

# GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

October 2, 2025

## APPROVED

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

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Glen Shipp; Janet Dunkin; Paul Dunkin; Jim Cottingham; Vince Hodges; Ken Madu; Terry Hawley

Regrets: Andrew Watsyk; Jay Wakefield

Management team rep : Eric Samuelson

Chair: Glen Shipp

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

### Call to order: 7:02 pm

The agenda was approved unanimously (Terry/Vince).

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## 1. Approval of Minutes

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The minutes of the meeting of September 3 were approved (moved by Terry, seconded by Vince).

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## 2 . Manager's report

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As attached and received (moved Terry/Vince)

Discussion on the following:

Briefing note re data collection: which data do we/should we collect? Suggestions included:

- where did Learn to Curl hear about it?

- where did juniors hear about it?

- If Learn to Curl didn't return, why not?

- what is your occupation? Are you willing to use your skills to help the club?

Jim and Eric will form a committee to come up with some ideas. Vince indicated he would help. Anyone can send ideas to Jim. **ACTION: all**

Eric explained that 2 people have done the coaching course and must volunteer a certain amount of hours helping instruct. We need more people to do this. Eric will keep a list and advertise again. **ACTION: Eric**

Lighting replacement: one email has been sent to the city. Further board discussion is needed before more contact with the city. This action would be of benefit to both us and the city. To be discussed at a later meeting.

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### 3. Financials for October 2025

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- a. Paul did not yet have the September financials. Barb will meet with Paul, Glen and Dean. She needs more information. **ACTION: Paul, Glen, Dean**
- b. bank needs to change the e-transfer procedure. Glen will do this (and loop Paul in) and take the burden off Shannon. **ACTION: Glen**
- c. Status of Letters of credit to Brewers Distribution and Liquor Distribution Branch: Glen will keep trying to get these. **ACTION: Glen**
- d. Sport grant of \$10,000: a report needs to be prepared. Glen to do this and send it to Paul. What to spend it on? Discussion followed but no decision was made.
- e. Repayment schedule of loan to City of Maple Ridge: Glen to prepare and send to Paul before next meeting. **ACTION: Glen, Paul**

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### 4. Other business

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- a. Curl BC has a Hit, draw, tap competition for juniors in March; our club could cover this expense. Linda Kazulin to be informed. **ACTION: Glen**
- b. Bonspiel committee: could this be a permanent committee? The Ladies, King Cash and Open have volunteers, but the Juniors' spiel does not yet.
- c. Mel Zemliak wants to do a stick spiel. He should approach Curl BC. Glen or Eric will speak to him.. **ACTION: Eric, Glen**
- d. January 31 is Curling in Canada Day.
- e. The Strategic Planning Committee and HR Committee said meetings are ongoing; nothing to report yet
- f. A suggestion that an exemption be allowed for curlers 90 and older re volunteer hours. The board agreed to this. Eric will work on working and send to Glen before the next meeting. **ACTION: Eric**
- g. A member has suggested providing a fully serviced coffee vending machine to be installed in the lower lobby. Discussion followed. The board decided against this. Eric will inform the member. **ACTION: Eric**
- h. Do we want to host the Scotties Girls Rock Event? Not this year.
- i. Scottish Ladies Tour: teams are now set, and the event is set to go on November 14.
- j. Advertising strategies: do we have any? A suggestion was made to have a letter available so anyone can use it to solicit advertising. Ken Madu has information and can redo a list. **ACTION: Ken**

- k. Grant writing: ask Sarah Prade (the grant writer) to find grants we could apply for. The Board will approve this expense. **ACTION: Eric**
- l. Do we want to host the Masters in February 2027? Discussion followed. Glen is to ask Dean and Shannon their thoughts before a decision is made by the board. **ACTION: Glen**
- m. Eric will be away from November 11 to early December. Dean will step in during this time.
- n. Volunteer of the year: what are the criteria? Terry will make a list and asks all to send her ideas. **ACTION: Terry, all**

