

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

December 19, 2023

APPROVED

In Attendance: Meeting was held via Zoom

Glen Shipp; Janet Dunkin; Jason Peckham; Paul Dunkin; Jay Wakefield

Regrets: none

Managers: Dean and Shannon Joannis

Chair: Jason Peckham

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:06

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of November 2 were approved as amended. Moved: Glen/Paul

2. Treasurer's Report for December 2023

See below

There is as yet no financial statement until the new bookkeeper brings everything up to date. Barb Rogers will start in early January.

The CEBA loan is due on January 18, unless the government changes the date again. A decision on repayment of this will be made by January 9. **ACTION: Jason, Paul**

3. Manager's report

GEWC MANAGERS REPORT – Dec 19, 2023

City Relations/Facility Update

On Nov 11th during an upper lounge rental here at the club, an attendee at the event fell on the outside steps leaving the club. Shannon has had several conversations with the mother of this elderly woman, and informed the city of this incident and the lack of lighting we have in our front entrance. A request for the city to look into this asap has been made.

Lights in the east parking lot have been repaired; however, they appear to be on a timer that is not on an accurate schedule for our needs. The city has been contacted to adjust timing cycle.

Overhead camera project

Ongoing (Dean, Jason, and Shannon) – Jason to speak to

Volunteer Initiative

127 members have been refunded their volunteer fee thus far. With the help of Darshan Andrews and Ann Marie Orser we have created a spreadsheet with details on tasks completed, number of hours etc. Volunteer tasks are being added on a weekly basis to the catalogue, still lots of hours for people to sign up to fulfill their 5 hours and get their refund.

Bonspiels

Ladies Spiel

16 teams participated in our Ladies bonspiel, really great event, tons of work went into it. Room for this event to grow next year, we had some new coordinators and volunteers with their hands in the clay.

Men's Spiel

Cancelled due to lack of registration.

Open House – Dec 9th

We signed up 3 new curlers so that was a success. Lots of new volunteers came out to support the day. Will look to move this a few weeks earlier to increase numbers as the traffic was pretty light for the day.

Rental Groups

Lots of rentals to date, still lacking support/lead instructors for these bookings, Shannon is still running all of them as the lead instructor.

Discover Curling School Program

Been busy busy! Lots of school groups in the first half of the season. Jan/Feb is booked solid!

Cornhole league

Going well, extra revenue generation on Monday nights. It has paired well with the Monday night league in terms of sharing the lounge. They are loving the space. Looking to continue into the New Year.

New for the 2024 season

Looking to bring back our Fab Friday 4-pack league on the back ice provided there is interest.

4 Pals – 4 Weeks – 4 Fun – 4 Games – Cost \$40/4weeks

Will be promoting on social media

Volunteer Appreciation Day

When/What – need to pick a date and get it in the calendar.

Social Media

Had a member express interest in assisting with social media posts with a more pro-active approach to getting content out on our Facebook page. Also looking to re-engage our Instagram account.

1. Discussion: perhaps moving the men's spiel to January might help as there was little interest in the December date this year.
2. A volunteer appreciation day in February: The 10th, time to be determined.
3. Someone has indicated a willingness to help with grant writing.
4. The social media volunteer is doing a great job on Instagram and Facebook

4. Action items

1. Management contract: a clause will be added that states: "board approval must be obtained for any non-budgeted operating expenditures over \$2500."
2. Little rocks: \$5000 of grant money has been allocated to this purchase, which has been made but not yet delivered. Invoicing will occur once they have arrived.
3. The video cameras are now pointing at the far houses as a stop-gap measure. The cameras will be raised up one beam in the off season. There is also a glitch that splits a screen into four sections. Overall, the technology seems sound. We will have opportunities for broadcasting, advertising and so on. ACTION: Jason to follow up
4. Food menu: the graphic designer will work on the menu above the bar, hopefully in early January. Cost is \$200-300.
5. Fund raising possibility: a professional fund-raising company suggests a poker tournament. This will be discussed in more detail at the next board meeting.
6. As Gord has moved away, his seat on the board is now vacant.

Next meeting: January 18 at 7:30 pm

Adjournment: 8:15 pm

Treasurer's Report – December 19, 2023 – Re: November 30, 2023 Internal Statement Financial results

The financial statement for the period from April 1 through November 30, 2023, representing eight months of the 2023/2024 fiscal year is attached. There is no income statement as our bookkeeping is not yet up to date but should be within the next several weeks as the new (old) bookkeeper comes on board. Barb Rogers was the bookkeeper prior to Jim and is now able to fit us in to her client list. The balance in our operating account at November 30, 2023 was \$136,947. Our term deposits consist of a 1-year cashable deposit of \$25,000 at 3.0% maturing March 21, 2024, as well as two cashable deposits of

\$2,500 each at 3.1% maturing October 12, 2024. The repayable portion of our CEBA loan (\$40,000) is also invested in a cashable GIC bringing total term deposits to \$70,153.

On the liabilities side of the balance sheet, the accounts payable and accrued liabilities consist primarily of the loan payable to the City of Maple Ridge of \$35,808. The balance consists of trade payables and utilities. The CEBA loan payable of \$40,000 is due on January 18, 2024.