



**Medicine Hat Paddling Club**  
Monthly (general) meeting MINUTES  
Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025 7pm  
Press Room, Silver Buckle

**1. OPENING**

- 1.1. **2.Quorum** - YES - 13 plus one guest
- 1.2. **Call to Order** - Rob - 7:10pm
- 1.3. **Agenda**
  - 1.3.1. Additions to the Agenda? none
  - 1.3.2. **MOTION:** to accept the Agenda by Stan Wiens 2nd: Stanley Scott **CARRIED**
- 1.4. **Minutes**
  - 1.4.1. Corrections to the Minutes of Sept. 17, 2025?  
Financials: \$6,752.76 (corrected total)
  - 1.4.2. **MOTION:** to accept the Minutes by Rick MacDonald. 2nd: Tracy H. **CARRIED**

**2. CLUB BUSINESS**

- 2.1. **Financial Report** - Richard - We currently have \$6,752.76. After a newly submitted bill for \$27.77 is verified, we will have \$6,724.99. **\*NOTE:** Following the meeting, the Treasurer verified the bill had in fact already been covered previously, so, **\$6,752.76 is our current balance.**
- 2.2. **Events -**
  - 2.2.1. **McKay Hat Hat Regatta** - follow-up report - Rick MacDonald. - Rick reported that only 3 Members attended the event. (Disappointing!) The day saw GREAT weather and although the water was a bit low, the river was still 'do-able'. Thanks Rick for your efforts towards this event. Discussions for improving attendance next year are being bandied about. It was noted it's tough to do after a full season of summer events and no meetings being held to get together and organize thru the summer.
  - 2.2.2. **New Triathlon Event Proposal** - Proposed for June 27th 2026 @ Echodale Park
    - 2.2.2.1. Rob and Laurie relayed the sequence of events leading up to today. Members discussed multiple pros and cons of the Club taking this proposed Event on. After much deliberation, the vote was called for.

**Motion: to volunteer as a Club to organize and man the boating/water aspect of the triathlon.** by Sandra Frostad Second by Francis Satherlie DEFEATED (12 - 1) **Secretary will notify Angie Anton via email.**

- 2.2.3. **Film Festival 2026 - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION- options for next year's festival and for improving our fundraising efforts** (*ie. could we change our venue? Up our price? More 'push' for on-line ticket sales? Other?*)
  - 2.2.3.1. Rapid Media (film supplier) update - Laurie - a few changes - new pricing structure - a 'pre-package' of films for the same price as last year will be offered - OR -the ability for creating custom line-ups for an extra \$300 will see customers having full access to all the movies to choose from. (2026 pricing is approx. \$700 - \$1,000, depending on the 'option' we choose).
  - 2.2.3.2. Our Ticket Prices, Christmas Sales - the group discussed last year's activities but no decision yet for this year as VENUE isn't yet determined.
  - 2.2.3.3. Location and date? Rob shared the Board Recommendations -explore to see if we could try back at the \*library (see next item for results) with an eye to decreasing our costs as the Monarch is so big (and expensive!)



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Proposed date: Sunday, April 19, 2025 (why? After Easter)

2.2.3.4 \*Library Exploration results: Laurie gave a brief overview of her efforts to try and get the festival back at the library-it's a perfect size ,has new seats, possible room to rent alongside the theatre for a trade fair BUT, will not be an option for a Sunday as now programming for families has that time slot (AND they no longer take bookings any further than 2 months in advance making it hard to sell tickets for Christmas when you don't know WHERE the festival is gonna be?!...and so,...

2.2.3.4.1...more research needed. Monarch or ... other? Tasha and Stanley Scott will explore other options for min. 150 seats and report back next meeting. (ie. College Black Box; Esplanade Black Box; Hungry Horsemen room (under the grandstand at Stampede Grounds). Richard will call the Monarch and report back on their rates for 2026.

2.2.3.5. Event Leader(s)? Rob described how he has and is still posting Volunteer Positions on the Club website [paddlemedhat.ca](http://paddlemedhat.ca) and encouraged Members to check them out and consider helping out.

## 2.3. Director Reports -

**2.3.1 Membership Report** - Tara ab. - Rob reported we currently have 61 paid members and over 1k on our fb followers page.

