



1. OPENING

1.1. **Quorum? Yes, 16 members** (see page 4)

1.2. **7:05pm Call to Order** - Rob

1.3. **Agenda**

1.3.1. Additions to the Agenda? -no

1.3.2. **Motion** to accept the Agenda? Missed due to computer display issues, but Carried

1.4. **Minutes**

1.4.1. Corrections to the Minutes of May 21, 2025?

1.4.2. **Motion** to accept the Minutes of the last mtg? Missed due to computer display issues, but all agreed to carry on with the meeting in good faith.

2. CLUB BUSINESS

2.1. **Financial Report - Richard** absent, but sent printed copies of current banking numbers as well as a Preliminary Film Festival Fundraising summary (see page 3)

2.2. **Member Suggestion to hold a club discussion about watershed issues -Rob**

Rob read out the Board's Response to this request (made last meeting). "We as the Board of Directors of MHPC do not believe our Club "mandate" involves taking up highly sensitive, political issues. There are all manner of political viewpoints held by individual members of our club and this issue, in our opinion, has the potential to be extremely divisive." There was some pushback. Although most in attendance agreed with the Board's position, (especially when considering the highly political Eastern slopes Coal Mine development and any potential watershed concerns affecting downstream users), there was strong support for encouraging our Membership to be mindful of keeping our waterways clean - especially noting the need to thoroughly wipe down and dry our watercrafts (the outside AND inside the hatches as well as the cockpit of the boat!) before heading to paddling on another body of water! No-one took issue with this important consideration - noting that failure to do so COULD lead to a significant fine! I.e. When heading home from paddling on Elkwater, IF the lights are flashing at the 'weigh station' on the highway, you MUST report into the station and have your boat checked for any mussels or other debris that could contaminate other bodies of water. There is a SIGNIFICANT fine for 'skipping' checking in and driving on by! It was also noted that many Members make a concerted effort to pick up garbage and other debris along our waterways when out paddling.

2.3. **Events**

2.3.1. **MH Massacre Follow-up-** Pat Bradley - Sat. May 10 - Elkwater -Great day - gorgeous weather! There was some jostling of people who came to help, but in all, there were 8 volunteers from the Club. This year we started at 10am (much better than 4am in previous years!) We were spread out across the lake. Many of the participants in the race also thanked us as they went by (which was nice!) No incidents occurred, but we were prepared! This year, volunteers received a bright, neon orange-colored commemorative t-shirt!

2.3.2. **Fun and Safety on the Water** - Sat. May 31 - 11am- 4pm for the Public- volunteers please meet at 10am at Echodale Boat Pond - Remember - High Level Canoes and Kayaks will bring an array of boats, but having some Member boats there too would be good (especially common big box store brands like Pelican for folks to try). The City will again supply life jackets. A great event for



the public to come and try out various watercrafts for FREE! Stan has a volunteer list and Members were encouraged to sign up after the meeting.

- 2.3.3. **Great Big Paddle** - Sat. July 5, 2025 - NOON start - Echodale to Strathcona - next meeting we will be calling for 'day of' volunteers. Please consider getting involved - many hands make the load lighter!

2.4. Director Reports

- 2.4.1.1. **Membership Report** - Tara - absent - currently enjoying hiking the 'El Camino' in Portugal!! According to our most recent AWA Membership report, we currently have 54 paid members.
- 2.4.1.2. **Newbie Program** - Megan - Meet at the Echodale Boat Pond between 9 and 10am for a couple of hours - recommends you take a look at YouTube videos on paddling (there are MANY good ones!), pick something you'd like to try, then come out to the Echodale Boat Pond and try things out! We can't 'instruct', (we're not certified instructors) but we can help each other and share our experiences and have FUN!
- 2.4.1.3. **Skills & Knowledge Development** - Rob for Tom - (absent) A reminder of the classes High Level Kayak is willing to come and do at Elkwater this summer Saturday, July 26 - Level One and Level Two - \$85 each OR \$160 for both - register on-line at High Level by following the link posted on the club website at: www.paddlemehat.ca . They require min. 10 participants in Level One and at least 5 for Level Two. Those who have done classes previously through High Level say they are GREAT! Rob also reminded everyone of Tuesday night river paddles - meet at Strathcona boat launch between 6:30 and 7pm to paddle up river to first or second bridge and back! Also, check out the website for moonlight paddle opportunities. AND, PLEASE invite other Members to join you by using the Member fb Messenger chat at: **MHPC Members Only**
- 2.4.1.4. **Social** - Cindy - Summer BBQ - Wed. July 16, 6pm at President's home - more details to follow - likely burgers with people bringing potluck items through a sign-up list. More details will be shared at our June meeting.
- 2.4.1.5. **Paddling Threads** - Ivan joked that "the NHL didn't check with us!" (playoffs tonight!) Unfortunately, no guest presenter this evening! Ivan asked that everyone please consider sharing about their paddling trips and adventures this summer so we can see/hear all about it! Get a-hold of Ivan and arrange to present at one of our fall/winter meetings...plan for a 15-20 min. Slide show or talk of HIGHLIGHTS of where you went and what you did!

3. **NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:00pm Silver Buckle, Press Room

4. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Tracy Knaupf at 7:47pm



Medicine Hat Paddle Club Financial Update – May 21, 2025

Current Bank Balance \$5,743.73

Pending/anticipated transactions

- Liability Insurance	- \$2,200.00
- Insurance Reimbursement from Tourism Medicine Hat	\$2,500.00
- Sale of 19 Film Festival tickets by Tourism Medicine Hat	\$380.00
- Film Festival related postage	- \$4.50

Anticipated bank balance \$6,419.23

Preliminary Film Festival Summary

(including pending/anticipated transactions)

- Ticket Sales	\$2,745.00
- Sponsorships	\$500.00
- Expenses (films, theatre, etc)	- \$1,922.39
Net Profit	\$1,322.61

If anyone has any film festival related expenses for which they are will be seeking reimbursement (photocopying for example), please contact the Treasurer, Richard Pierson, ASAP, at (403) 952-5321 or via Messenger



Medicine Hat Paddle Club General Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 7pm
Silver Buckle Press Room

Please Print!

#	Name	Member? ✓	#	Name	Member? ✓
1	Carol Stock	✓	20		
2	Cindy Dango	✓	21	Cindy Dango	✓
3	Megan Robertson	✓	22	Carol	
4	CHRISTINA BRUNDMAN	✓	23		
5	Kathy Gonnet	✓	24		
6	Alan Matisz	✓	25		
7	Tracy Haupt	✓	26		
8	Shawn Wiers	✓	27		
9	Ivan Shulc	✓	28		
10	Ross Buttar	✓	29		
11	Pat Bradley	✓	30		
12	Brent Mack	✓	31		
13	Laurelle Hommy	✓	32		
14	Andy Hommy	✓	33		
15	Carl McPherson		34		
16	Laurie Benn	✓	35		
17	Rob Benn	✓	36		
18			37		
19			38		