

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

March 12, 2026

APPROVED

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

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

Regrets: Eric Samuelson

Management team: Dean Joannis

Chair: Glen Shipp

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:34 pm

The agenda was approved unanimously (Jim/Vince).

Special guest: Derek Seaton

Derek was invited to give information about the purchase of extra cameras and computers for the club. He explained that the extra cameras in question would be for sheets one and six (which don't currently have them) and a couple of extras on hand in case of failures. The cost would be about \$800 each including the mounts.

The original rationale for streaming capability was: 1. Hosting marquee events. 2. Enhancing the in-house experience. 3. Selling advertising. (note that #3 has not yet happened)

Jay gave feedback that as a competitive curler, he found streaming invaluable in the clubs in which he competes. Jim gave anecdotal feedback from curlers in our club, who state that they would also be in favour.

For permanent streaming capability, a separate computer system would be necessary. This would be more costly.

After Derek left the meeting, it was agreed to discuss this further. No decision was made at this time.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of February 15 were approved (moved by Jim, seconded by Vince).

2 . Action items

1. Memorabilia: ongoing
2. International Tankard: Terry Hawley and Joanne Keegan will attend. Moved: Jim/Vince That the club authorize a reimbursement of up to \$300 per player this year. (the amount will vary yearly, as the Tankard moves around). Carried.

2 . Manager's report

As attached and received (moved Ken/Jay)

New furnishings: Dean has done some research on this and submitted three options to the board. He believes that we can reuse some of the table bases and that the chairs we have downstairs would be a good fit for upstairs as well. They are comfortable and stackable.

The bases would be used with table tops as they are downstairs. His recommendation would be to do with option 1, a full update with new tabletops for some tables, ten all new tables and 120 chairs. The total would be \$16,435. Discussion followed.

This decision was tabled.

3. Treasurer's Report for March 2026

Paul submitted a report to the board (email and physical copies). As of the end of February, there is a surplus of about \$39,000. However, with utilities and management salary still to be paid, as well as other expenses (janitorial, year end accounting, bar etc), he projected a surplus of \$1000 to \$2000.

Discussion followed. Decisions will be made as to purchases at a future meeting.

Moved: (Ken/Andrew) that the report be received. Carried.

4. Other business: committees

- a. Bonspiel committee (Andrew reporting): The Open Spiel was successful with 18 teams participating and netting a profit of about \$1300. The club needs a few things; Andrew will make a list. **ACTION: Andrew**
- b. Strategic plan: Jim requested any last-minute edits be sent to him asap. **ACTION: All**
- c. Nominating committee: there will be at least 2 openings this year. Ken reported that discussions are ongoing with various people.

Other:

- a. Volunteer of the year: this needs to be decided by the next meeting. All suggestions should be given to Glen. **ACTION: all**
- d. The date of the AGM will be June 19.

Adjournment: 9:08 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday April 14 at 7:00 pm

GEWC MANAGERS REPORT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Mar 12, 2026

FACILITY UPDATE / CITY RELATIONS/CLUB UPDATE

Lighting - our facility is currently undergoing the full LED lighting transformation. Project is scheduled for completion March 27 with the ice shed lighting.

Roof leak persists - after five visits to fix, the heavy rain finally made its way into the same leak. I've reached out to the city again.

50k Grant - Ice Shed Wheelchair accessibility Project (Dean & Eric to Speak)

Year end spending - Dean to Speak

BONSPIELS One Day Stick Bonspiel – Feb 20th 20 teams participated, Mel Zemliak headed up the event once again. interest voiced to host two of these events next season. Management team has sat down with Mel to discuss.

Open Spiel – Feb 28/Mar 1st Bonspiel Committee organized this event. A lot of effort from key volunteers went into this event. The food was amazing. 18 teams attended. Andrew to speak to this.

OLYMPIC OPEN HOUSE Well, attended, we had 130 new curlers come and participate. Collected approx. 30 emails, sent an invite out for another "Come Try Curling" opportunity which will be March 16th. So far we have 12 people registered.

"Club Corner" TV: Early success with launching this communication platform. Considerations for adding a second TV in the opposite, east corner for next season.

Advantageous for promoting our advertising partnerships, upcoming events, and of course, celebrating our volunteers.

YEAR END WRAP/VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: When – March 21st, 10am – 2pm. Curling, Fun, Food and Recognition. Online registration sent out to the membership along with a sign up at the club.

On-Ice Rentals We have seen an influx of our on-ice rental groups this second half of the season. Since February, and with all the hype of the Olympics, we have booked in 8 user groups to come try curling (corporate groups, bday parties, firefighters)
