

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

January 15, 2026

APPROVED

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

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

Manager: Dean Joannis

Regrets: Jim Cottingham, Eric Samuelson

Chair: Glen Shipp

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:04

Agenda: moved to approve: Terry/Vince. Carried.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Dec 11, 2025: moved to approve as written: Vince/Ken Carried.

2. Action items from last meeting

1. City repayment of loan: the cheque is ready to be sent out for the first payment.
2. Advertising: Eric called six or seven agencies, but none were interested in anything but online campaigns. Mel has prepared 2 documents, and Glen will obtain these and distribute these to the board electronically as a draft. **ACTION: Glen**
3. Grant writing: Eric has contacted Sarah Mah re applying for grants. Curl BC is going to pay her a per hour fee, so we may be able to save money that way. **ACTION: Eric** to follow up.

3 . Manager's report

As attached below. Highlight: The city lighting people came today; it went well. They saw where the lights are that will need replacing. The whole ice surface will be much brighter. The ice shed also needs repainting...

4. Treasurer's Report for January 2026

Paul submitted a report to the board in PDF form, including a summary comparison of this year versus last year. Overall, we are doing slightly better. The volunteer fees: it is not clear if this is similar to last year. **ACTION: Glen** to ask Barb about this.

If we have a surplus, what is our wish list? Bar equipment? (the bar fridge is on its last legs, per Andrew). Video equipment? An advertising guru? A subcommittee was struck, consisting of Andrew, Eric and Dean to create such a list. **ACTION: Andrew, Eric, Dean**

Moved to receive financials: Andrew/Ken. Carried.

5. Committee reports

BONSPIEL COMMITTEE

The open spiel theme will be a BBQ theme; this is in progress. **ACTION: Andrew and the committee**

HR COMMITTEE

HR committee: Ken explained that the draft is in Dropbox. It includes a short summary, draft role descriptions for General Manager and Ice Technician and draft appendix on controls and decision rights. The goal is to have clear expectations and a repeatable structure for the future. All board members are asked to read this and send comments within two weeks. **ACTION: ALL**

6. New Business

- a. The suggested new triples league is tabled; perhaps next year.
- b. Strategic plan: a draft is in progress. **ACTION: Glen** to send the draft to the board.
- c. International Tankard: Last year's Volunteers of the Year (Jim and Eric) will be asked if they wish to go. **ACTION: Glen**
- d. We need a Nominating Committee in preparation for this year's AGM. Ken did this last year. **ACTION: Ken and another board member?**

Adjournment: 7:53

Next meeting: February 12 @ 7:30 pm

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: MANAGERS' REPORT

JAN 15/2026

FACILITY UPDATE / CITY RELATIONS • LED Lighting - on Jan 15, the city has 3 vendors visiting our site to produce quotes. This again, is for the entire facility including the parking lot.

- When Dean met with the city last summer at our facility to discuss “end of life” items - painting the ice shed walls and possibly new exterior doors were given some light. Although these are yet to be confirmed, the city has designated the first week of Aug 2026 to take care of such items.
- Roof leak - the back ice shed work area has had an ongoing roof leak, and the roofers have come 4 times to fix. The city has been very prompt at attending to this for us.
- Women's toilet in the lower lobby change room has been repaired.

UPCOMING BONSPIELS

High School Regionals – Jan 30/31st 3 draws a day, this is an annual rental the club does.

One Day Doubles Spiel – Feb 7th Full at 24 teams!! Sandi and Andrew Jenkins are organizing the event with the help of the Bonspiel Committee

One Day Stick Bonspiel – Feb 20th 11 teams entered to date. Mel Zemliak is organizing again.

Open Spiel – Feb 28/Mar 1st Bonspiel Committee organizing this event. To date, 6 teams registered.

RENTALS/ BOOKINGS Lounge Rentals

- RMBHA – 3 upper lounge meeting rentals in the calendar.
- Empire Accounting (Feb 2nd) – Lounge and Ice Rental
- Whalley Chiefs (Feb 15th) – Lounge and Ice Rental

OLYMPIC OPEN HOUSE

When – Saturday, Feb 21st. 12-4pm Management is working on details, will be promoting on our social media channel, email and asking the paper to also help us get the word out.