**2.3.2 Newbie Program** - Megan -ab. - Marie reported that it 'was a nice idea' to try for the summer this year, but it was not well utilized, if at all! She suggested scrapping this for next year and maybe trying something new to help Newbies get acquainted with Club members and safely get oriented to paddling.

**2.3.3 Skills & Knowledge Development** - Tom ab. - Tom is currently working on getting a class with High Level Kayaks in a local swimming pool organized for sometime in the winter of 2026. Tom also informed Rob he will be leaving for a 6 month period in 2026, so he will not necessarily be available for his entire term in 2026.

**2.3.4 Social** - Cindy- Cindy announced that due to heavy loads at her work, she is sad to say she is stepping down from the board and is no longer able to serve, BUT, she would still like to be 'in the club'! :)

**2.3.5 Paddling Threads** - Ivan ab. - Rob announced that, due to no photos being submitted from Members of this summer's paddling adventures, the intended slideshow for today is canceled.

## 2.4. Annual General Meeting (December 17, 6:00 pm)

### 2.4.1 Meeting Prep and Format - Rob

2.4.1.1 Auditors: Andy and ?? - Rick volunteered.

**MOTION:** To appoint Rick MacDonald as our 2nd Auditor for the 2025 year end financial report. By Laurie Benn 2nd by: Francis Satherlie **CARRIED**

2.4.1.2 Christmas gathering, meeting time, meal or other options - Rob led a discussion on what Members would like to do this year for our Christmas Party. It was pointed out that this year our AGM falls right on our regular General meeting time Wed. Dec. 17) so we could hold our AGM at the Silver Buckle. Everyone agreed. Next was the 'food' discussion. Buffet? - Expensive! Desserts? - Maybe- Coupons/Reimbursement toward Member dinners? Just get together and everyone pays their own way?



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**MOTION: for the Club to re-imburse a sum of \$7 per attending member to help offset the cost of their dinner. By Stanley Scott 2nd: Richard CARRIED**

#### **2.4.2 Recruitment of Board Members - Ken/Rob**

2.4.2.1 Positions up for renewal: President, Vice-Pres., Secretary and 3-4 Board Members.

Rob brought forward his concerns regarding volunteers needed next year and encouraged more volunteers to step forward. Rob indicated that he and Laurie would consider staying on for another term (if elected), but made it clear that they would be stepping back and working to hold to their 'position' duties as much as possible moving forward!

2.4.2.2 Anyone wishing to join the Board should contact Ken Murdoch, VP (Recruitment) to discuss further. He can be reached on the fb Members Only chat page. Or, please reach out to any other Board Member to express your interest!

#### **2.4.3 Assignment of Event Leaders**

2.4.3.1 Film Festival, Fun and Safety, GBP, Hat Hat Regatta Rob shared that these will be positions we will be seeking to fill at the AGM in prep for the new year. He will be adding more position descriptions on the club website [paddlemedhat.ca](http://paddlemedhat.ca) and encouraged everyone to 'check them out' and consider volunteering. Over his term, Rob has been creating 'one-page' MAPS/ Check-lists for event coordinators making being a 'coordinator/leader' much simpler!! No need to 'invent the wheel'!

**2.5. PADDLING THREADS** - no member photo contributions received - CANCELED

**3. NEXT MEETING: Wed. Nov. 19, 2025 @ 7pm at the Silver Buckle Press Room**

**4. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sandra Frostad 9:04pm.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Benn, Secretary*





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### Medicine Hat Paddle Club General Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025 7pm  
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Please Print!

#	Name	Member? ✓	#	Name	Member? ✓
1	Simon WIENIS	✓	20		
2	Allen MacDonald		21		
3	RICHARD PIERSON	✓	22		
4	Sandra Frostad	✓	23		
5	Tracy Haupt	✓	24		
6	Maria Johnston	✓	25		
7	FRANCES FATHERLIE	✓	26		
8	KEN MACDONALD	✓	27		
9	KEN MURPHY	✓	28		
10	Cindy Sampson	✓	29		
11	Tashia Scott	✓	30		
12	Stan Scott	✓	31		
13	Robert Benn	✓	32		
14	Laurie Benn	✓	33		
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