

FIRST DRAFT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

GOLDEN EARS WINTER CLUB

June 21, 2024 7:00 pm

NOT YET APPROVED

Meeting was held at the Golden Ears Winter Club

The panel: (board members unless otherwise designated)

Jason Peckham (president); Glen Shipp (member at large); Jay Wakefield (vice-president);
Shannon Joannis (management team representative)

Regrets: Janet Dunkin (secretary), Paul Dunkin (treasurer)

Chair: Jason Peckham

Recording Clerk: Jay Wakefield

Attendance list follows at the end.

Quorum was reached.

Call to order: 7:04 pm

Jason read the Notice of Meeting

1. Additions to the agenda

None; Moved: Trevor Nisbet, seconded: Kirsten Fox: that the agenda be approved as written.
Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Kirsten Fox, seconded: Trevor Nisbet: that the minutes of the AGM of 2023 be
approved as written. Carried unanimously.

3. President's report

Jason Peckham read his report. The highlights include:

- It was a strong year, financially and organizationally.
- Summary of volunteer program performance, engaged new members and supported program goals (reduce Management overhead)
- Program will continue in a similar fashion for the foreseeable future with adjustments along the way

- Longer term club situation and managing financial risk, we have less risk because of our association with the municipality
- Volunteer engagement
 - Critical to organization, a key metric that is now being tracked by management and the board (66 per cent engagement in 2023-2024)
 - 4000h required hours per year, manage risk by migrating away from a few who do a lot, to a lot who do a little
 - This resulted in a deficit of 1400 hours that were picked up by Club Management Team
 - Board is moving toward fact-based decision making, leveraging the volunteer program model, to enable strategy development
- As an organization we are granted a facility to curl in on the assumption we properly manage the broader facility
 - Ball hockey, Corn Hole, Darts
 - Focus on building a base of tenants and recurring business to bolster facility use, revenue and organizational security.
 - Establish a longer-term strategy of supporting our ability to move, if ever required
 - Work to discover synergies between clients/tenants to build out a broader community

4. Special Resolution

GEWC Constitution and Bylaws were last reviewed in 2019 and were filed with the BC Societies Act in 2019. In reviewing these the Board felt a few amendments would be helpful, considering the post-Covid world. There are three proposed amendments, two of which address the difficulty the club faces in recruiting Board members and Nominating Committee members. The third amendment is to expand the club's purposes which are identified in the GEWC's constitution. The existing six purposes are listed in the Notice of Amendments that have been circulated previously. It is intended to expand the purposes for office activities the club is already doing, some of them for years, the main example being ball hockey. This amendment is primarily a housekeeping item. The other two address the minimum and maximum size of the Board of Directors as well as the composition of the Nominating Committee.

The following proposed amendments were read by Glenn for approval.

1) To amend the Society's purpose to by adding a seventh purpose as follows:

a. “to provide the dry surface area and lounge primarily during non-curling periods for rental to other community users to maximize the use of the curling facility at all times. (This would include such things a ball hockey, other community sporting events and the lounge for special events including weddings and other special events.)

2) To amend Bylaw 24(2) to read that the number of Directors shall be a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of twelve (12)

a. This amendment would address the ongoing challenges of recruiting volunteers for Board member roles and enable the Society to be in compliance with its bylaws.

3) To amend Bylaw 46-Composition of the Nominating Committee.

a. The current bylaw reads ‘the Directors shall appoint a nominating committee of four (4) voting members, at least one of whom shall curl in a regular women’s draw and at least one of shall curl in a regular seniors draw.’ The proposed amendment is as follows:

b. The Board shall appoint a nominating committee of up to four (4) voting members, of which the Chair shall be a board member and the other up to three members shall be voting members and preferably include a member of a women’s draw and a member of a seniors draw as well as 2 additional members from the men’s and women’s evening leagues. In the event a committee is unable to be filled, the Board Executive shall function as the Nominating Committee.

Glenn Shipp moved to amend the constitution with all three proposed amendments. Peter England seconded.

Discussion continued with concerns about the language used in item 3b, regarding the specificity of the league representation proposed for the committee. Main concern is that this language is too specific and are not adaptable for changing league makeup. A proposal was made to change the language to read “...a total of 4 representing 3 different leagues...”. This change was put to motion by Glenn Shipp, seconded by Peter England. All 3 amendments were unanimously passed as such.

After the vote, a new motion was put forward by June Booth to change the maximum number of board members from 12 to 9. This motion was seconded by Fran King. Put to vote, this motion was defeated.

