Medicine Hat Paddling Club

Monthly (general) meeting **MINUTES**

Wednesday, Sept 16, 2026 7:30pm (DIRECTLY following the Special Meeting)

Press Room, Silver Buckle

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1. **OPENING - 7:30 pm**

Quorum - Yes - 18/48 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Call to Order - Rob

Agenda

Additions to the Agenda? ADD: Dave to share about High Level's 2027 Mexico trip. ADD: Life Preserver request.

***Motion** to accept the Agenda by Pat 2nd by Rick Carried.*

Minutes

Corrections to the Minutes of June 17, 2026? Yes, Missing - Fun and Safety Committee Report by Stan Wiens - Laurie will look for it!

***Motion** to accept the Minutes (missing data - tabled till next meeting)*

2. **CLUB BUSINESS**

Financial - Richard

Balance is still $5,672.91 - same as last meeting. Richard shared that upon reviewing our operating expenses this year, we would have needed 52 Members signed on to AWA for covering our 'current' club basics. A discussion of potential fundraising activities ensued, where some Members suggested the idea of smaller fundraising events rather than our 'normal' film festival that requires intense prep and organizing. No decisions yet - More discussion is required. This flowed into a discussion about Membership Fees, the AWA and its 'benefits' of membership for our club. A need to decide if we will Fundraise OR Raise Membership Fees or some combo of both? Group determined this should be brought forward in another meeting for further discussion.

Board Recruitment - Rob

Tom's term is ending this year, leaving 2 openings for board members. Board Members work together to divide Board work. Currently, Tom's position is organizing Lessons and skill development opportunities, working with the City of MH and High Level Canoes and Kayaks in Lethbridge. Please THINK ABOUT IT. We'd love to have you on the Board!

New Mtg Space Exploration - Rob

The idea of finding a new meeting space that is more conducive to showing slides, hosting guest speakers/presenters, hearing each other when discussing AND still being able to get a bite to eat and enjoy each other's company was discussed. Everyone agreed on the club's meeting needs AND expressed it is a way for the club to support a new venue in the city. -Kathy has had initial contact with the MH Brewing Co who currently have Wed. eves avail, a nice separate meeting room, AND good food at reasonable rates! Rob and Laurie will endeavour to explore the space.further and report back next meeting.

Motion to purchase a Life Preserver by Rick and 2nd by Francis

As per the Fun and Safety Committee report recommendation. Carried. Rick will purchase and bring receipt for reimbursement.

3. **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Membership - Stanley

We currently have 48 members. Our fb page has 1,300 members. There are 3 questions to help 'vet' people wishing to follow the page. Stan uses these to help determine who is permitted and who is not. IF person is NOT from MH, they MUST answer the 3 questions! The Club's private Messenger Chat group

is very successful, as seen this summer by the number of members planning trips and interacting with each other on it.

Social - Tracy for Kathy

Drumheller Trip- Fri. Sat. Sun., July 24, 25, 26**- It was AWESOME! -**a great time was had by all! 17 attendees- a large group camped together. First night, supper at 'Last Chance Saloon' in Wayne (an interesting experience!)

Brewery Tour & Tasting- (*See attached advertisement notice)*. Thursday, Oct. 15 @ 6pm The Club is covering the tour fee of $20 for our group. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR attendance by Oct. 12 to Kathy's email kgonnet@telusplanet.net .

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.

4. **EVENTS**

McKay Memorial Hat Hat Regatta - Rob ***wear your favorite crazy hat***
- Saturday, September 26 **Redcliff** @ noon and then downriver to Strathcona
******NOTE change of start location*** *- Echodale river entrance is reportedly closed.*

Mexico Paddling trip with High Level Canoes & Kayaks, Lethbridge. March 1 - 10 from Loredo to La Paz - $2,900 plus flight (and hotel?) Capacity: 8 (3 people are already registered) Paddle about 3 - 4 hours/day. Ocean paddling. More details on-line or call High Level, or ask Dave R.