Adjournment: 8:51 pm

Next meeting: Monday, November 17 at 7:00 pm

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## MANAGER'S REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: OCTOBER 2, 2025

### FACILITY UPDATE / CITY RELATIONS

1. We have acquired a quote from Luma Tech Solutions on lighting upgrades. A copy has been provided in the attachment. No discussion required at this time.
2. A review is being performed on time and costs associated with the club re-upholstering the lounge chairs. For information at this time.
3. Glen, Eric & Dean are currently reviewing and responding to the new insurance policy. A full review of the facility assets is in progress. We will also be seeking clarity on Executive, Management and Volunteer protection in the event of an accident.

### GEWC VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Catalogue is out and volunteers are signing up for tasks.

### LEAGUE REGISTRATION UPDATE

Monday Night Competitive League - **CANCELLED** not enough interest to run a league

- 6 teams in 2024/25 Season

Tuesday Day Ladies – 31 curlers, **up by 3 curlers**

- 28 curlers in the 2024/25 Season

Tuesday Night Men's – 11 teams, **down by 2 teams** (Team Fox might join which will make 12 teams)

- 13 teams in 2024/25 Season

Wednesday Night Open– 20 teams, **up by 2 teams**

- 8 teams in the 2024/2025 Season

Thursday Mix'Em Up League – 13 teams, **up by 3 teams**

- 10 in 2024/2025 Season

LTC Clinic #1 (Sept 18) - **28 people participated**    LTC Clinic #2 (Sept 25) – **17 people participate**

Beginners/Novice League (Starts Oct 3rd) - Registration still coming in. Currently **up by 5 curlers (39)**,

- 34 last season

Juniors – 24 curlers, **down by 6 curlers** (we have lost 3 coaches, Jr. Coordinator has requested we

close registration until we find more coaches)

- 30 Juniors in 2024/2025 Season

Friday – 18 teams, **up by 1 team**

- 17 teams in 2024/2025 Season

Sunday Open Doubles –16, **up by 4 teams**

- 12 teams in the 2024/2025 Season

Masters – 68 curlers, **up by 5 curlers**

- 63 curlers registered in 2024/2025 Season

## **BONSPIELS**

Posters for all bonspiels have arrived, posted at the club and distributed to all clubs in the Lower Mainland.

Summer Spiel – Sept 6/7th

Event was a great success. Eric and Andrew to speak to. Thanks to the work of the organizing committee

King Cash – Oct 16-19

We have 14 Men's teams and 8 Women's Teams. Draw currently being worked on.

Ladies Spiel – November 15/16th

The committee has been formed and are currently working on the Spiel. Registration is low at this time. Please spread the word.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

The Open House occurred on September 13<sup>th</sup>. 14 people attended 2 of the people who attended joined the Beginners League and 1 joined the Juniors program.

## **CLINICS**

### Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Stick Curlers Clinic

Facilitated by Dean, 8 members signed up for the clinic. Future training offerings are being considered.

## **COACHING**

Management has initiated a program to identify, assess and train coaches for the curling club. Without volunteer coaches and potentially compensated coaches, GEWC will not be able to grow the services that we offer to our community.

13 individuals expressed interest and 11 attended the first meeting. 2 members attended CurlBC training sessions on offered on September 20-21 & September 27-28. It was discussed that all members of this group will receive the training over time.

## **RENTALS/ BOOKINGS**

### Lounge Rentals

Year-to-date we have 6 bookings.

Next: Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> – Ridge Meadows Minor Hockey Association (0900-14:00)

### Discover Curling School Program

- We have 39 sessions already booked for the upcoming season.

### Practice Ice

Thank you to Jay for getting the practice ice schedule up and running and posted on the website for members to start booking

### Little Rockers

Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cost \$60 and will be sent out via email and put on social media.

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