



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2026

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

Present: Justine Barton (JB), Tami Oki (TO), Liz Graf-Brennen (LGB), Owen Lilleleht (OL), Karla Ogle (KO), Tracy Landboe (TL), Jason Coffman (JC)

Absent: Becky Bronstein (BB), Gerri Hashisaki (GH), Fredrik Johansson (FJ), Steve Wort (SW)

1. Admin

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

The minutes of the June 2nd meeting were approved and finalized as submitted.

2. Finance, Gerrie (via email)

- Total fund balance at end of May is \$79,011. This reflects some revenue from early registrations for Nationals and OHR, and expenditures for the purchases of the Nelo K2 L Cinco and K1 Viper 46 XXL.
- We are still waiting for the \$5000 owed from ACA for hosting Nationals last summer; Tami will see Beth Spilman in Montreal and follow up.
- Donations and credit card sweeps from November to present are still unresolved, though we know that at least one donation check was lost in 2025 and never cashed.
- In planning for the 2027 budget, GH teased out income and expenses from Nationals/OHR from the 2025 totals, as those were a one time event.
- Factors in setting next year's budget:
 - Increases in wages and other costs due to the economy.
 - ARC requires that we keep a reserve of at least 3 months average expenses in case of emergency. This amounts to \$51,000.
 - Enrollment in Frostbite Camp/Eric Hughes distance regatta and Ted Houk/OHR has been lower relative to past years and summer camp enrollment as well, due to fewer weeks and participants. This means we will need additional funding and fee increases to safely cover our general expenses in 2027.

Action item: JC/TO to begin work on 2027 budget this month and provide draft to Justine/Gerrie for AC review by October deadline.

3. Fund Raising, All

- The next racecourse setup and takedown will be July 26 and August 9 for the Rowing Summer Extravaganza.

- The Yard Sale at The Ogle's is Saturday, July 11th from 8 am to 3 pm, open for sales from 9 am to about 2 pm. The yard sale coincides with PhinneyWood Garage Sale Day and is posted on their map. Funds are typically used to support boat and equipment transport to Nationals.
- JB suggested we need a fundraiser this fall and to think of ideas. OL said his Wisconsin rowing club signed up to volunteer at events like races and concerts, earning donations to the club.

4. **Youth Sprint**, Karla

- Week-long Paddling Camps started Monday, July 6th for 10-14 year olds, and run through August 14th. Post FLYERS!
- We have 8 paddlers on Junior Sprint Team and eight in development team class.
- SCKC athletes went to Bellingham race, Ted Houk and OHR, and Junior Worlds.
- Duck Island Races start this Friday, July 10th. Sign in at 6 pm; race begins promptly at 6:30. Then POTLUCK!

5. **Masters**, OL

- Classes/practices on Sundays and Tues/Thursday going very well. 12-16 participants with mixed skill/experience levels.

6. **Regattas**

- We missed the Canadians at Ted Houk. The current exchange rate (\$1USD = \$1.42CD) made it costly for them to come. However, including the income from OHR, we raised almost as much as in past Ted Houks for the weekend of competition.
- There was some problem with lanes drifting as winds picked up; we may need to re-tension lines a couple of days after setup, and/or place more buoys at the north end outside of the course to lift lane lines for tensioning.
- We approved sit-on-top surfskis/K1s that otherwise meet K1 specs boats for Masters races, but only a couple paddlers entered those boats.
- ACA Sprint Nationals will be in Clermont, Ohio, July 29 – August 1. Six athletes from SCKC are going (Kevin, Jane, Ethan, Cooper, Girts and Karla).
- JB is collaborating with Philip to complete lessons learned from Sprint Nationals last summer.
- Racecourse maintenance
 - Surveyors coming before Summer Extravaganza – we need to better document the start line!
 - New tablets needed

Action item: Team to change out Spool 27 at the August 9th takedown

7. **Boathouse**, All

- **The AC approved by email the purchase of a Nelo K4 L Cinco (SCS Layup) for up to \$11,350 including transport.** If Tami verifies that it is in good condition, the boat will be trailered by Three Oceans from Montreal to Cincinnati and stored at Queen City Rowing. Steve Scoggins of Bellingham will then pick it up and take it to Nationals. It will then be transported to Seattle on the Bellingham trailer, along with other SCKC boats.
- We should work with SCKC coaches to revisit and reevaluate our priority equipment spreadsheet before making further purchases. E.g., how big a priority are the Hody TK1s?

- Connectors have been ordered for the floating docks, and once those arrive we can get the docks on the water.
- Girts and Mark are making a list of needed repairs. They will look over the ergs to make sure they are in good condition for winter practice.
- Chuck replaced the radio on the Sorenson before Ted Houk.

8. Membership / Adult, Becky (via email)

We now have 30 masters members.

9. Communications / Web site / Newsletter, All

The July Constant Contact was sent out.

Steve Small is still working on the Word Press Platform for the website.

10. Green Lake Small Craft Center Report, Tami

Girts and Mark are coaching the intro development class with Tai filling in.

Delia, Melat, and Soren are coaching the weekly Paddling Camp. Eight are enrolled in the first class; they can take up to 15.

11. Other:

JC had problems sending out the recorded Small Craft Centers Fiscal Workshop, which reviewed the process of setting budgets for the Programs. Seattle Parks staff are working on the first draft of the budget this month, and will then send to SCKC AC for input. The AC will need to approve it before the ARC deadline. This falls before our October meeting, so we may need to do this online or in a special meeting.

12. Reminders:

Log all volunteer work hours (especially OHR/Ted Houk last month. Include all AC meetings)!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: August 4, 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.