

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

November 17, 2025

APPROVED

In Attendance: Meeting was held in the Upper Lounge, Golden Ears Winter Club

Glen Shipp; Janet Dunkin; Paul Dunkin; Eric Samuelson; Jim Cottingham; Vince Hodges; Terry Hawley; Andrew Watsyk

Regrets: Jay Wakefield, Ken Madu

Management: Dean Joanisse

Chair: Glen Shipp

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:01

Approval of agenda: moved (Vince/Paul)

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 2 meeting (moved: Vince/Jim) were approved.

2. Management report

As attached

3. Action items

1. Data collection: Jim reported that he had met with Eric twice and noted that there is plenty of data. The issue is which part is needed? Data is perishable and lasts four years. It will outlast the changeover from IO. Whatever data is kept should match up with the four areas of the strategic plan. Discussion followed. The recommendations are as follows:
 - a. Jim will keep data so it won't disappear.
 - b. Data will be twinned to the 4 areas of the strategic plan so we know if we are making progress.
 - c. We won't take on additional data.
2. Banking progress: Glen and Paul can now approve etransfers. They will expand those who can receive ATF requests. **ACTION: Paul/Glen**
3. Letters of credit (see financials below)
4. Exempting 90-year-olds from volunteer program: tabled.

5. Advertising: this needs attention. Do we hire someone? Call for proposals? We will wait for Ken to report on this next meeting.
6. Terry is in need of feedback from the board re the criteria for Volunteer of the Year. **ACTION: all**

3. Treasurer's Report for October/November 2025

Paul's report is attached as of October 31. Basically, we are more or less on track and doing slightly better than last year at this time. (Bonspiel expenses have been properly categorized this year) Moved (Janet/Jim) that the report be received. Carried.

Other financial items:

1. Letters of credit:
2. Gaming grants: the juniors and little rockers need to spend this money. ACTION: Glen to ask Linda Kazulin and Shannon
3. Repayment schedule to city: Glen sent this proposed schedule to the board. Moved: (Paul/Andrew) That the Board agree to repay the debt owed to the City of Maple Ridge for rent per the attached schedule (see at bottom of minutes). Carried.

4. Other business

Derek Seaton sent the board a suggestion for a trial of a Triples league. Discussion ensued. The board decided a four-pack towards the end of the year on a Monday night would be a good trial.

The Board adjourned the meeting and then went in camera to discuss management payment.

Next meeting: Thursday December 11 @ 7:30 pm

Adjournment: 8:18 pm

GEWC MANAGERS REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: NOV 17, 2025

FACILITY UPDATE / CITY RELATIONS

1. Insurance policy for the club has been completed for this season. Thx to Glen, Eric and Dean for getting the required information in.
2. Upper lounge patio is closed until the city repairs the glass panes that require fixing as they are not secure. To be addressed this week.

3. Pepsi machine has been removed from the club. An advertising tv will be going up in this place (TV donated by Dean and Shannon)

4. Dean and Shannon also donated an upright freezer which is in the liquor storage room.

5. The ice shed dehumidifier that was installed at the start of the season has been a big plus. Humidity levels are more regulated, resulting in cleaner ice conditions, less frost and clear window viewings at the start of the season.

GEWC VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - - -

Catalogue continues to be added to, and volunteers are signing up for tasks.

Corey Hodges has been tracking and refunding those that have completed their 6 hours

Management will be looking to create a "how to" binder to assist volunteers in completing certain tasks. This binder will reside in the lower lobby outside the office.

BONSPIELS

King Cash – Oct 16-19 -

Event was another success. - -

8 women's and 14 men's teams participated.

Derek Seaton took the lead in the streaming portion of the event, also commentary was done on a select few games. Was well received.

ONE DAY STICK SPIEL – Nov 7 -

Organized by Mel Zemliak - -

Lots of experience and gains from putting this on

Interest for another one this season, possibly in the New Year.

SCOTTISH FRIENDSHIP TOUR – Nov 14 -

Janet to report on.

Ladies Spiel – November 15/16th -

18 teams. Mary Dyk and Peggi McGillivray organized and did a great job.

GEWC Managers Report – Nov 17, 2025

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GEWC MANAGERS REPORT

Upcoming events before Xmas: -

GEWC Haney Masters Spiel – Nov 21-23rd -

JUNIOR BONSPIEL – Dec 5-6th

RENTALS/ BOOKINGS

Lounge Rentals

Rentals continue to come in for the upper lounge.

