



1. **OPENING**

- 1.1. **Quorum? Yes, 19 members** (see page 3)
- 1.2. **7:03 pm Call to Order** - Rob
- 1.3. **Agenda**
 - 1.3.1. Additions to the Agenda? -no
 - 1.3.2. **Motion** to accept the Agenda? By Laurelle 2nd:: Francis Carried
- 1.4. **Minutes**
 - 1.4.1. Corrections to the Minutes of June 18, 2025?
 - 1.4.2. **Motion** to accept the Minutes of the last mtg? By Ken 2nd: Rick Carried

2. **CLUB BUSINESS**

- 2.1. **Financial Report - Richard** current balance: \$6,949.27 -with approx. \$185-ish pending (for Club BBQ and Club "Bibs") which will bring our current balance to \$6,766.46
- 2.2. **Events**
 - 2.2.1. **Great Big Paddle** - Follow-up Report - Rob - held Sat. July 5, 2025 - Weather Challenge this year (overcast, cooler temps) saw about 125 participants attend this year! Tourism MH handled posters and collected waivers at the event (which we will be keeping in storage for the required 5 years). SEASAR and the MH Fire Department attended the day and BOTH performed on the water rescues of public on 'floaties' that were struggling in the wind! The newly added 'Happy Hour' following the event at the Silver Buckle Press Room saw about 20 people attend and, when asked by Laurie, said, "It was sooo good! The weather was actually PERFECT! (not too hot for a change!)"
 - 2.2.2. **Club BBQ** - Follow-up Report - Laurie (for Cindy- absent) - Fantastic Event! Held Wed. July 16 at the President's home. 21 members in attendance plus ONE guest! Delicious pot luck plus most excellent burgers (thanks Chef Rob!), music and wonderful conversation! Great opportunity for really getting to know each other! Members thanked Rob and Laurie for the use of their lovely backyard!
 - 2.2.3. **Mckay Hat Hat Regatta** - to be held Saturday, September 27, 2025 starting at Noon out at Echodale - then paddle down to Strathcona. Rick will contact the City for any permits required (boat launches at Echodale and Strathcona) and Rob will post an ad on the fb members only chat and will post a 'waiver' form for friends wishing to come along on the club website (and a link to it on the chat page for ease of finding it!)
- 2.3. **Director Reports**
 - 2.3.1. **Membership Report** - Tara - absent - Laurie reported on behalf of Tara that we currently have 61 paid members, and 1.2k followers on our fb page.!
 - 2.3.2. **Newbie Program** - Megan -The time for the Sunday paddle out at Echodale shifted from the morning to 1pm in the afternoon in order for there to be warmer temperatures for those getting on the water. Megan was unsure of how many members used the program this year.



2.3.3 Skills & Knowledge Development - Tom - absent - Rob reported that the Skills development class put on by High Level Canoes and Kayaks held out at Elkwater on July 26 was a huge success! Lots of club members took advantage and said, "it was the BEST class ever! I learned so much!" Members highly recommended the class - especially if Craig is the instructor! AND, Craig indicated he would like to come to MH in the winter to put on a swimming pool class! Cynthia also reminded folks about 2026 Mexico Kayaking Adventure through High Level Canoes & Kayaks in Lethbridge. It will be in February and last for about 1 week. This year, they will be flying DIRECTLY into the location (no super long taxi ride to get there from the airport!) Be sure and check their website for further information! Cynthia has been before and HIGHLY recommends this adventure trip! <https://www.highlevelcanoesandkayaks.com>

2.3.4 Social - Cindy -absent - likely to begin planning the Christmas AGM next!

2.3.5 Paddling Threads - Ivan requested that Club Members send their Great Big Paddle pics to Rob so he can help to create a slideshow for later. Ivan is unable to access his computer at the moment due to a flood in his home! Shawnee suggested perhaps sending any and all good photos members may have captured this summer - ie. at the Great Big Paddle, at the kayak lessons on Elkwater, and any other Member paddling activities/adventures this season! These pics can be used for the AGM or perhaps at the intermission show for the Film Festival? Send images to rovinrobby@gmail.com.

Paddling Threads tonight: Angie Anton (a club member), introduced an exciting NEW EVENT she and others have been working on developing for quite some time!

