

# GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

November 2, 2023 (postponed from Oct 26)

## APPROVED

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In Attendance: Meeting was held via Zoom

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Jason Peckham; Janet Dunkin; Glen Shipp; Paul Dunkin

Managers: Dean and Shannon Joannis

Regrets: Gord Urquhart, Jay Wakefield

Chair: Jason Peckham

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

**Call to order: 7:18**

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## 1. Approval of Minutes

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The minutes of the meeting of September 28 were approved as amended (moved by Glen, seconded by Kathleen). Carried.

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## 2. Treasurer's Report for September 2023

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Paul reported that the various issues with the bank are slowly being sorted out. As of Oct 31, there was over \$159,000 in the bank.

Using Plooto to pay bills is proving to be somewhat difficult. Shannon suggested a meeting with Paul and Jim; Jason said he would also like to attend. **ACTION: Paul, Jason**

The insurance has been renewed under the same terms as last year.

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## 3 . Manager's report

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### **GEWC MANAGER'S REPORT – October 26, 2023**

#### City Relations/Facility Update

Murray Davison (Electrician and member of our club) continues to work on improving our electrical in the upper lounge, we have two new circuits in place near the pool table. Murray also moved some track lighting for the dart boards. Next step is electrical near the bar.

City is replacing the burnt-out lamp standards in the east parking lot.

Mirror in Men's washroom had to be replaced as the old one cracked when trying to remove the broken soap dispenser.

Dehumidifier occasionally times itself out, Dean continues to monitor it on a regular basis. No action at this time.

Back ice (shorter sheets) fully painted this season. We have had Discover Curling School groups accessing it already. This is the first time we have painted it post-Covid, it's been well received by the members and participants thus far.

#### Overhead camera project

Ongoing (Dean, Jason, and Shannon)

Discussion around this: the cameras need to be moved. Can this be done over Christmas break? Jason will meet with Dean and Shannon about this. **ACTION: Dean, Shannon, Jason**

#### Volunteer Initiative

Continues to be working well, many people are helping in various ways at the club.

#### Bonspiels

##### King Cash

Successful event, bar was busy all weekend, concession sold out of food on Sunday. Successful weekend once again. Saw many new faces come out and volunteer in areas such as 50/50, on ice help, concession.

##### Ladies Spiel

Coordinator has been secured. Committee is meeting on a regular basis. To date we have 12 teams registered.

##### Men's Spiel

Still need a bonspiel coordinator.

1 team registered thus far

#### Update – Coordinators for leagues

- Learn to Curl Coordinator – filled by Jim Cottingham.

#### Registration/Curling 10

Beginners/Novice League (Starts Oct 5<sup>h</sup>) - Registration still coming in.

40 registered curlers, last season we had 61. A handful have transitioned now into other leagues.

#### Curling Day in BC

Date – Saturday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.

Note - Already have a club rental that afternoon from 1-5pm. Do we want to do something that day? In the morning? Junior Curling is scheduled for that day...

**As the meeting was postponed one week, it was too late to put anything in place for this.**

Ann-Marie Orser is going to help with the tracking of the volunteer system. Overall, it's working well, except for rental groups and bonspiels, which still need more helpers. Very few complaints have been received by the board or management team.

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#### **4. Action items from previous meeting**

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- a. Jason wants to do a "status report". **ACTION: Jason**
- b. There will be an Open House on December 9; bring a friend. All are encouraged to come out and help.
- c. Our numbers are a bit down this year: 375 curlers, down from 401. This is mainly due to fewer Thursday Learn to Curl curlers. Anticipating an influx in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
- d. It was suggested that the Volunteer Appreciation Day not be tied into year end but be held at the end of February. Approved.
- e. Discussion around tournament seating as in the King Cash; it was decided that we will borrow seats from the city or rent some (as opposed to buying same).
- f. Club strategic plan: Does Curl BC have a template? Jason will ask Lindsay. **ACTION: Jason**  
We would like to set some goals by the end of the year.
- g. Curling pins that were donated: discussion ensued. Since these pins are not secured, the shadows boxes can be opened, and there is a concern regarding safety. It was suggested we reach out to Curl BC to see if they might want to showcase them somewhere. **ACTION: Shannon**
- h. The items that were removed from the walls for painting and are in storage: a committee needs to be struck to make decisions around these items, which will go up before next season begins. **ACTION: Shannon, all**
- i. The Senior Volunteer Fair was well attended; Flo and Ron Laxdale represented the club.

**Next meeting: Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 pm**

**Adjournment: 8:40 pm**