

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

January 18, 2024

APPROVED

In Attendance: Meeting was held via Zoom

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

Managers: Dean and Shannon Joanisse

Chair: Jason Peckham

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:34

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 19 were approved as written (moved by Glen, seconded by Paul). Carried.

2. Treasurer's Report for January 2024

Paul, Glen and Barb will meet next Thursday to finish setting up the bookkeeping practice. As Jim had had difficulty getting IO and Square to talk to each other, perhaps a return to previous ways of doing this is in order. They expect to be caught up in the next couple of weeks. The report is attached at the bottom. The other report is attached separately.

Shannon will generate a report tomorrow and Paul or Glen will pay the PST/GST including the overdue ones.

We are still waiting for the city to settle on a repayment schedule for our outstanding rents.

ACTION: Shannon and/or Jason to meet with Tony from the city.

3 . Manager's report

GEWC MANAGERS REPORT – Jan 18, 2024

City Relations/Facility Update

Working with City to improve the front entrance stairway lighting. Management has sent a descriptive video of the concerns and solutionsstill waiting on city's response.

Our strong relationship with the Ice King rep continues to pay dividends. We have been using a demo machine for the past 6 years. This scraper has now been sold, and we are receiving a new machine early next week to use free of charge.

Bookkeeper

Barb Rogers is coming back as GEWC's bookkeeper.

Thursday morning a Zoom meeting is scheduled with: Barb, Paul, Jim (old bookkeeper) and Shannon to discuss where the books currently are and how we move forward with Barb in the position.

Bonspiels

Open Doubles Spiel – Jan 20th

Full with 24 teams.

Open Spiel – Feb 24/25th

Committee has been established. Theme is Pool Party. So far 15 teams have registered.

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

Jan/Feb/March is booked solid! No more room for bookings.

Pathfinders/Scouts/Cubs bookings

These are evening sessions; we have enlisted some of our Junior Curlers to run these sessions and the junior instructors will be compensated.

Cornhole league

Cornhole players continue to come in on Monday night. We have seen increased bar sales, and have now opened Thursday evenings for approx a dozen of them to come in, setting up two boards and practicing, resulting in increased bar sales also for this night.

Cornhole would like to run their Prov and National tournament at our club out on the dry floor. Dates are: July 5-6th Provs, Aug 14-18 Nationals.

The July dates will require discussions with Ball Hockey

The August dates means we would need to delay curling or not host the Summer Spiel.

*** Shannon to discuss further details during the board meeting

Fab Friday 4-pack: Feb 2, 9, 16, 23rd

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

We have some interest in February, hopefully with continued social media and word of mouth we will get the back ice full for Feb.

Social Media

You will see an uptick in social media posts, thanks to member: Del Fathi

Little Rockers Program

A couple of members have said they are willing to help run a Little Rockers Program. Will require someone to help them with delivery of initial content but once they are comfortable, they can run with the program on their own. Looking at advertising a 4-week program – Cost is \$40/little rocker. Dates: Feb 15, 22, 29, Mar 7th. Once I have final confirmation from these volunteers we will begin to advertise.

Upcoming Clinic

Management will be running a clinic Feb 4, 12:30 - 4:00pm.

1. Delivery - Balance, Timing, Release
2. Sweeping - Why and How
3. Communication/Shot Management
4. Equipment overview
5. Q & A

Masters League

The masters league requested two more sessions of curling to complete their round robin/playoff schedule. Two Fridays have been chosen to do so; the club will be collecting from the Masters for these additional days.

Volunteer Appreciation Day (VAD)

Management sent out a communication piece/registration form for our VAD.

Feb 10th, 12-4pm

Further Action Items:

1. Send out invite and RSVP - **DONE**
2. Need budget for food and appreciation gifts
3. Have a "Thank you" slide show
4. Finger food and dessert
5. Give appreciation gift to each volunteer (gift card, drink ticket, signed thank you note from board?)
6. Board member to give presentation and thanks
7. Invite members to share their volunteering experiences.
8. Take a group picture of volunteers that show up post on social media

After some discussion, it was decided to move the summer spiel and start of the season up one week in order to host Cornholer nationals in August. This is a good cash payout for the club.

ACTION: Shannon to speak to them about this.

4. Action items from previous meeting

- a. Pharmasave Canada is looking to do a Friday September 6 event. Will this be possible?
- b. Two mums are willing to run the Little Rockers but need some guidance. Jay will connect after the provincials. **ACTION: Jay**
- c. Discussion followed around the Volunteer Appreciation Day on February 10. Some board members are needed to help, as it's to celebrate volunteers.
- d. There is a member who may be able to help with grant writing. Shannon will keep us posted on that one.
- e. If we are to host a big event next season, we need to find out what's available. **ACTION: Shannon will ask Curl BC**

Next meeting: February 15 7:30 pm

Adjournment: 8:48 pm

Treasurer's Report – January 17, 2024 –

Re: December 31, 2023 Internal Statement Financial results:

The financial statement for the period from April 1 through December 31, 2023, representing nine 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 bookkeeper, Barb Rogers, comes on board.

The balance in our operating account at December 31, 2023 was \$125,296. 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 was due on January 18, 2024. The CEBA loan was repaid on January 15, 2024, by cashing in the \$40,000 GIC. There was \$1,133 of interest earned on the GIC.