

Anchorage Rowing Association | Board Meeting Minutes

[June 23 @ 7:30PM AKST] Approved 7/21/2026.

Location: Ronnie Sushi

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at ~7:46PM AKST by President Ed Hall

2. Roll Call

Present: Present: Marietta “Ed” Hall, Kate Gilling, Sandra Rudd, George Bryson, Izzy Halcomb, Erica French, Stephanie Tasker

Absent: Terry Carpenter, Sofie Chisholm

Notes minutes were available from the May meeting.

3. Winter Training Program Discussion

The board discussed opportunities for expanding winter programming.

Consideration was given to developing a winter ergometer training program.

The primary challenge identified was securing adequate indoor training space.

The board agreed to continue evaluating potential facility options.

4. Heja (Hey-ya) Program Demonstration

The board reviewed information on the Heja communication platform.

The platform was described as a communication tool frequently used by athletes/clubs that includes ease of use and messaging in the app.

Estimated cost is approximately \$8.95 per month.

Further evaluation will be conducted to determine whether the platform addresses club communication needs.

5. Shell Pen Tree Mitigation

The board discussed a tree hanging over the shell pen that presents a maintenance and safety concern.

Confirmation was provided that municipal approval has been received to remove the tree.

The board discussed obtaining professional tree service assistance.

Motion: Authorize Tree Service

Motion made by Kate Gilling and seconded by Sandra Rudd to engage a tree service to remove

the tree overhanging the shell pen.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

6. Novice Program Fee Adjustment

The board reviewed enrollment levels and program pricing for novice rowing.

Program demand continues to increase.

Current novice participation has grown exponentially this year. Cap number of participants for the remaining season to 45

The board discussed adjusting fees to better align with program costs and demand.

Regatta participation fees will continue to be included, with a \$50 regatta component remaining unchanged.

Motion: Increase Novice Program Pricing

Motion made by Izzy Halcomb and seconded by Erica French to increase novice program pricing

from \$350 to \$450.

Vote: Approved unanimously

7. Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement

The board discussed the ongoing need for additional volunteers.

Discussion included:

Developing a comprehensive volunteer task list.

Sharing volunteer opportunities more broadly with membership.

Creating clearer pathways for members to support club operations and events.

Action Item

Develop and distribute an updated volunteer needs list.

8. Offering a “How to Coxswain” tutorial at Masters

The board discussed offering a coached rowing session where all rowers take turns learning to

cox to take the “fear” out of it.

Coached session must include:

Maintaining guaranteed workout portion

Extending masters practice opportunities.

Providing multiple participation options across junior, masters, and novice programs.

Continuing to strengthen coxswain recruiting and development efforts.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at ~8:45pm