Corporate on-ice rental scheduled for Dec 12th and Dec 14th.

Discover Curling School Program

Fully booked for the season. Such a popular club initiative, with a bigger volunteer base for this program we could fill another day per week, however currently we are at the max based on volunteer availability.

OSS Group

Annual rental, scheduled for Nov 29th 12-2pm. Need volunteers!!!

Practice Ice

Practice ice continues to be utilized. Online booking system appears to work well.

Little Rockers

One more week left in our 4-week session. Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 and 18th.

Only 6 attendees, will try for another session in the New Year.

GEWC Board of Directors Briefing Note

DEBT REPAYMENT TO CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE

Briefing Note: BN-082025

Date: October 23, 2025

Discussion: For information For Decision

Submitted By: Board of Directors, President -Glen Shipp

Issue Golden Ears Winter Club owes the City of Maple Ridge (CoMR) \$35,808. This debt is an obligation for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2016, March 31, 2017, and March 31, 2018. This financial obligation is laid out in the club's Operating Agreement with the CoMR.

Recommendation

That Golden Ears Winter Club (GEWC) undertake arrangements to settle this debt. (See Appendix A for the payment schedule)

Background GEWC obligation is laid out in the Operating Agreement between the CoMR dated September 1,1999 and continued in the renewed agreement dated September 1, 2020. The initial agreement in Article 1 (r) states that ¹rent means:

- (i) \$10.00 per year payable on or before the 15th day of November in each year of the term. This sum is considered rent/ or user a fee; plus
- (ii) 50% of the Operating Surplus, which is any amount in excess of \$10,000 annually for each fiscal period, to be paid to the Municipality on or before the date that is 60 days after the end of the Fiscal Period, the first such payment to be made after the end of the fiscal period.
- (iii) Article 1(m) defines operating surplus and defines the annual limit to a contribution to the ²Capital Reserve (CR) of \$10,000 annually to a total CR limit of \$100,000.

In 2010 and subsequent years, GEWC was experiencing serious financial difficulty and when GEWC could not pay money owed to the CoMR for items like utilities etc., CoMR forgave the GEWC a total of \$111,930.

The Debt The debt that GEWC currently has with the CoMR is for past rent that the club did not pay the city and is recorded as follows:

In 2016 the GEWC's financial statement for the year ended March 31, 2016, reported to the CoMR a total surplus of \$59,665.

The rent due calculation from the CoMR is as follows:

Total surplus	\$59,665.00
Less to capital reserve	³ \$23,000.00
Amount subject to rent	\$36.665.00
Rent 50%	\$18,332.50

¹ Rent also known as a "user fee", is money owed to the CoMR if there is a monetary surplus at the end of the fiscal year. Rent is calculated as 50% of the annual surplus after any contribution to the capital reserve.

² The Capital Reserve is funded by any annual surplus in a fiscal year up to \$10,000 annually

³ In a letter dated August 26, 2021, the CoMR granted GEWC a variance to add an additional \$13,000 to the CR

The financial statement for the year ended March 31, 2017, reported a surplus of \$29,705. The transfer to the capital reserve was \$10,000. The CoMR calculated the rent as follows:

Total surplus	\$29,705.00
Less to capital reserve	\$10,000.00
Amount subject to rent	⁴ \$ 9,705.00
Rent 50%	\$ 4,852.50

The financial statement for the year ended March 31, 2018, reported as surplus of \$45,943. The CoMR calculated the rent as follows:

Total surplus	\$45,943.00
Less to capital reserve	⁵ \$20,000.00
Amount subject to rent	\$25,943.00
Rent 50%	\$12,971.50
Total rent payable	\$36,156.50

Appendix A

Payment Schedule

Payment Date	Amount
December 31, 2025	\$3156.50

⁴ In a letter dated August 26, 2021, the CoMR reduced the value subject to rent by \$10,000

⁵ In a letter dated August 26, 2021, the CoMR granted GEWC a variance to add an additional \$10,000 to the CR

March 31, 2026	\$3000.00
June 30, 2026	\$3000.00
September 30, 2026	\$3000.00
December 31, 2026	\$3000.00
March 31, 2027	\$3000.00
June 30, 2027	\$3000.00
September 30, 2027	\$3000.00
December 31, 2027	\$3000.00
March 31, 2028	\$3000.00
June 30, 2028	\$3000.00
September 30, 2028	\$3000.00
Total	\$36,156.50
