



Medicine Hat Paddling Club Monthly (general) meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025 7pm
Press Room, Silver Buckle

1. **OPENING**

1.1. **Quorum- Yes - 15 members(see page 3)**

1.2. **7pm - Call to Order - Rob**

1.3. **Agenda**

1.3.1. Additions to the Agenda? Tom has brought a set of free roof rack foams from Ken to be given away...

MOTION: to accept the Agenda by Stan W. 2nd: Tom Carried

1.4. **Minutes**

1.4.1. Corrections to the Minutes of Oct. 15, 2025 - No

MOTION: to accept the Minutes by Sharon 2nd: Tom Carried

2. **CLUB BUSINESS**

2.1. **Financial Report** - Richard - same as last month - **current balance is \$6,752.76** Richard indicated that there may be yet another payment from our provincial affiliate for membership fees (last year it was about \$300 at around this time of the year). Richard reminded everyone that our fiscal year end is Nov. 30, so if anyone has any outstanding bills, please remit prior to that date.

2.2. **Board Member Updates** - Tom is trying to organize a swimming pool lesson sometime in January or February and will be reaching out to Susan at the Big Marble Go Centre and High Level Kayak for this. More info coming soon. Tom also indicated he will be taking a sabbatical to Oregon for 6 months in 2026, so will need to step back from his board position.

2.3. **Events -**

2.3.1. **AGM/Christmas Party** - Wed. Dec. 17, 2025 @ 6pm - Laurie will call Devon at the Silver Buckle to confirm we can do a 6pm start (as we usually start at 7pm).

Auditors- Rick MacDonald plus ? Andy is no longer able to be an Auditor this year, so, Stanley Scott has kindly volunteered to fill in.

MOTION: for Stanley Scott to be our 2nd Auditor by Laurie Benn 2nd Richard Carried

Recruitment of Board Members - Rob

Positions up for renewal: President, Vice-President, Secretary and 3-4 Board Members Rob reviewed an organizational chart with Members and provided an overview of the set up and urged Members to consider volunteering at next month's AGM to be on the Board. He also indicated that full descriptions are available on the club website at paddlemehat.ca and encouraged people to visit and see how they might like to get involved. Any questions, please reach out to Rob at rovinrobby@gmail.com or phone 403-548-4246. A couple of positions have already been filled: Dave Romanuk will again coordinate for the MH Massacre (held in Elkwater in May on Mother's Day) and Stan Wiens will coordinate the 'Fun and Safety on the Water' event out at Echodale in conjunction with the seasonal opening of Echodale with the City (date TBA, but usually held end of May or beginning of June). It was suggested by Members that for the MacKay Hat Hat Regatta, we could put more historical info on our website, perhaps a picture of Mr. MacKay. More info from his wife Tammy AND/OR from our member Tara may be available. Also, to contact the MH News to provide a history and hype the event. Some interest in inviting other clubs from across the province through AWA was expressed as a possibility as well as opening it up to the General Public. This will need to be followed up on with the new Board in 2026.



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2.3.2. Film Festival 2026 - proposed date: Sunday, April 19 Time TBD

Venue Exploration results: Stan S. & Richard & Sharon - Stan reported he has reached out to several possible local venues, incl. Medalta, CHHS, MHHS and the College, but has not heard back on availability nor costs as of yet. Richard reported that the Monarch will be charging the same amount as last year (\$997.50) and that our proposed date is available. Sharon reported that Musical Theatre's 'palladium' may be an option - they don't RENT their space, but, they might consider it for a decent donation (say \$750). A proposal to the MH Musical Theatre needs to be made for them to consider. Also, MH Musical Theatre is putting on a production later in April (after our proposed date), so not sure how this would work, but...possible. Later that evening, Sharon texted she had found out the palladium holds 170 people and we're looking for 150, so it would be a great size PLUS, they have plenty of free parking available! Various ideas were shared including mutual benefits like 'profit sharing, advertising 'limited capacity', making a FORMAL thank-you to Musical Theatre (newspaper?), might be a good idea to explore? **Rob will reach out to the Musical Theatre group to explore venue potential further and report back at the AGM meeting.**

Group Discussion -Some members suggested reaching out to City Councillors to express the difficulties of non-profit community groups finding venues for reasonable rates (ie. the library). Church spaces were deemed expensive and too large for our purposes. Laurie shared that for 2026, Rapid Media will no longer provide printed tickets nor printed posters, however, they will provide on-line print-ready files for groups to do their own. **No Motion at this time as nothing fully decided as of yet. Tom Gordon kindly volunteered to hang posters again (if we print any this time as he will still be here in April). Rick McDonald generously volunteered a 'large poster printing machine, if the club would like it, but servicing and storage may be issues to consider.**

2.3.3 Seeking Event Leader Volunteers 2026- Rob shared he has generated colored 'road maps' of each of the events our club undertakes every year (available on the club website paddlemedhat.ca) so people could see the scope of tasks to be looked after. **A BIG thanks to Dave R. and Stan W. for readily volunteering to coordinate two of our events in 2026!**

2026 Event Coordinators: Film Festival (?), MH Massacre (Dave Romanuk), Fun and Safety (Stan Wiens), Great Big Paddle (?), MacKay Memorial Hat Hat Regatta (?)

Members are encouraged to find more details on each event and to consider volunteering to coordinate (not DO all of the work, just to oversee event preparations and keep members informed to ensure stuff is getting done!) If everybody kicks in a bit, it's pretty easy as most of the work is spelled out on the 'road maps' and involves the coordinator making a few phone calls in advance to make sure everything is running smoothly!

3. **NEXT MEETING: AGM/X-mas Party Wed. Dec. 17, 2025 @ 6pm at the Silver Buckle Press Room** Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater, t-shirt, other? Please consider bringing a donation for the food bank? Also, come prepared with some suggestions for future storage of the Club Trailer as Tom will no longer be able to keep it in his yard.
4. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Linda K. Time not caught! (Sorry)

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Benn, Secretary



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Medicine Hat Paddle Club General Meeting Sign-in Sheet

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Please Print!

#	Name	Member? ✓	#	Name	Member? ✓
1	Rob Benn	✓	20		
2	Laurie Benn	✓	21		
3	Dave Penn	✓	22		
4	Tom Gordon	✓	23		
5	Kathy Gonnert	✓	24		
6	Maria Johnston	✓	25		
7	STAN SCOTT	✓	26		
8	Shawnee Day	✓	27		
9	Sharon Scott	✓	28		
10	FRANK STINEBELT	✓	29		
11	ALAN MACDONALD	✓	30		
12	DANIEL KLAUKE	✓	31		
13	RICHARD PIERSON	✓	32		
14	Don Diep	✓	33		
15	Don McPherson	✓	34		
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