



The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2026

7:00 – 8:30 pm

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

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

Absent: Gerrie Hashisaki (GH), Steve Wort (SW), Becky Bronstein (BB)

The meeting was called to order by Justine Barton at 7:01 pm.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted.

1. **Finance**, Gerrie via email

- Our total fund balance is \$99,312, which tallies with ARC. One thing missing: Truck Fund 380a did not receive the quarterly \$600 transfer. This month GH, JB and TO met and clarified all but the most recent May and June credit card charges. We still need to finish clarifying donations and taxes for end of year 2025 and 2026. Tami has requested these summaries from ARC. JB, GH and TO will continue to meet to work on these issues. They will also meet on 8/10 to work on SCKC 2027 budget. JB noted that the ARC fees used 12% for Merchandise sales, and she could recreate the calculations.
- Annual Reports to ARC for 2024 and 2025 pending.
- \$5K from ACA for 2025 Nationals still pending; TO was not able to meet with Beth Spilman in Montreal

2. **Fund Raising**, All

- We will take down the racecourse and replace the cable on Spool 27 on Sunday, August 9. Noted need to ensure all needed equipment is available including right size stainless steel cable, crimper and stainless crimps.
- The yard and bake sale July 11 raised \$800, helping defray transportation expenses to Nationals. The Chin-Fujikawa family also donated a new/used refrigerator for the Rat Room (Many Thanks!)
- Justine reported that Sean MacCorkle (RAC President) reached out via email to collaborate on an Erg-A-Thon Fall Fundraiser, currently planned for October 24. The AC considered different dates, as we have a racecourse setup the next day, but decided the advantages of being part of a bigger event made the 24th the best option. JB, BB, TL, and OL will work on details. We will need a sprint parent or coach participant as well.

3. **Youth Sprint**, Karla

- Paddling Camps continue through week of August 10. There were 13 registered this week. They may need to erg tomorrow, depending on Air Quality. We have 13 next week also.
- 12 kids are signed up for development team, with around 7 attending each day.
- Duck Island Races continue August 7, 14, 21, and 28. Attendance has been high (around 20 each time), except for last week, when participants were away for Nationals and all three parking lots were closed for Summer Extravaganza. Next summer we should drop the Duck Island race for the weekend that conflicts with the rowers' Summer Extravaganza.

4. **Masters**

There is enthusiastic participation, especially on Sunday mornings.

5. **Regattas, Karla**

- SCKC sent 7 athletes to Nationals in Clermont, Ohio, July 29 – August 1, including 5 youth paddlers (Soren, Kevin, Jane, Ethan, & Cooper B.) and Masters Karla and Girts. Jared, Gerrie, and Suzanne officiated. The house Karla rented worked out well, and had a fishing pond! SCKC made a good showing; kudos to the athletes, families and coaches who worked hard to support the club before and during Nationals.
- Soren Ogle had an especially strong showing – placing first in 8 junior races, and second in two senior races.
- Karla reported that the heat and bugs were not as bad as had been feared.

6. **Boathouse, Tami**

- The new Nelo K4 Cinco L (SCS Layup) will arrive from Nationals on Sunday on the Bellingham trailer!
- We have purchased three of our top five priority boats from our 2026 spreadsheet. We need to review and update the spreadsheet with the coaches after the 2027 budget is complete.
- The connectors for the plastic docks have arrived, so we can proceed with assembly.

7. **Membership / Adult, Becky** -- Current membership is 31.

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

- August Constant Contact was sent out. Feedback on the monthly Constant Contact and content to date was positive. If you know anyone who is not receiving it, let Justine or Tami know. Members like the easy link to registration.
- Edits to City and SCKC Websites are pending. (TO/Steve Small)

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

JB, GH and TO are working on input for the Small Craft Center AC budget; initial input is due August 14

10. **Other**

- Liz and Breona went to the Tribal Canoe Journey landing at Alki; it was wonderful.
- Tracy Landboe suggested boat naming rights as a fundraising idea.
- Justine thought we might try again to partner with a bookstore around November.
- Fredrik asked how the Park District decides to limit activity when air quality is bad. JC said Parks uses the AirNow.gov site. Above 100, outdoor activity is limited; above 150, activities are indoors.

11. **Reminders:** Log your volunteer hours!

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Liz Graf-Brennen, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 1st

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.