5. **NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026 7:00 pm @ the Silver Buckle

8:20pm *Motion* *to Adjourn by Dave Romanuk*

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Benn, Secretary

The Medicine Hat Paddling Club presents
The Grant McKay Memorial *

The Hat Hat Regatta

Saturday, September 26, 2026
starting 12:00 noon on the water



on the **South Saskatchewan River**
starting at the **Echodale Public Boat Launch**
to **Strathcona Public Boat Launch**

The Idea:

To put on some crazy hats and paddle through the Hat!
grab that last group paddle of the season





The Challenge:

The weather at this time of year can be anything between bright and beautifully warm, to rainy and sometimes snowy conditions.
The trip goes rain or shine...
unless high winds or nasty storms (or floods) stand in the way.

non-Member Guests please register though these waiver sites
Adult Waiver https://www.albertawhitewater.ca/form/awa-waiver-adult-medicine-hat
Ignore the "Billing address" at the end of the form and just "submit the waiver".
Youth 'Acknowledgment of risk' https://www.albertawhitewater.ca/form/awa-aor-medhat
Ignore the "Billing address" at the end of the form and just "submit the waiver".

See You on the River!

** The event was the brain child of late Grant McKay, one of the founders of our club.*

BREWERY TOUR AND TASTING

Come join us for a FREE brewery tour at Medicine Hat Brewing Company

Stay after and enjoy tastings, food and great company!

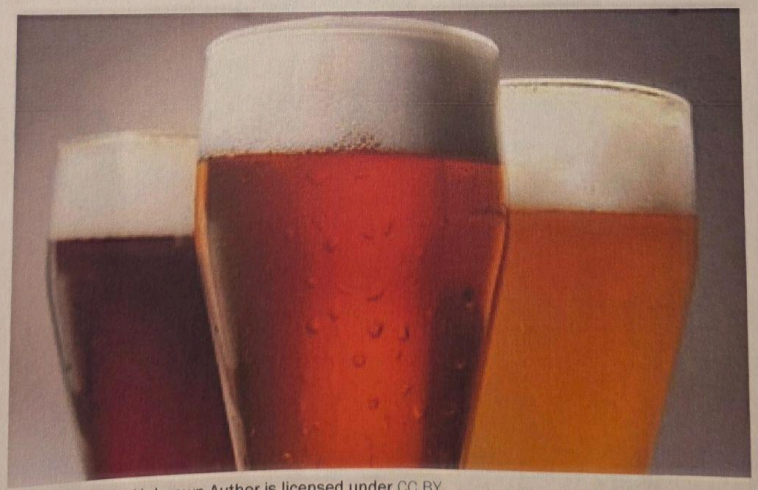
Thursday October 15 2026 at 6:00 pm

Medicine Hat Brewing Company – 1366 Brier Park Drive NW

Check out their menu at medicinehatbrewingcompany.ca

They will have a solo artist playing in the taproom this evening for our entertainment

Please email Kathy by October 12 to confirm kgonnet@telusplanet.net



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Medicine Hat Paddle Club

General Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 7pm
Silver Buckle Press Room

Please Print!

#	Name	Member? ✓	#	Name	Member? ✓
1	Tashia Scott	✓	20		
2	Stan Scott	✓	21		
3	Kirby Peterson	✓	22		
4	Megan Robertson	✓	23		
5	Tracy Haupt.	✓	24		
6	Dave Ronald	✓	25		
7	Ross Butler	✓	26		
8	Pat Bradley	✓	27		
9	Stan Wein	✓	28		
10		—	29		
11		✓	30		
12	Laurie Benn	✓	31		
13	Rob Benn	✓	32		
14	RICHARD PIERSON	✓	33		
15	Linda Klandt	✓	34		
16		—	35		
17		✓	36		
18	Steve Haupt	X	37		
19	Julie Pederson	✓	38		