



MHPC General Meeting MINUTES

Wed. April 15, 2026

Silver Buckle, Press Room

1. OPENING:

Quorum: Yes 21 members and 4 Guests

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Welcome New Members!

Motion to accept the AGENDA by Pat and 2nd by Megan. Carried.

Motion to accept the previous MINUTES by Pat and 2nd by Melissa. Carried.

2. BUSINESS:

Financial: Richard reported we currently have \$6,565.39 in the bank.

One trailer expense of \$240 annual fee for storage at Eagle RV. Historically, the trailer has been housed at Tara's, then Tom's and now to Eagle RV. Richard has the 'code' for getting into the storage area PLUS you will need a 'key' to unlock the trailer hitch lock. The trailer is available for Club Members to sign out and utilize. Members are reminded to supply their own 'tie-down' straps.

By-Laws: Laurie identified a flaw in our current relatively 'new' by-laws that she would like to alter and bring to a 'special meeting' at the Club BBQ for ratification. She will then submit to the AB Gov't. Changing by-laws requires that the Membership be notified 21 days in advance of the special meeting. All agreed this change (to drop the need to be an Albertan citizen to join) is needed so that people from SW Saskatchewan can be Members since we often paddle in the Inter-provincial park of Elkwater!

Club Address: Laurie brought forward a need to change our legal address for the club, as the current address is no longer held by a club Member. Dave suggested that perhaps we could avoid future address changes by purchasing a PO Box that could be utilized instead of a Club Member's private address. Richard shared that he had previously researched the idea and that it would cost \$214.00/ year. It was wondered whether there might be a 'deal' for non-profits? Laurie will look into this and report back.

Club Buffs: 3 Buffs were sold to members at \$5 apiece.

3. EVENTS:

MH Massacre - May 9 - the Sat. before Mother's Day - Dave shared details he has so far. 7am start on the water till about 10:30am. Meet at Reesor dock. 8 volunteers have signed up. No cell service out there.

Fun & Safety on the Water - Echodale Pond - May 30. Stan reported that a planning meeting was held last Sunday to finalize plans. Since on-line safety videos were not really well-suited for our club needs that day, Stan and Rob will endeavour to create a short, sweet safety video of basic paddling safety. They are hoping to be able to show it at the BBQ so that everyone who comes out to help that day will know exactly what info to provide participants. A reminder that the event is for any age, try out any water craft provided for free, and have all equipment provided for free!

Spring Club BBQ - Kathy reminded everyone of the BBQ on Wed. May 20 @ 5:30pm till 7pm. down at Kincoulee @ the Kinette Kitchen Korner. A sign-up sheet for the



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potluck was passed around. If members would like to bring a 'plus one' non-member, a fee of \$10 will be levied to help with the costs of a burger, bun, plate, napkin, facility rental and can be paid to Kathy or Richard AT the BBQ, but prior to that, please contact Kathy before May 15 to indicate your attendance and pot luck item you will be bringing, and whether you will be bringing a 'plus-one' or not. kgonnet@telusplanet.net

Great Big Paddle - Rob - Sat. July 4, 2026 from Echodale down to Strathcona. Noon start. Insurance Grant - no news yet. It was noted that should we NOT receive grant monies for Insurance, the club likely will not be able to be involved organizers this year.

McKay Hat Hat Regatta -Volunteers? Sat. Sept. 26 - a Memorial club event in memory of Mr. Grant McKay, a founding member of the club. It was suggested that perhaps we can keep it simple and just 'attend' on the day.

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Membership - Tashia reported that we currently have 32 paid members. It was noted that in March there was an increase in the fee by AWA of \$5. The current fee is \$25 with \$10 (instead of \$5) now going to AWA to cover their costs of providing the registration on-line, as their costs have gone up.

Pool Lessons - Rob reported that we have set up a Beginners Pool class for Sat. May 23. There will be ½ hour on deck followed by 2 hours in the pool in a kayak. High Level Kayaks will provide boats, paddles and pfd's for participants. There is a minimum of 6 participants and a maximum of 8 for this class. The fee is \$185 for members and \$200 for non-members. The class is open to Members first and then it will be opened up to the Public via our club fb page. Members, please send an email to medincinehatpaddleclub@gmail.com attn ROB if interested.

Social - Kathy passed out a hand-out over-view sheet of upcoming trips and the BBQ with details (**see attached**) and handed out maps of the Red Deer River Drumheller adventure planned for July 24, 25, 26. LOTS to look forward to this year!!!

5. PADDLING THREADS: Author (and club member) Mark Fletcher

Mark read a couple of adventure stories from his new book: **Love Big Country - Tales of Wildfire, Wildlife and Wild Times** The book is 400 pages long, a collection of 78 stories featuring 44 on wildfires, 22 on wildlife and 11 on 'wild times'! Many members purchased signed copies on the spot! The stories are true, peppered with humor and always sharing something 'wild'! Thank-you Mark!

8pm Motion to Adjourn: Tashia

*****Next meeting: Wed. May 20, 2026 5:30pm @ Kincoilee Park - Kinette Kitchen Korner**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Benn, Secretary



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Medicine Hat Paddle Club General Meeting Sign-in Sheet

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Please Print!

#	Name	Member? ✓	#	Name	Member? ✓
1	Kathy Gonnert	✓	20	Josée Bird	
2	Jim Holloway	✓	21	DIANE BROSOGLY	
3	Tracy Haupt	✓	22	BRENT BROSOGLY	
4	Melissa Torgerson	✓	23	KEN MURPHY	✓
5	Peter Reid		24	RICK MACKENZIE	✓
6	MARK FRETTERED	✓	25	Ronda Harell	✓
7	Megan Robertson	✓	26	Heaven Sutton	✓
8	Laurie Benn	✓	27		
9	Robert Benn	✓	28		
10	Brent Moch		29		
11	Pat Bradley	✓	30		
12	Dave Rowland	✓	31		
13	Ross Buttar	✓	32		
14	SHAWNA MITCHELL	✓	33		
15	Chantelle Butterfield	✓	34		
16	STAN WIENS	✓	35		
17	Zasha Scott	✓	36		
18	RICHARD PIERSON	✓	37		
19	Suzon McElroy		38		



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3 RIVERS RENDEZVOUS 2026 MAY 15-18 2026

Pinchocrowcreekers.com OR albertawhitewater.ca

Event only \$30

Club Welcome Spring BBQ Wednesday May 20 5:30-7:00 – BBQ and Games!

BBQ hamburgers provided by club (free for club members) + potluck

Non-member Guest/partner \$10 cash payable to Richard or Kathy on May 20

Sign up: Member name/guest attending yes or no/pot luck dish provided

Email Kathy by May 15 kgonnet@telusplanet.net with these 3 questions answered if attending – Thank you!

Paddle'n Brunch Sunday June 14 – 9 am to 2 pm

Spruce Coulee in Cypress Hills

More information provided at welcome BBQ

Drumheller Paddle Weekend July 24 – 26 2026

Transfers \$50 pp Badlands Fishing & Boat Tours

badlandsfishingboattours@gmail.com or 403-813-3079

Saturday July 25 -recommended trip Bleriot Ferry to Newcastle Beach

Evening dinner at Tracy's campsite at Horseshoe Canyon Campground

Sunday July 26 TBD

Options:

Paddle Morrin Bridge to Bleriot Ferry or Tyrell Museum \$25 for Adult or \$16 Senior or DNA

Gardens Saskatoon Days - Sunday Breakfast 9:30-1 pm \$5 pp