

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

December 11, 2025

APPROVED

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

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

Manager: Dean Joannis

Regrets: Andrew Watsyk

Chair: Glen Shipp

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:30 The agenda was accepted as presented (Jim/Vince)

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of November 17 were approved (Ken, Jim). In camera minutes were also approved (Paul/Jim).

2. Action items from last meeting

Glen is working on etranfers/ATF. Prospera is slow to help with this.

Letters of credit: in progress

Repayment to city schedule: Glen to send this to Barb. **ACTION: all Glen**

3. Manager's report

The managers' report is attached. Moved to receive: Jim/Vince

LED lights replacement: this looks like it'll get done when the ice comes out, and the city will pay.

4. Treasurer's Report for December 2025

Paul sent a report (as a PDF so not attached here). We are still showing a surplus, Paul explained. Some revenues from Square and IO are not yet in the bank, however.

Insurance was paid in November; coverage is up, and the amount is close to what was in the budget.

Paul confirmed we'll be able to figure out where we might be by the end of March.

The report was received (Terry/Jim). Carried.

5. Committee reports

Strategic plan: Ken has been away. Jim will be working with him on the data collection side.

HR: contract work is in progress **ACTION: committee members**

6. New Business

Volunteer exemption: see attachment at bottom. Moved that this be adopted: (Ken, Terry) Carried.

Advertising: Mel is giving a precis of how to get more advertising. Discussion followed. Eri will make some calls to some agencies to get quotes. **ACTION: Eric**

Grant proposals: Rick Hansen Foundation Barrier Busting Grant. It was decided to apply for this. Moved: (Terry/Jim) Carried. **ACTION: Glen to ask Sarah Prade**

Remind members via email to buy online 50/50 tickets to benefit our club. **ACTION: Glen** to ask Shannon/Dean to put on email

Next meeting: January 15 2026 @ 7 pm

Adjournment: 8:28 pm

GEWC POLICY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM EXEMPTION POLICY

Policy Number: P-022025

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Prepared By: GEWC Management Team

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to acknowledge and address the evolving needs of Golden Ears Winter Club (GEWC) members as our community continues to grow and mature. Many long-standing members are reaching an age where physical and cognitive challenges may limit their ability to actively participate in the club's volunteer program. Recognizing the significant contributions these individuals have made over the years, the club seeks to balance fairness, inclusivity, and respect for all members.

Accordingly, GEWC will consider both the health and well-being of its senior members, as well as their length of service and tenure—particularly those holding lifetime memberships—when assessing volunteer participation requirements. This approach ensures that the volunteer program remains sustainable while honoring the dedication and legacy of members who have supported the club throughout its history.

Scope:

This policy applies to all GEWC ¹“registered curlers”, ²“members” and ³“lifetime members”.

Guideline:

All curlers who register for curling (with the exception of lifetime members) are required to pay an annual fee for their volunteer hours. When they have completed their annual hours they are refunded their annual fee.

Registered curlers who fail to complete their volunteer hours will forfeit their fee and the club will place the money into general revenue. The following criteria has been established to determine who is eligible for exemption:

1. Any registered curler who is over the age of 85 years;
2. Any registered curler that suffers from a mental deficiency that prevents them from safely, independently or competently performing tasks that would allow them to complete the required hours. *An example would be memory loss or similar ailments;*
3. Any registered curler who suffers from a physical impairment that prevents them from safely, independently or competently performing tasks that would allow them to complete the required hours. *An example would sight loss or some form of paralysis; and/or*

¹ A registered curler is someone who pays for their curling annually, however, they have not paid the fee that makes them a member.

² A member is a curler who has paid the clubs membership fee which affords them certain privileges. i.e.. reduced fees and voting rights.

³ A lifetime member is someone who is bestowed the honour for years of service and dedication to GEWC.

4. Any other condition that has not been contemplated in criteria's 1, 2, or 3, can be brought forward by a registered curler for consideration for exemption.

Implementation Date:

This policy is in effect dated January 1, 2026

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: DEC 11, 2025

FACILITY UPDATE / CITY RELATIONS

1. Upper lounge patio has now been fixed by the city and is safe for patrons to use.
2. Fraser Health Inspector was in on Dec 3rd and met with Eric and Shannon, we passed another annual inspection with flying colors. Few minor items noted and have since been taken care of.
3. On Dec 3, city staff came in to do a review of the lights in our entire facility to begin the process of converting to LED. I also asked that lamp standards in the east parking lot be included. In further conversation with Mike Millward from facilities, he indicated it made sense to move into action at the end of this curling season with the ice shed LED conversion between ice removal and ball hockey start up. This will significantly lower our energy costs and reduce the frequency bulb and ballast replacement. To date, every light fixture in the entire facility has been counted, and now a process begins to determine what new products are to be installed, then approval from Hydro. Once approved, calculations begin, which also need to go to Hydro. After that the job goes out to tender for pricing. This project is currently in the inventory / early stages.
4. The city is also starting the process of getting trays custom fabricated to go under the ice shed heaters. Installation date unknown at this time.

BONSPIELS

Haney Masters Spiel: Another well attended event, 24 teams participated. The masters take on the organization of the event, volunteers were in place for concession over the weekend.

Jr. Bonspiel: The event was a huge success. 12 boys teams and 5 girls teams participated from across the province. Diane Dezura was the chair of the event this year, a big thank you for all her time and efforts.

REPORT RENTALS/ BOOKINGS

Lounge Rentals: A couple of corporate on ice rentals happening this week. We have a busy last week of league Xmas parties in the upper lounge

One rental over the holidays (Dec 27th), upper lounge.

CLUB CLOSURE – Christmas Break The last day of curling will be Dec 19th (Friday night league), league play will resume Jan 4th (Doubles league). Dean will perform his annual holiday ice maintenance over the Xmas break