC websites pending

10. **Green Lake Small Craft Center Report, Tami**

- We have coaches for the summer, but still many open spaces in camps, especially early in the summer.
- Herrera recommends against weed control treatment this year; monitor effect of last year's treatment, which seemed to intensify algae bloom from dead vegetation. Alum treatment (for algae) possible this summer.
- Nationals and SCKC Annual Awards engraving: engraver will be able to do the engraving in a couple weeks.
- Jason Coffman reported that there will be a change in GLSCC financial aid policy. Rather than supporting an unlimited number of summer classes, one week of each kind of summer camp (paddling, sailing, adventure camp) will be supported, but not multiple sessions of each camp.

Reminders:

Log all volunteer hours!

Come to ARC General Meeting May 28th, invite has been sent to all AC members.

Elizabeth Driggers brought some cards to hand out to recruit AC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: June 2nd

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.