Medicine Hat Paddling Club

Monthly (general) meeting **MINUTES**

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026 7:00pm

Press Room, Silver Buckle

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1. **OPENING - 7:01 pm**

Quorum - Yes - 16/48 WELCOME (attendance list attached to original minutes)

Call to Order - Rob

Agenda

Additions to the Agenda? Add Corrections to Minutes of June 17 to adopt and add Fundraising

Motion *to accept the Agenda by Richard 2nd by Stan W. Carried.*

Minutes

Corrections to the Minutes of Sept. 16, 2026? Note: Bank balance should be $5,672.90

Motion *to accept the Minutes as amended by Stan W. 2nd by Kathy Carried*

Motion *to accept the Minutes of June 17, 2026 as amended by Rick 2nd by Frankie Carried*

2. **CLUB BUSINESS**

Financial - Richard

Balance is still $5,672.90 - same as last meeting.

Insurance - Rob reviewed highlights of insurance through AWA and Special Events insurance through Oasis and potential Property insurance for the club trailer

Motion *to do a 'hybrid' of insurance coverage for the 2027 season - AWA for general club liability insurance and OASIS for Special Events liability coverage by Rob 2nd by Stan S. Carried*

Richard will send the invoice to MH Tourism to cover the cost of the Special Insurance, so we have the policy in place for 2027.

Board Recruitment - Rob

Rob explained the soon-to-be-open position of VP as an opportunity to 'learn the ropes' over the 2027 season to become the new President in 2028. Rob further described 2 Director positions open for the 2027 season, with the idea of someone to cover 'Promotion' of the club, including posting messages on the Private Members Only Messenger page AND posting upcoming club activities on the public fb page to let people know what the club is doing and perhaps entice new members to join. This position would also spearhead the club's involvement in the Community Activity Expo held in the mall in early March, where community groups are assigned tables to promote their group's offerings. The 2nd Director position would see a volunteer to research and report on various learning opportunities being offered (in Calgary, in Lethbridge OR here in MH) and post about them on the private Members Only fb messenger page and, if appropriate, on the Public fb page. Rob asked Members to 'think about it' and if interested, to let him know in time for elections at the December AGM meeting.

New Mtg Space Exploration - Laurie

The opportunity for a 'dream meeting space' has presented at the MH Brewing Co. Our club could have the meeting space on the 3rd Wed of each month at 7pm and in return, club members could purchase dinner and beverages, similar to the arrangement currently at the Silver Buckle.

Motion *to hold our AGM meeting on Dec. 16 at the MH Brewing Co in their meeting room to 'try it out' and see if we'd like to hold our 2027 season meetings there by Laurie 2nd by Dave 15 in favor 2 abstained Carried.*

Fundraising - Stan W.

Thinking about holding 'mini-fundraising events' instead of one big one (the Film Festival), Stan shared his research and thoughts on running a 'Plants 4 Sale' in the springtime. Stan asked for people

who would be interested in exploring this idea further. Thank you to Chantelle, Megan and Rick who volunteered.

This discussion led to other ideas being generated:
Chantelle - Garage Sale $20 per bag Entry fee $5;
Chantelle - Paddle Swap (Spring) like a 'ski swap' sale, only with Paddling items;
Stan S. for Tashia - Wine tasting Cost $20 per person @ Trackside, okay to bring snacks, add an amount on top of the $20 to be our 'fundraising' piece. They also offer 'beer tasting'.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Membership - Stanley

No change since last month. It was suggested to add the Membership link available on the website to the minutes. https://paddlemedhat.ca/Membership.html

Social - Tracy Kathy

Brewery Tour & Tasting - about 20 people attended. Lots of fun!

X-mas Lights Trolley Bus Tour - Wed. Dec. 16 (Directly before the Annual General Meeting)

Pre-register with Kathy via her email kgonnet@telusplanet.net Cost $25 each. Kathy indicated we need 16 to get the bus all to the club - capacity 32. Over 16 club member participants could become a mini-fundraiser for the club. Kathy will determine a deadline for registration and send an email with all the details. Please pay by e-transfer to the club's banking account. Note: if we do not get the minimum 16 members, the event will be cancelled. E-transfer address: paddlemedha@gmail.com

Kathy reported that she is looking for ideas for Social activities over the winter months. Some ideas currently being considered include
Bowling;
'A Winter's Day' out at Elkwater Campsite for Winter activities like skiing, tobogganing, a fire;
Escape Room booking?
Please send your ideas to Kathy kgonnet@telusplanet.net

3. **EVENTS**

McKay Memorial Hat Hat Regatta - Rob 10 people attended. Beautiful weather. Great hats worn! Thank you to all who attended!

AGM - Dec. 16 directly following the X-mas Lights Trolley Bus Tour (see above) at the MH Brewing Co at 7:30 pm (not at the Silver Buckle)

4. **NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026 7:00 pm @ the Silver Buckle

8:00 pm *Motion* *to Adjourn by Rick*

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Benn, Secretary

Medicine Hat Paddle Club

General Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026 7pm

Silver Buckle Press Room

Please Print!

#	Name	Member? ✓	#	Name	Member? ✓
1	FRANCES SATHERLIE	✓	20		
2	RICK MACDONALD	✓	21		
3	Megan Robertson	✓	22		
4	Rob Benn	✓	23		
5	Shauna Mitchell	✓	24		
6	Kathy Gonnet		25		
7	Chantelle Butterfield	✓	26		
8	[illegible]	✓	27		
9	[illegible]	✓	28		
10	[illegible]	✓	29		
11	Laurie Benn	✓	30		
12	STAN SCOTT	✓	31		
13	Kirby Peterson	✓	32		
14	RICHARD PIERSON	✓	33		
15	Dave Romanuck	✓	34		
16	Paul Straat	✓	35		
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