



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 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), Fredrik Johansson (FJ), Karla Ogle (KO), Andreea Ghizila (AG), Tracy Landboe (TL), Luis Buen Abad (LBA), Jason Coffman (JC), Susan Lee (SL)

Absent: Becky Bronstein (BB), Owen Lilleleht (OL)

The meeting was called to order by Justine Barton at 7:05 pm.

The May minutes were approved with some name spelling corrections.

The SCKC Bylaws have been signed by the Secretary and distributed by Elizabeth Driggers to all AC members.

Approval of the Operating Agreement with ARC will be pursued in August or September.

1. **Finance**, Gerrie

- We are slightly under budget with a Total Fund Balance of \$89,182 as of the end of April
- Need to review April credit card sweep to track and clarify charges
- The outstanding questions from the 2025 Financials are still unresolved (source of donations, credit card sweeps, WA state tax)
- ARC Annual Reports for 2024 and 2025 are almost complete
- TO is still working on/waiting for \$5000 from ACA for Nationals

2. **Fund Raising**, All

Race Course setup and takedown for Olympic Hopes Regatta and Ted Houk will be June 7 and June 21.

3. **Youth Sprint**, Karla

- 10-12 athletes are consistently turning out for Youth Sprint, currently preparing for Ted Houk and planning team boats.
- Kevin Lentini and Cooper Beitlers will compete at OHR.

4. **Masters**, LBA

- The ICF Marathon seminar on organizing marathon races (with Mauricio Caffa) was held May 27 with 20 participants. The seminar on training for ICF Marathon will be June 3. SW mentioned he has ICF Marathon experience and equipment. LBA will continue to explore possibilities around an ICF Marathon event in the PNW in the future.

- The opportunity for Advisory Council members to paddle from 5 - 6:30 pm before Tuesday night AC meetings is in place. On race course setup weekends, when adult paddlers volunteer for Sunday setup, Saturday from 10:30-12:30 would work for an alternate paddle time. This will not work for rowing regatta takedowns, as those regattas typically take place on the Saturday before takedown.
 - Report from Breona (masters coach) provided via email
 - Program is growing with 10-18 participants on Sundays. Could we raise cost to have two coaches, esp. on Sundays?
 - Positive feedback on new boats. TK1's are not getting much use.
 - Masters are training for Ted Houk in team boats.
 - Could we get wider Nelo seats and another longer paddle?
- Action item: Tami to ask Maggie about seats**
- Tami is going to review class fees and will also assess whether our current annual membership fee covers cost of all classes. Do we need to raise the price for classes and/or membership fees next year?

5. Regattas, All

- **The AC approved by email \$402.21 for the purchase of yellow lane line buoys and protectant spray.** Justine, Shelley, Marc, Dave and Fredrik have worked on buoys in the lead up to Ted Houk.
- We have 3 sets of numbered buoys (e.g., for the 1000m and 500m start lines and finish line), though one set is missing two buoys.
- Ten SCKC masters have signed up for Ted Houk Regatta. SCKC registration is \$185.
- Philip is closing registration for Ted Houk tonight. Currently there are 135 registrants, down from 150. We are down about 30 Canadians. We budgeted for 25 racers for OHR, and 30 are signed up. Overall, SCKC should still make money, but not as much.
- Setup for finish line tower and competition tent will be Thursday, June 11. Karla may need help shopping or have food delivered. (We will feed SCKC paddlers and volunteers, officials, and small clubs coming from a distance.)
- Tee shirt vendor will be there, as will Maggie Hogan from Three Oceans (represents Nelo).
- **Nationals:** Will be held at Harsh Lake in Ohio. Karla has reserved a house 15 minutes from the lake for \$2500. It can sleep 20 people, but nobody has yet responded re. sharing the house. Cost per person will depend on how many people want to share it.

Action item: Put word out again (TO)

Boathouse, Tami

Greg and Justine picked up the Nelo K1 Viper 46 XXL that we purchased for \$3200 on 5/27/26.

Lanier is making a Hody purchase with shipping in August – Tami exploring whether we could be included.

Dave Riley repaired the water bottle fillers. He also made travel slings (“lowboys”) from the triangle pieces left from the containers. Thanks for the clever reuse, Dave!

TO is getting a quote for the dock connectors for the plastic docks.

We got heavier shelving for the medicine balls in the exercise room.

Membership / Adult, Becky

- We have about 28 adult members; the next orientation is June 4.

- May 16th Open House. Thanks to all who organized and helped! Fifteen people signed up to learn more about SCKC. Several are interested in signing up for classes or membership. Thanks to Karla for food coordination, and to Eli, Breona & Gerrie for helping on-water. Lessons learned: 1. Assign shifts of members to be on dock and on-water to assist visitors who paddle, 2. Clothing requirements for paddling

Communications / Web site / Newsletter, All

- June Constant Contact email was sent out early
- Steve Small is working on the WordPress website design, and will be paddling at Ted Houk

Green Lake Small Craft Center Report (TO)

- Five kids are currently enrolled in Intro Dev Camp. Malot and Delia will be Jr. Coaches, with Tai covering some. We need more campers!
- Engraving on Nationals and SCKC Annual Awards should be done in a couple of weeks.
- GH, JB, and JC attended the ARC General Meeting May 28th celebrating ARC Volunteers.

Reminders:

Log all volunteer hours (including AC meetings)!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: July 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.