

Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club September 17, 2019 Final Board Meeting Minutes

President Steve Wort called the meeting to order. In attendance: Steve Wort, Tracy Landboe, Karla Ogle, Dave Jennings, Liz Graf-Brennen, Justine Barton, Gerrie Hashisaki, Steve Small, Tami Oki and Jason Frisk.

The July meeting minutes were approved as final. No meeting was held in August.

50-Year Reunion/Celebration. The event is Saturday, October 26th, 6-9 pm, at the Innis Arden Community Clubhouse. Goal is 200 attendees. Will be hosted beer/wine and heavy hors d' oeuvres. Email, Facebook and USPS mail has been used to send out invites. EventBrite is being used for reservations and responses. \$50/ticket. MC will be Dave Fort, who will arrange having past coaches say a few words about the Club. A TimeLine/History of the Club will be put together based on each decade of the Club. A rotating slide show will also be ongoing during the event.

Funding for the reunion is being pulled together via ticket sales, two fundraisers (Jak's Alehouse (\$421.88) and Reuben's Brews (\$ unknown at time of meeting), a \$4000 grant from the Eric Hughes foundation, and \$2000 support from SCKC as approved by the Board (see later in Finances discussion).

****ACTION ITEMS:*** Search out photos for the TimeLine and slide show, scan & provide to Tami Oki (must be 300 dpi or better). She can scan photos if needed. Buy tickets this week and push out to Facebook, friends, Sound Rowers, Aegis Living. Each Board member should try to enlist 5 attendees. Also Board should try to attend next reunion fundraiser at Reuben's Brews in Ballard September 26th.

Steve Wort plans to host a past coaches table: Allan Anderson, Dan Henderson, Aaron Huston, Steve Scoggins and Aasim Salah.

The idea of a roaming photographer at the party was suggested.

Green Lake Small Craft Center Report. Jason is continuing discussions with Doug Ritchie regarding coaching/training support to the program - Doug has agreed to support by providing training plans but will not serve as Head Coach. Currently there are five coaches sharing the work with no official Head Coach - Angela Wang, Margaret Buzzard, Aaron Small, Andrea (Cascade) and Evan (San Diego). Staff training for all five is underway. There are 14 youth paddlers heading into the winter. Jason is generally trying to pair more veteran coaches with newer coaches. Eli is working as team manager and Karel is substitute coach. There has been some confusion among the coaches & Eli on responsibilities in the absence of a Head Coach, especially related to preparations for weekend travel, and when Doug is at the boat house.

Jason is working to clarify responsibilities for the team. A question arose as to whether 1:1 coaching is allowed in the program...ie workouts using Club equipment with one coach at the lake exclusively coaching a single youth paddler. Discussion affirmed that this is not in the spirit of the Team youth classes/workouts and SafeSport best practices, and is not permitted in the Club youth program.

Jason reported that Summer Splash was supported by the team and was a success. That said, attendance was down due to the date chosen this year. There have been some funds transfers between the kayaking and rowing programs, and Jason is providing the breakdowns to Steve and Gerrie.

Jason then had to leave the meeting.

Finance. In May, Gerrie and Jason noted a difference between their budgets. Apparently ARC had asked all councils to reduce admin expenses by 10%, but Gerrie's budget did not include this cut, and due to a computer problem at ARC our budget was never corrected. This decreased our budget expenses by 19% in the baseline projections. The total fund balance is \$25,861 compared to \$9K at this time last year. We had fewer large expenses this year (e.g. no truck expenses). Gerrie is working to ensure our balance will cover 3 months of operating funds. In thinking about whether we have the funds to contribute to the Reunion, our current balance is \$25K. Frostbite will bring in \$4K, there will be +-class fees, \$2K transfer (to rowing?), and \$2K to the Reunion. Assuming there will be around \$2K expenses between now and the end of the year, this should leave us with a \$23K balance at the end of the year. After this discussion the Board allocated and approved \$2K to the 50-Year Reunion.

** ACTION ITEM: Gerrie and Steve will work together on the 2020 budget.*

Fund Raising. Paddle-A-Thon fund-raiser letters are out and about \$550 has been returned so far. Next fund-raiser is rower race course set up in October - though midfoil conditions could affect. Set up: October 27th, take down: November 3rd. Dave reported that 3 old spools need work, but 7 spools have been rehabbed. Cable winder repairs are needed.

** ACTION ITEM: Ask about the cable winder status.*

Sprint. Eli sent out an email update to the Club. Frostbite camp is November 9-11.

Boathouse. Steve Small is getting a weedless rudder from Don Kiesling. He asked about Tornado weedless rudders - \$30 to get a demo.

Boat and Trailer repairs discussion: Apparently undoing boat repairs done by others has caused Chuck more work in some instances. Therefore, members must talk with

Steve Small before doing significant repairs. We need a work party schedule to help keep our equipment, including the trailer, in shape.

****ACTION ITEM: Make sure everyone knows to go through Steve for significant team boat repairs.***

Membership. Liz reported no new members in the last month. Later in the meeting the Board discussed an email from Eli asking about collegiate paddlers and whether the Club can give them a break on membership fees. To have a “college membership” specifically for college students would require a new type of membership/payment based on the ARC class model, which the Board does not support for now. Undergrad students (e.g. UW) would have to weigh paying an adult membership versus paying class fees.

****ACTION ITEM: Board nominee names needed in October.***

Communications/Website/Newsletter. Steve Small worked on the website, which looks good!

New Boathouse Campaign. Budget is \$6.5 million. Steve Wort reported on a call held in July. City policy requires that money be obligated before the project goes out to final bids. Therefore they are looking to split the project into separate parts - the exterior building and the internal finishing of the building. They are also looking to increase the size of the facility from 3 bays to 4 bays, which will increase the amount of 2nd floor space as well. The project will learn about additional King County money soon.

REI Proposal. Liz and Karla discussed a proposal for REI. They suggest asking for 2 60” wooden canoe paddles, and mid-sized 210 cm adjustable recreational carbon blade kayak paddles. They are considering whether to include an ask for clothing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.