

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

May 21, 2026

APPROVED

In Attendance: Meeting was held at the Golden Ears Winter Club

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

Management team: Dean and Shannon Joannis

Regrets: Jay Wakefield, Ken Madu

Chair: Glen Shipp

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:06

The agenda was approved (Jim/Vince).

1. Approval of Minutes

The April minutes were approved as written. (Jim/Eric).

2. Action items from last meeting

a. Volunteer of the year. Discussion continued from the last meeting. For this year, the board would like to recognize Doug Patterson, who recently passed away, for his service to the club. Andrew will approach his wife, Verna, to confirm this is ok with her. Suggestions included a bursary in Doug's name for coaching support. Next year, a small committee will decide on a Volunteer of the Year. **ACTION: Andrew**

Doug's memorial will take place at the club on June 13. Shannon will inform the members via email.

3. Management team report

Attached below. Discussion on grants followed.

The Gaming grant was submitted today, the same one as we received last year. We should hear the results in August or September. The Senior grant mentioned: we will not apply for this. It seems the new criteria emphasizes only seniors, which would make us ineligible. The Capital Project Grant: Dean and Andrew will meet on this topic, and a decision will be made after that whether we will apply. **ACTION: Dean and Andrew**

The Curl BC fee is going up by \$2. The report was received as submitted. (Vince/Paul)

4. Treasurer's report

Paul submitted an end-of-year report to the board. This is an in-house report as the accounting firm we used previously has retired. The board reviewed this carefully. No serious issues were identified, and the board is satisfied that it can be sent to the membership prior to the AGM. (Terry/Vince). Moved and carried. **ACTION: Shannon**

The Budget Committee will decide on which accounting firm will be hired next year.

5. Committee reports

a. Bonspiel committee: the Summer Spiel will take place on Sep 12-13. They will need a poster and volunteer call-out soon. **ACTION: Andrew/Shannon**

b. Strategic Plan: Jim will present this at the AGM.

c. Nominating committee: One person (Jack Stadel) has expressed an interest in joining the board; likely there will be more from the floor. Shannon will send another reminder via email. **ACTION: Shannon**

6. New business

a. Golden Ears Winter Club will send a delegation to Maple Ridge Council, probably in the fall. Mayor Dan Ruimy has agreed to this. The purpose is simply to explain who we are and keep our club in the minds of council. The delegation will be chosen later.

b. League fees: Motion: That league fees be increased by 3% to keep up with inflation. (Terry/Paul) Carried.

Next meeting: AGM June 19 @ 7 pm at the GEWC upstairs lounge

Adjournment: 8:06 pm

GEWC MANAGERS REPORT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: May 21, 2026

FACILITY UPDATE / CITY RELATIONS / CLUB UPDATE

Ball Hockey has been actively using the facility; a small pause brought in Home Show for the week of April 25-May 6th.

Some damage was caused by the High School Ball Hockey league in the women's change room. Shannon is obtaining quotes on cost to fix the 3 damaged lockers. Shannon has prompted the city for summer payments, but as usual things on that end are slow to come in.

GRANTS 2025

Gaming Grant Final Report successfully completed and submitted. Thank you, Glen, for your help with this. 2026 Gaming Grant will be submitted by week's end; Sarah Mah and Shannon have been working through the details. Thank you to Paul, Glen, Eric and Dean for your help throughout the process.

Two other upcoming Grants identified (do we want to pursue either?): 1. The federal New Horizons for Seniors Program grant. They've increased the funding level to \$50,000 (from \$25,000). The NHSP projects must address at least one of the program's objectives:

- promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations;
- engaging seniors through the mentoring of others;
- expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
- supporting social participation and the inclusion of seniors; and
- providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and programs for seniors.

Previous successful projects have included one-off programs as well as facility renovations. The intake isn't open yet.

2. A Capital Projects Grant has been announced. The window will open on July 17 and close on August 31. This grant provides up to \$250,000 for major projects that benefit the local community. Projects must fall into one of four categories: facilities, community infrastructure, acquisitions, or repatriation. Projects must also have a total cost between \$20,000 and \$1,250,000. Matching funds must be provided by the applicant organization.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Management attended a meeting at Royal City Curling Club with all other managers in the Lower Mainland. All clubs circulated their bonspiel events for the season to ensure there was no overlap between neighbouring clubs.

See below for GEWC Events for the 2026/2027 Season:

EVENTS DATES

Open Summer Spiel Sept 12-13, 2026

Open House Sept 19, 2026

One Day Stick Spiel Oct 16, 2026

GEWC Ladies Spiel Nov 14-15, 2026

Haney Masters Spiel Nov 20-22, 2026

King Cash WCT Event Nov 26-29, 2026

BCJCT Spiel Dec 4-6, 2026 – Friday night league will curl

High School Zones Jan 2027 TBC

Open Doubles Spiel *One Day Event* - February 6, 2027

One Day Stick Spiel Feb 19, 2027

GEWC Open Spiel Mar 6-7, 2027

Year End Wrap Mar 20, 2027