P	Ed Hall (1) *President*	2024-2027	6	Stephanie Tasker (1)	2025-2028
T	Izzy Halcomb (1) *Treasurer*	2025-2028	7	Sandra Rudd (1)	2024-2027
S	Kate Gilling (1) *Secretary*	(2023) 2024-2026	8	Sofie Chisolm (1)	2025-2028
4	Erica French (1)	2025-2028	9	George Bryson (1)	2025-2028
5	Terry Carpenter (2)	2024-2027			

Anchorage Rowing Association

Board Meeting Minutes
[August 18 2026 @ 7:50PM AKST]
Location: Izzy's house

Attendees: Ed, Kate, Izzy, Erica, Sandra, Terry, Stephanie, George

a) Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Ed Hall

Approval of Agenda: Stephanie made the motion to approve the agenda; Cherry seconded. The motion passed with no opposition.

b) Approval of July Minutes

c) Treasurer's Report - Presented by Ed

Current cash appeared low at roughly $7,000, but several adjustments and expected receivables—including junior program payments, an insurance reimbursement, transfers in process, and other outstanding income—were expected to bring available cash closer to approximately $15,000–$20,000.

The board noted that finances remain somewhat tight following several years of pressure since COVID, but the treasurer indicated that the numbers were understandable and did not reveal any immediate concerns. Outstanding junior fees were largely attributed to Boathouse payment settings requiring users to manually authorize charges; the board discussed returning to automatic charging in the future. The board also noted another upcoming Vespoli payment and discussed a future capital campaign.

Acceptance of Financial Reports: Kate made the motion to accept the financial reports; Stephanie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Shell Storage + Organization

For shell storage, the board discussed rack assignments, priority rules, and how to treat members who temporarily gave up spaces because of circumstances such as medical issues or pregnancy. The existing agreement gives priority based on continuous rental, but the board may revisit how exceptions should be handled.

New racks have improved capacity, and most paying renters should be accommodated no higher than the fifth rack position.

e) Weigh Enough Ball

To be held at Aleut's Corporate office in midtown. The board would like to discuss successful year, upcoming plans for the future and provide recognition to regatta committee for all their work.

f) Long-term priorities

The board discussed the future of the Grow Your Club program. There is interest in potentially expanding rowing into Wasilla/the Mat-Su Valley, possibly by helping seed an independent club rather than operating it permanently as an Anchorage extension. Ideas included contacting the Chamber of Commerce, identifying local rowing advocates and sponsors, holding an interest meeting, advertising locally and through rowing networks, and providing surplus equipment. The board emphasized that a Valley organization would ultimately need its own leadership, funding, storage, and operational capacity.

A donor has expressed interest in funding a new eight in memory of his mother, the board discussed whether a future boathouse or land arrangement could have greater long-term value, especially given the club's growing inventory of boats. A boathouse remains a longer-term strategic goal rather than an immediate project.

Coach retention was another priority. The board strongly supports bringing back both Sarah and Grayson, subject to their availability. Rather than waiting until late in the hiring cycle, the board discussed making earlier offers, potentially with a commitment/signing bonus. The previous coach hiring group should be consulted to make sure an expedited process is acceptable. Housing near the lake was identified as an important factor in making the coaching experience successful. The board also discussed bringing in additional short-term coaches specifically for Grow Your Club so the primary coaches are not overextended.

No commitment was made to repeat Grow Your Club next year. The board suggested formally placing that decision on the November agenda, with a possible final decision in December so the incoming board can participate.

Key Follow-Up Items

- Review prior minutes to confirm board terms and identify upcoming vacancies.
- Review and finalize Moose Nugget responsibility/timeline documentation.
- Develop a recurring annual board calendar for major decisions and deadlines.
- Investigate end-of-season event venues and select a date/location.
- Develop volunteer, coach, and Moose Nugget recognition for the year-end event.
- Follow up on unpaid junior fees and improve Boathouse payment settings for next season.
- Develop a proposal for use, pricing, and revenue sharing for the winter erg facility.
- Speak with prior coach hiring committee members about making early offers to Sarah and Grayson.
- Place the future of Grow Your Club on a late-fall board agenda.
- Explore interest, leadership, sponsorship, and facilities for a possible independent Wasilla rowing club.
- Continue long-term discussions regarding donor support, equipment needs, land, and a potential future boathouse.