

Medicine Hat Paddling Club
Special Meeting MINUTES
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
7pm Silver Buckle, Press Room

1. Call to Order - 7:05 pm by Rob
2. Quorum? - Yes (20% of confirmed Members (pd) for quorum...27 pd Members total and 16 in attendance - see p. 3 of this MINUTES pkg.)
3. BACKGROUND: Since the Financial Report for Dec. 1 to Nov. 30, 2024 was not prepared in time for the AGM on Dec. 11, 2024, Club President Rob Benn went through bank records, minutes and receipts in order to generate an accurate and transparent Financial Report for the Membership to adopt. Following along on printed copies, Rob explained the various entries to the Membership. Rob asked if there were any questions or clarifications? There were none.
4. **Motion to Adopt the Financial Report 2024 as presented**, was made by Megan Robertson and seconded by Sharon Sept. **Carried unanimously**
5. Special Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm

Medicine Hat Paddling Club
Monthly (general) meeting **MINUTES**
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025 (directly following Special Meeting)
Silver Buckle, Press Room

1. OPENING

- 1.1. **Call to Order** - Rob 7:10 pm
- 1.2. **Quorum?** Yes - 16
- 1.3. **AGENDA**
 - 1.3.1. Any additions to Agenda? No
 - 1.3.2. Motion to accept the Agenda by Richard Pierson, 2nd by Megan Robertson
CARRIED
- 1.4. **MINUTES from Nov. 20, 2024 mtg**
 - 1.4.1. Corrections to the Minutes of Nov. 20, 2024 (copies provided) - none
 - 1.4.2. **Motion to accept the Minutes** by Ivan Shukster 2nd by Alan Matisz
CARRIED

2. CLUB BUSINESS

- 2.1. **Board Meeting Update** - Rob
 - 2.1.1. 2025 our Club's 20th year of operation! Board Orientation was on Sun. Jan. 12 to begin planning the year. Lots of good things are going to happen if we can all (as a Club) work together. Lots of exciting things coming...the Board will be ready to present the Year's proposed Line-up at February's meeting.

- 2.1.2. By-laws- The by-law package is ready to go! First we will submit our Financial Report and Annual Society Return for 2024 and then we'll send in our new by-laws for approval.
- 2.2. **Financial Report** - Rob
 - 2.2.1. Rob read out Travis' letter of resignation that expressed his apologies, appreciation for support over the year and his need for stepping back.
 - 2.2.2. Rob introduced Richard Pierson to the group who is letting his name stand for Treasurer. Richard has had previous experience as the Club's Auditor on 2 recent occasions and has budgeting experience from his previous work with government.

Motion to Elect Richard Pierson to be the Club's Treasurer by Ken Murdock 2nd by: Sharon Sept **CARRIED**
- 2.3. **Membership Report** - Rob & Laurie for Tara (absent)
 - 2.3.1. Paid Members to date 22
 - 2.3.2. **CALL FOR ACTION!** Rob issued a call for action to "renew your Club Membership!" Go to Medicine Hat Paddle Club on fb and follow the link Tara has made to go directly to AWA on-line.
- 2.4. **Events** - past and upcoming
 - 2.4.1. AGM/ Christmas Party - Dec. 11, 2024 Report Rob & Laurie- 23 people attended - we spent \$161 on food (\$7 vouchers) and \$45.98 on photocopying and hand-outs (20 units of by-laws and agm agendas). Nice evening!
 - 2.4.2. Medicine Hat Paddling Film Festival 2025 Update - Laurie & Rob
 - 2.4.2.1. Sunday, April 13, 2025
 - 2.4.2.2. 78 Early Bird tickets sold by Dec. 31 - \$1,170 into Club Account
 - 2.4.2.3. **CALL TO ACTION!** Laurie asked the group to please, SELL SELL SELL! Some of the 'tips' we received from MH Tourism were shared - like partnering with downtown restaurants (date night?) and get them to help promote us and we promote them! (reciprocal)
- 2.5. **New Business**
 - 2.5.1. Alan shared a petition he is collecting names for concerning the Bow-Grassy Coal Mine urging the gov't to immediately cease operations as it is dumping pollutants into the water!
- 3. **Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm** to allow time for '**Paddling Threads**' videos. 2 videos on Youtube were watched - great info and lots of comments from viewers on "wow! Those were good info!" "Advanced Paddling Skills: Kayaking 102" and "Proper Technique for Paddling a Kayak" Rob will share the links on the fb followers page!

Motion to Adjourn: Dave Romanuck

- 4. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025 7:00pm Silver Buckle, Press Room

Respectfully submitted by: Laurie Benn, Secretary

Spec-Mtg + **Medicine Hat Paddle Club**
General Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 7pm
 Silver Buckle Press Room

16 confirmed (pd.)
 27 Members ← plus 2?
 on record Lecheck w/ AWA list maybe?

Please Print!

#	Name	Member?	#	Name	Member?
1	Rob Benn	✓	20	Laurie Benn	✓
2	KEVIN MAWRE	✓	21		
3	Alan Matisz	✓	22		
4	RICHARD PIERSON	✓	23		
5	Jandra Frostad	PA? not on list	24		
6	Tina Shukla	✓	25		
7	Stan Wiens	✓	26		
8	TASHIA SCOTT	✓	27		
9	Stan Scott	✓	28		
10	Shawna Day	later	29		
11	Sharon Sept	✓	30		
12	Norman Bonthuis	✓	31		
13	Rock MacDonald	✓	32		
14	Cindy Sampson	✓	33		
15	Megan Robertson	✓	34		
16	Corla Prentice	✓	35		
17	Helen Kromm	PA? not on list	36		
18	Dave Rouman	✓	37		
19	TOM GORDON	later	38		