THE CONCEPT: The Great Big Pedal-Paddle-Pound (tentative name of Event). A 'timed', multi-sport TRIATHLON in Medicine Hat. Planning for about 75 participants for the first year. A 'Family Friendly' event - teams of 1, 2 or 3 possible (min. Age 13). Working with 3 local clubs (a running club, a biking club and a paddling club) to help put this on (2 of the 3 clubs have already committed!). To be held out at Echodale and within its park on the proposed date of June 27, 2026. Tourism MH is also involved!

THE ASK: Would MH Paddling Club be interested in taking on organizing and manning a river route and providing 'on-the-water safety' for the 'paddling' aspect of the proposed TRIATHLON? ***All boats must be inspected for correct equipment! Only properly equipped kayaks or canoes or SUPs will be eligible (no floaties).*

(Plus a 'Plan B' in the event of horrible river conditions - ie. a water bucket relay race on land? Just to 'fill' the time slot as there will be NO REFUNDS on the Triathlon Event!)

A response before the end of October would be greatly appreciated. *(See attached copy of original email provided by Angie for more information on the proposed Event AND a few more details provided during the club meeting (ie. proposed fees and proposed distances, etc)).* This event has been sanctioned by 'Triathlon Alberta' and as such all **insurance** requirements will be covered by them for volunteers and participants.

3. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING** - Wednesday, October 15, 2025 7:00pm Silver Buckle, Press Room

4. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Pat at 7:57pm
Respectfully submitted by Laurie Benn, Club Secretary



General Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025 7pm
Silver Buckle Press Room

Please Print!

#	Name	Member? ✓	#	Name	Member? ✓
1	Tracy Haupt	✓	20		
2	Megan Robertson	✓	21		
3	MAUREE SATHIERLIE	✓	22		
4	RICK MACDONALD	✓	23		
5	Donda Kleun	✓	24		
6	Sharon Dept	✓	25		
7	Cynthia Krassn	✓	26		
8	RICHARD PIERSON	✓	27		
9	ANGIE ANTON	✓	28		
10	STAN WIENS	✓	29		
11	Pat Bradley	✓	30		
12	Cynthia Krassn	✓	31		
13	Laurelle Homay	✓	32		
14	KEAR MURPHY	✓	33		
15	Ivan Shubin	✓	34		
16	DANA SAUKSTER	✓	35		
17	Shainee Dany	✓	36		
18	Robert Benn	✓	37		
19	Laurie Benn	✓	38		



Excerpts from the original email from Angie (italicized parts indicate new info/changes to original email as presented at Sept. club meeting by Angie Anton):

Hi Laurie and Medicine Hat Paddling Club,
We are wanting to organize a dry triathlon event in Medicine Hat in 2026. We are aiming for June 27, 2026.

This multi-sport event will include running, biking and paddling (kayak, SUP or canoe only). Distances (still to be finalized) for each sport are as follows:

- Pedal - 20 K
- Paddle - 5 K
- Run - 6 K

The event would take place in...*Echodale Park, utilizing existing river access, pathways and bike trails.*

The event is to be family friendly (*minimum age 13 years per insurance requirements*) and can be completed by an individual or in teams, as a relay. ***Insurance coverage has been confirmed by Triathlon Alberta.***

We have... *confirmed 670 Collective, and the Mad Hatters Running Club* and..... are currently reaching out to the Medicine Hat Paddling Club to find out if there is interest in partnering with us in this event. Partnering in this event means that we would be looking to each group to organize the activity of their expertise (i.e. Mad Hatters would organize the running portion, the MH Paddling Club would organize the paddling portion and 670 Collective would organize the pedaling portion).

We... *appreciate the opportunity to attend your next club meeting* to share more about this race with you and your members and to discuss the possibility of the Paddling Club partnering with us in this unique event.

Thank you for considering our request.

We look forward to hearing (back) from you... *asap following your October club meeting* 😊...

Kind regards,
Angie Anton and Janine Tolhurst

Other INFO provided at meeting:

Proposed fees: Individual: \$135
Team: \$175

*Note: Fees include a \$30 membership fee for 'Triathlon AB'- who covers the insurance aspect of this event.

Proposed Distances:
Pedaling: 20k
Pounding(running): 6k
Paddling: 5k

Sponsors:
Big Marble
Co-op

Post Event Food: A Big Food Event is planned following the Triathlon for all participants and volunteers!