

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

July 23, 2025

APPROVED

In Attendance: Meeting was held in the GEWC upper lounge

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

Management: Dean Joanisse (via Zoom)

Chair: Glen Shipp

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:02

Approval of agenda: Ken/Jim

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of July 9 were approved with amendments (moved by Andrew, seconded by Vince). Carried.

2 . Manager's report

GEWC MANAGERS REPORT – July 23, 2025 City Relations/Facility Update

Ball hockey boards coming out July 21/22

Walk thru with city/ball hockey scheduled for July 21st. Dean attending to determine potential repairs/painting that will be required.

Dean meeting with Derek Seaton – July 21st. Re/Overhead camera system

Country Fest is in facility from July 23-end of month.

Carpet cleaning happening Aug 7th

New Furniture arriving Aug 12th, assembly of furniture Aug 13th

Refrigeration will go on approx. Aug 19th. White painting scheduled for Aug 25th.

Ice will be ready for Summer Spiel – Sept 6/7th

League play will commence Monday, September 8th.

Ice shed lights/ballast replacement scheduled to be done prior to ice install. Will need to find vendor to complete the job.

City payments Received April and May payments from the city for ball hockey/rentals/operating agreement:

• April: \$ 13,073.70 • May: \$ 13,054.62

Shannon has reached out on status of June's payment.

GEWC Volunteer Program Shannon met with Corey Hodges back in May. She will be taking on more of a role in managing the signup.com platform this upcoming season for all volunteer tasks. She will work closely with bonspiel committee on volunteer needs. Action - Board to determine what the fee and hourly commitment will be for the program this upcoming season. Last season it was \$100 for 6 hours of time.

Registration and Events Lindsay Shannon has agreed to help with getting the Curling I/O pages ready to roll out the registration for the 2025/26 Season. Action – finalize fee amount, send to Lindsay. **Bonspiel registration pages still need to be created.

Management Update: Shannon is putting together a job posting looking for Curling Club Support for her position. This will be shared with the membership, and we will ask CurlBC to also socialize it on their social media channels. In a nutshell, looking for support for the start up of the season and potentially for the first half of the season. Goal is to get that out by the end of this week. Shannon will mentor/train this individual, mostly done remotely. Art of Curling will be responsible for paying this person.

Club Calendar of Events for the upcoming season:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE 2025/2026 SEASON EVENTS DATES

Open Summer Spiel Sept 6-7, 2025

Open House Sept 13, 2025

King Cash WCT Event Oct 16-19, 2025

GEWC Ladies Spiel Nov 15-16, 2025

Haney Masters Spiel Nov 27-29, 2025

BCJCT Spiel Dec 5-7, 2025 – Fri league will not be impacted

GEWC Men's Spiel *One Day Event* - January 17, 2026 (Tentative)

High School Zones Jan 2026 TBC

Open Doubles Spiel *One Day Event* - February 7, 2026

GEWC Open Spiel Feb 28-Mar 1, 2026

Year End Wrap Mar 14 or 21, 2026 – TBD with city.

Dean added two items: the bleachers seem to be missing; he will find out where they went. He will meet with Derek Seaton re camera install and scissor lift timing.

The Board will need an answer re temporary help by August 1.

3. Treasurer's Report for August 2025

Budget committee has met; this supersedes the normal treasurer's report. Glen explained that this was a first draft and assumed the same number of players as last year. The number of games was still to be determined. It was clear that increasing fees would be necessary to avoid a deficit.

The committee put forward six recommendations, and discussion followed. Motions were then put forward as follows:

1. Moved (Ken/Jay) that GEWC increase fees by 4% for the 2025-6 season; carried
2. Moved (Jim/Andrew) that day league fees increase by 20.5% (due to the fact that they have been vastly underpaying until now); carried
3. Moved (Andrew/Terry) that Discover Curling fees increase by 21%; carried.
4. Moved (Eric/Vince) that alcohol and food increase by 10% and that the pro-shop items increase by 5%; carried. (All carried unanimously)

The committee submitted an Excel spreadsheet of the budget to the board. Some discussion followed.

Moved: Eric/Paul That the budget for the 2025-6 season be approved. Carried.

4. Action items

Moved: (Jim/Terry) that the volunteer fee and hours remain the same as last year. Carried.

Next meeting: August 10 @ 7 pm at GEWC upper lounge

Adjournment: 8:26 pm