4. Treasurer’s report for 2023-4

Glen Shipp read the report that was sent by Paul Dunkin, treasurer.

First off I would like to apologize for not being able to attend the AGM and thank Glen Shipp for agreeing to present this report.

The March 31, 2024 year end financial statements were prepared by PSVC, the club external accountant under a compilation engagement which is not a review or an audit.

We are pleased to report these statements show a positive result of \$9,729, an increase of \$5,407 over last year.

The balance sheet remains healthy with \$135,280 in cash and term deposits. This is lower than 2023 but the \$40,000 CEBA loan was repaid in January 2024, accounting for most of the decline. Liabilities are down as well mainly due to the CEBA loan coming off the books.

On the income statement, total revenue of \$316,149 increased due to an increase in dues, the volunteer fee program as well as increased advertising and lounge net revenue. This helped offset a decrease in rental income.

On the expense side, the major increases were in contract fees and cleaning costs.

Equipment, repairs and maintenance were much lower because 2023 had several large one-time purchases. The remaining expense lines are reasonably in line with the prior year's levels.

Thank you.
Paul Dunkin

Glenn Shipp moved the acceptance of the March 31, 2024 financial statements. Seconded by Terry Hawley. Carried unanimously.

Glenn Ship moves the appointment of PSVC Chartered Accountants as the Accountants for the year ending March 31, 2025. Seconded by Andrew Watzyk. Carried unanimously.

5. Nominating committee and Election of directors

Glenn Shipp stood as chair of the Nominating Committee. He reported that there were several requests sent to all members asking for members who would be prepared to stand for nomination to the 2024/2025 board. Interested members were asked to submit their contact information in writing to him as Chair of the Nominating Committee or to Shannon Joannis, Office Manager. He then contacted interested members. Our Bylaws state there can be up to 12 Board Members who agree to serve for a 3-year term. The Nominating committee received 3 formal Board applications in advance of the AGM. They are: Ken Madu, Patrick Mellesmoen and Eric Samuelson. Ken was present, and letters are attached in the appendix for the nominated members who were not in attendance.

No new nominations from the floor.

The Board members continuing their terms are as follows:

1. Jason Peckham
2. Paul Dunkin
3. Jay Wakefield
4. Janet Dunkin

Glenn Shipp moved the appointment of the 3 new board members, in addition to board members continuing their term. Seconded by Trevor Nisbet. Carried unanimously.

6. Questions from the floor

1. Facility could be more usable if it had an elevator. Suggestion that the board investigate and examine the potential financial benefit of installing an elevator to make the club more accessible for curling, rentals, and other events. Also a suggestion that there is likely grants for this type of endeavour.
 - a. Jason thanked them for the suggestion and acknowledged that the board can do a business case for this in the upcoming season.
2. Asking for an update on the strategic plan. It was brought up at the last AGM was looking for an update.
 - a. No update as it was not tackled by the board during the season.
 - b. Some concern raised that it was not discussed, as it has direct impact on membership and no progress has been made.
 - c. Noted, to be tackled in the upcoming season
3. The lounge has been without curling memorabilia for the previous season in an attempt to attract more rentals. Is there a plan to bring some back, as we are still a curling club?
 - a. This is also captured and will be discussed in upcoming board meetings.
4. Bill Gardener's regrets were passed along by Peter England.

Motion to Conclude the meeting by Trevor Nisbet. Seconded by Doug Patterson. Motion Carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39pm.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Shannon Joannis

Dean Joannis

Glen Shipp

Kirsten Fox

Joan Wansink

Jason Peckham

Terry Hawley

Ken Madu

Daniel Christensen

Earl King

Fran King

Megan Yamamoto

Kathleen Ferguson

Verna Patterson

Doug Patterson

Amanda Britten

Trevor Nisbet

Brian Raynard

Jay Wakefield

Andrew Watsyk

Peter England

Lindsay Shannon

Stacey Shannon

June Booth

Jolene Watsyk

Linda Kazulin

APPENDIX

June 11, 2024

Golden Ears Winter Club ("GEWC")

23580 Jim Robson Way

Maple Ridge, BC

V2W 1B8

Attention: Board of Directors

Subject: Intent to stand for Nomination to Board of Directors

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I have advised the Chair of the Board's Nominating Committee of my intent but unfortunately, I am not able to attend in person at the AGM.

I have reviewed the information of what is expected of GEWC Board members and am comfortable with them.

I look forward to serving as new Director and looking forward to helping the club continue to grow.

Regards

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