PADDLE ALBERTA SOCIETY

Fall Community Annual General Meeting — Minutes

October 8, 2026 | Online via Google Meet

1. Welcome and Call to Order 6:30pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Paul Kopjar, who chaired the meeting.

2. Attendance and Voting Representatives

Quorum was confirmed in accordance with Section 4.1.4 of the Paddle Alberta Society Bylaws (April 2024). The attendance recorded at the meeting satisfied the quorum requirement, and the meeting proceeded.

Name	Club / membership or role
Cail Smith	PA Education Director (voting)
Paul Kopjar	PA President (voting)
Henry Madsen	PA Member Representative (voting)
Tina Barzo	PA Vice President, Bow Waters Canoe Club (voting)
Ben Schmidt	PA Treasurer (voting)
Carrie Cherkawski	North West Voyagers Canoe & Kayak Club (voting)
Karla Handy	PA Executive Director
Logan Jones	PA Secretary, Paddle Canada Rep (voting)
Andy Watt	Edmonton Paddling Centres Association ((voting)
Yvonne Corkery	Ceyana Canoe Club
Chris Field	Leduc Boat Club
Clare Mullen	Ceyana Canoe Club
Don Bradshaw	Ceyana Canoe Club
Donna McKean	Ceyana Canoe Club
Ian Hosler	Ceyana Canoe Club
Matt Webber	PA Safety and Touring Director (voting)
James Walters	United Albertan Paddling Society (voting)
Janet Smith	Friends of the River Recreation Association (voting)
John Bohaychuk	Leduc Boat Club
Lana Ohler-Madsen	HeLa Ventures
Lindsey Walburger	Ceyana Canoe Club
Margaret Beaton	Ceyana Canoe Club (Voting)
Michael Holroyd	Alberta Whitewater Association
Mike Horembala	PA Environment Director (voting)
Patricia Grell	Ceyana Canoe Club
Roberta Martindale	Leduc Boat Club
Neil Martindale	Leduc Boat Club (Voting)
Stewart Inglis	Ceyana Canoe Club

Meg Stanley	PA Member Rep, BWCC
Sylvia Lee	Ceyana Canoe Club
Heather Suiter	Jr. Forest Wardens Yellowhead Regional Council

3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

The Chair invited members to request that any items be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion. No requests were made.

MOTION

That the members approve the October 8, 2026 AGM agenda and receive the following items as information: the April 13, 2026 Spring AGM minutes; recognition of the Board of Directors for their service; President's annual report; committee annual reports; Secretary and Paddle Canada Regional Director's report; and Executive Director's annual report.

Moved by: Paul Kopjar | Seconded by: Matt Webber | Decision: Carried

4. Volunteer Recognition

Volunteers were recognized at Fall Rendezvous, including outgoing Treasurer Ben Schmidt. Volunteers from Paddle Alberta's past 50 years were highlighted in Meg Stanley's history presentation. Mark Lund was noted as Paddle Alberta's nominee for the Alberta Sport Hall of Fame Builder Award.

5. Board, Committee and Staff Reports

Written reports submitted for the AGM are retained with the meeting records and are available as supporting documents. Verbal reports were presented as noted below.

5.1 President — Paul Kopjar written report

5.2 Treasurer / Finance Committee — Ben Schmidt

Ben Schmidt provided a brief Treasurer's update and advised members that he is stepping down from his position on the Board. He confirmed that he will assist the incoming Treasurer with the transition over the next few weeks. Ben also reminded members that Paddle Alberta's next fundraising casino is scheduled for February 22–23, 2027, at Pure Casino Edmonton.

5.3 Education Committee — Cail Smith written report

5.4 Environment Committee — Mike Horembala written report

5.5 Safety & Touring Committee — Matt Webber written report

5.6 Secretary and Paddle Canada Regional Rep — Logan Jones written report

5.7 Member Rep PA History Project — Meg Stanley written report

5.8 Executive Director — Karla Handy written report

6. Club and Organization Member Updates

Verbal updates were provided by representatives of Ceyana, UAPPS, North West Voyageurs, Friends of the River, Leduc Boat Club, Alberta Whitewater Association, Junior Forest Wardens and HeLa Ventures.

7. Election of Board Members

Tina Barzo, Vice President, presented the following candidates for election to the Board: Paul Kopjar, Cail Smith, Meg Stanley and Carrie Cherkawski. No additional nominations were put forward at the meeting.

MOTION

That Paul Kopjar, Cail Smith, Meg Stanley and Carrie Cherkawski be elected to the Paddle Alberta Board of Directors.

Moved by: Henry Madsen | Seconded by: Donna McKean | Decision: Carried

Specific officer and director responsibilities are to be determined by the Board at its first meeting following the AGM. The proposed assignment of roles is not recorded here as an election result.

8. Committee Membership and Volunteer Recruitment

Tina Barzo invited members to participate in Paddle Alberta committees and volunteer activities. Committee participation is generally a one-year commitment with approximately four meetings per year. Appointments will be addressed as required.

9. New Business and Member Discussion

Members were invited to raise questions, concerns or ideas. No new business was raised.

10. Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

Spring 2027 AGM — Date to be determined; meeting to be held online.

Fall Rendezvous 2027 — Date and location to be determined.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned by President Paul Kopjar at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Logan Jones and Karla Handy | Approved on: