

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

September 3, 2025

APPROVED

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

Glen Shipp; Janet Dunkin; Jay Wakefield; Paul Dunkin; Vince Hodges; Ken Madu; Terry Hawley; Andrew Watsyk

Regrets: Jim Cottingham

Management team rep : Eric Samuelson

Chair: Glen Shipp

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:00 pm

The agenda was approved unanimously (Paul/Andrew).

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of August 10 were approved (moved by Terry, seconded by Vince).

2. Action items from last meeting

- a. Food has been ordered for the bonspiel.
- b. The website registration date has been updated.
- c. The increase of the Visa card to \$10,000 is underway.

3 . Manager's report

As attached and received (moved Andrew/Vince)

Discussion on the following:

- a. Eric suggested that LED lights replace the current ballast lights. This was discussed later in camera.
- b. Eric suggested donating space to the Canadian Blood Service to run a blood clinic every 2-3 months downstairs. No decision was made on this at this time. The Board will revisit this topic.
- c. Curl BC does not give any assistance with grant writing. Eric will send the board information on this topic and decisions will be made afterwards. **ACTION: Eric**

3. Treasurer's Report for September 2025

There is nothing to report as monies are still coming in. Discussion followed on a float for bonspiel organizers. What process is best? This will be an action item for the next meeting.

The new cheque signers are almost ready to go, just waiting for one more person to send info to the bank. It should be done within the next week.

4. Strategic plan

Terry, Ken and Vince will form a committee to look at the draft, which Eric said is "short on KPIs". **ACTION: Terry, Ken, Vince**

5. Bonspiel committee

The committee reported all is under control for the coming summer spiel.

6. Other

- a. A letter was received from an anonymous Friday night curler. The coordinator will get a copy so they are aware. No action is needed other than that.
- b. Pro shop proposal: Andrew proposes to increase the offering of branded apparel in the pro shop. This would include a secondary logo, which Andrew showed the board. He will take on the cost of the purchase and preparation of the logos as well as the apparel. This would include t-shirts and baseball caps. These items would essentially be on consignment, as it were. Discussion followed.
Moved (Terry/Jay) That the Board of directors approve the introduction of a secondary logo and other apparel to be supplied to the pro shop for a period of one year. Approved with Andrew abstaining.

Adjournment: 8:18 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 pm

GEWC MANAGERS REPORT – Sept 3, 2025

Facility Update / City Relations

This year's phase of the ice shed camera system is complete with the exception of a few cables, mic, camera stand and headphones still to purchase for the broadcast setup. All the "heavy lifting" has been completed by in-house volunteers and Dean. Old equipment was removed from the rafters and new cameras were added to the four middle sheets for broadcasting.

Special thanks to Jose Viveiros (former GEWC curler) who fabricated and painted metal standards that are affixed to the back of the scoreboards. His craftsmanship is impressive and greatly appreciated.

Derek Seaton and Trevor Nisbet left no stone unturned as they teamed up to trouble shoot all the logistics involved to carefully install all the components and complete the project on schedule. Well done gents - great teamwork!

Shout out goes to Terry Hawley for getting the storage room re-organized.

Modern Niagara finished replacing the lights/ballasts in ice shed.

New Furniture is all set up in the lower lobby.

Ice install continues to be on schedule.

Siding to our front entrance stairway was damaged and has since been repaired by the city.

New dehumidifier is up and running and working well

Eric's friend Dennis continues to offer repair services for free; he has fixed the men's washroom stall and will be fixing the green benches in the ice shed, making them safer.

GEWC Volunteer Program

Catalogue is out and volunteers are signing up for tasks.

League Registration

277 Curlers Registered as of Sept 2

A lot of Masters. Day Ladies, Tues night men's curlers still to register

Shannon sent an email to league coordinators asking them to reach out to teams from last season prompting them to register asap.

Lindsay Shannon has offered her time on Friday Sept 5 (10-2), at the club, for those that require a little extra help with registering. An email went out to the curlers advising them of this.

Bonspiels

All bonspiels with registration links are up on the website.

Our bonspiels are all listed on the events section of the CurlBC website with links to enter.

A poster of all our events at GEWC is being created by the help of Sleeman's (free of charge) to be hung at our club and other curling clubs in the Lower Mainland. Note – we are also creating additional posters that hopefully will be ready in time for our Open House, to be used as “takeaways” pertaining to our LTC, Junior and Little Rockers Programs.

Summer Spiel – Sept 6/7th

Full at 24 teams

Andrew and Eric to speak on

Update – Haney Masters Spiel dates – we had it originally slated for Nov 28-30th, which was incorrect, the dates are Nov 21-23

Club Coach Clinic – Eric to report on