

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

June 25, 2025

APPROVED

In Attendance: Meeting was held via Zoom

Glen Shipp; Ken Madu; Jay Wakefield; Janet Dunkin; Terry Hawley; Jim Cottingham, Andrew Watsyk; Eric Samuelson

Regrets: Shannon and Dean Joannis, Management team

Chair: Jay Wakefield

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:02

1. Approval of Minutes

The AGM draft minutes will be sent to the board shortly; the minutes of May's meeting will be sent to the new board members and approved at the next meeting. **ACTION: Janet**

2. Discussion items:

a. Jay welcomed the new board members. Discussion followed on who would fill positions for this season.

Result:

President: Glen Shipp

Vice-President: Andrew Watsyk

Treasurer: Paul Dunkin

Secretary: Janet Dunkin

Others will serve as members-at-large

b. Vince Hodges has expressed a wish to serve on the board. He has submitted a history and has served on a board before. He has been sent a copy of the Bylaws and Societies Act (by Ken). Moved: Ken/Jay That Vince Hodges be added to the Board of the Golden Ears Winter Club. Carried.

c. Fees and volunteer program

Shannon and Eric had been working on a briefing note (the new way Manager's report will be structured) about this, recommending a 3% fee increase across the board. Andrew and Glen

have also seen this, and it was felt that more analysis is required. Glen explained that parity among rates is necessary, ie a fee per game. The Masters have been paying the least; will this add to the need for a 3% increase? Numbers need to be run.

In most clubs, day leagues pay less than “premium” or night leagues but paying the same fee per game would change this.

A 10% increase in bar and food sales is needed.

Little Rockers and Discover Curling will have a small increase. Note: in comparing our fees with that of other clubs, ours are either lower or equal. A final decision needs to be made soon.

ACTION: all

Volunteer program

Corey Hodges will be coordinating the program this year. The bonspiel committee will be recruiting people to volunteer to run spiels.

The rate of volunteerism dropped 5% this past year. 156 people opted to not do any volunteer work.

This will be better tracked this season. Jay will discuss this with Corey and get back to the board as to what the volunteer fee would look like this year. **ACTION: Jay**

d. AGM debrief

It was generally felt that the AGM went well, and attendees seemed pleased.

Janet will be sending draft minutes around shortly; she read out the items that need further information. Most are in progress or have been answered.

e. Other items that arose from AGM debrief

Minutes access:

Ken pointed out that we need to restrict minutes and financial information to members only on our website. Jay will investigate how to do this. **ACTION: Jay**

Curling IO: Andrew wished to have access to Curling IO (not to have control only access). Discussion followed. Moved: Jay/Eric That Paul and Andrew have enquiry access to Curling IO. Carried. **ACTION: Andrew** (Note: others that have access include Shannon, Eric, Ann Marie and Fran)

Items for next meeting’s agenda: (Glen will add)

Training for new board members; using Curling IO; running rentals; Curl BC Coaching program to run here (?); should we change banks? **ACTION: Glen**

6. Eric filled in Terry and others on latest news re management health and family issues.

f. **Management contract:** this must wait until the strategic plan is in place.

h. **Signing Authority:** Terry, Glen, Ken and Paul have authority for cheque signing. Janet will come off. Paul will get the paperwork from Prospera going. **ACTION: Paul**

i. **Cameras:** Derek and Trevor Nisbet will be dealing with camera installation after the dehumidifier is installed in August (as the cherry picker will be there). Dean will also be involved in this (he usually uses the equipment to clean/attach things then). Paul will reach out to Derek. **ACTION: Paul**

Next meeting: Wednesday July 9 @ 7 pm in the GEWC upstairs lounge

Adjournment: 8:40 pm