GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club July 07, 2026

APPROVED

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

Glen Shipp; Jim Cottingham, Andrew Watsyk; Vince Hodges; Jack Stadel; Miles McClenaghan

Management Team: unable to attend

Regrets: Ken Madu; Terry Hawley; Eric Samuelson; Paul Dunkin

Chair: Glen Shipp

Recording Clerk: Jim Cottingham

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

The attached agenda was approved. (Andrew/Vince).

3. Election of Officers

The following candidates were nominated for officer positions:

a. President – Glen Shipp
b. Vice President – Andrew Watsyk
c. Treasurer – Paul Dunkin
d. Secretary – Jim Cottingham

A motion to declare the above candidates elected by acclamation was moved by Miles and seconded by Andrew. The motion was carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

The May 21 minutes were approved as written. (Vince/Jack).

5. Receipt of Draft Minutes of 19 June 2026 AGM

Deferred to next meeting.

6. Management Team Report

The management team report was submitted by email prior to the meeting and is attached.

The board noted the contents of the report. Following discussion of Item 2 (Capital Projects Grant) a motion was put forward by Andrew and seconded by Miles to not apply for the Capital Projects Grant this year. The motion was carried.

7. Financial Update

Glen briefed the board that the Club will proceed with an RFP for both a compilation and a review. **ACTION: Glen and Ken**

8. Update to QuickBooks Online

Glen reported that the transition to a cloud-based version of QuickBooks is in progress.

9. Human Resources Committee Update

The Board members discussed the need for the HR Committee to follow up on the production of a new contract with the Management Team. **ACTION: Ken and Vince**

10. Bonspiel Committee Update

Andrew reported that preparations for the Summer Spiel are proceeding as expected.

Andrew reported that the Bonspiel Committee will shortly communicate the opportunities for club members to come forward as coordinators for the bonspiels scheduled in the coming season. **ACTION: Bonspiel Committee**

11. Strategic Plan

Jim reported that a Strategic Planning Committee has been formed with Jim, the Management Team and Lindsay Shannon. The Committee is planning to commence work shortly to review and update the plan for approval by the Board prior to the next AGM. **ACTION: Strategic Planning Committee**

12. Other Business

a. Capital Projects Grant – see item 6 above.

b. Volunteer Fee – The board discussed the need to develop policy to guide the Club’s administration of funds generated by the fee program. Andrew and Jim volunteered to form a sub-committee to develop a draft policy for Board approval. **ACTION: Andrew and Jim**

c. Electrical Upgrade to Lounge – The Board recognized that the inadequate electrical service in the lounge is hampering bonspiel activity and detracting from the Club’s ability to rent the space to outside users. The Board decided to direct the Management Team, upon their return, to approach City staff to investigate possible options to satisfy the requirements. **ACTION: Management Team**

d. Doug Patterson Legacy – Andrew and Jim will develop a plan for Board approval. **ACTION: Andrew and Jim**

13. Next Meeting

Next meeting: 18 August 2026 @ 7:00 pm at the GEWC upstairs lounge.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Golden Ears Winter Club

Board Meeting-Thursday, July 7, 2026

Upper Lounge – 7:00PM to 8:30 PM

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Election of Officer Positions
   a. President
   b. Vice-President
   c. Treasurer
   d. Secretary
4. Approval of Minutes of May-21, 2026, meeting.
5. Receipt of draft minutes of June 19-26 AGM

6. Management Report
7. Financial update
   a. RFP for new external accountant
8. Update to QuickBooks online.
9. Human Resources Committee Update
10. Bonspiel Committee Update
    a. Summer Spiel – September 12th & 13th
11. Strategic Plan
    a. Annual review process
12. Other business
    a. Other business

i. Discussion of potential Capital Projects Grant

13. Date of next meeting

14. Adjournment

GEWC MANAGERS REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: July 7, 2026

FACILITY UPDATE / CITY RELATIONS / CLUB UPDATE

City has paid us for April and May ball hockey fees.

Ball hockey is looking to conclude on July 19th, then boards will be removed July 20/21st, then Country Fest will move in from July 22-July 29th.

City upgrades to the facility are supposed to occur early August – still waiting for timeline around that.

GRANTS

Decision needs to be made around the below grant:

Capital Projects Grant. The application process starts July 17 and close on August 31.

This grant provides up to $250,000 for major projects that benefit the local community. Projects must fall into one of four categories: facilities, community infrastructure, acquisitions, or repatriation. Projects must also have a total cost between $20,000 and $1,250,000. Matching funds must be provided by the applicant organization.

BONSPIELS/REGISTRATION

All registration links for GEWCs bonspiels are up and active on the website.

Notice to the membership regarding the 1st spiel of the season (Summer Spiel) has gone out via email and social media.

Registration for leagues scheduled to be live the week of July 13th.

Corey Hodges has agreed to assist with the administration of the Volunteer Program again for the upcoming season. Work on the sign-up catalogue is in motion and will be shared with the membership soon