

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

February 13, 2025

APPROVED

In Attendance: Meeting was held via Zoom

Jason Peckham; Janet Dunkin; Jay Wakefield; Paul Dunkin; Eric Samuelson; Pat Mellesmoen, Ken Madu

Managers: Dean and Shannon Joannis

Chair: Jason Peckham

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:02pm

The agenda was approved.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Jan 16 were approved (moved by Paul, seconded by Ken).

2 . Manager's report

As attached. Discussion on the following:

- a. Master's Provincials: the preparations are going well. Modern Niagara has come on board as a sponsor and donated \$2000.
- b. Re International Tankard: we need a policy for a Tankard stipend. Discussion followed. Motion: that a \$500 per person stipend be given by the club to a person attending the International Tankard from our club. This amount will be reviewed yearly, as the location changes every year. Note: this amount includes the entry fee which was \$125 this year. Moved: Jason, seconded: Pat. Approved.
- c. Shannon added that an organizer for the Open Spiel still has not been found. Ken and Jason said they would find someone to organize both this and the windup on March 15. **ACTION: Ken/Jason**

3. Treasurer's Report for February 2025

The report for January and February was submitted. At this time there is a projected surplus of \$25,000.

Sidebar: Shannon reported that about 12 people still have not paid their fees in full. Ken will speak to Shannon tomorrow and help her with this. **ACTION: Shannon/Ken**

4. Action items

- a. Jason will attend the information meeting on March 5. **ACTION: Jason**
- b. Video updates: Jason said he will get a working group for this. **ACTION: Jason**
- c. VISA approval: not yet done **ACTION: Jason**
- d. VISA limit increase: in progress **ACTION: Paul**
- e. Security cameras: not yet done **ACTION: Ken**

Adjournment: 8:13 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 pm

GEWC MANAGERS REPORT – Feb 13, 2025

City Relations/Facility Update

- Freezer in upper lounge officially dead. Needs to be disposed of (anyone have a truck?). Will need to look at replacing this item before year end.
- Update from city re/ Dehumidifier replacement. Shipment date is June 15 for the new unit, install sometime in July. We have reiterated that our ice installation occurs first week of August so new unit needs to be in and working by then.
- City announcement of two new ice sheets, see article below:

<https://www.mapleridge.ca/news/maple-ridge-council-plans-two-new-ice-sheets-albion-fairgrounds-arena-complex#:~:text=Maple%20Ridge%20Council%20has%20directed%20staff%20to%20plan,curling%20rink%20to%20meet%20current%20and%20future%20needs.>

BC Master Provincial Curling Championships – Feb 19-23rd at GEWC

- There are 8 Women's Teams, and 14 Men's teams in the event.

- Janet, Mary and Shannon have been meeting regularly with several zoom meetings with Curl BC.
- A shout out for volunteer help has been sent to the membership, and we are also doing a training session Sat, Feb 15th for people who will be helping Dean on-ice. This event has a jam-packed schedule, and many hands will be needed to ensure it's a success.
- Cathy Deboer has been instrumental in helping with raffle prizes and soliciting for sponsors for the event. We have received some raffle items in kind and Lordco has given us \$500 so far.

GEWC Bonspiel Overview:

GEWC One Day Men's Bonspiel – Sat. Jan 18th

8 teams, event was well received by those in attendance.

GEWC One Day Open Doubles Spiel – Feb 1st

Full house: 24 teams. Well run event by Verna Patterson and her volunteer crew. A big thank you for all their efforts in putting on another successful one-day open doubles fun spiel

GEWC Open Bonspiel – March 1-2nd

Currently 18 teams registered.

There is once again no bonspiel coordinator for this event.

60th International Tankard

Parksville March 21-23rd.

Invite extended to Amanda and Trevor who have not been able to attend since they won the Volunteer of the Year Award in recent years. They have accepted. What will the club cover for costs? Last year we covered the \$125 entry/person and hotel accommodations for Verna and Doug Patterson.

Grants

Shannon met with a contractor who has written grants for several organizations/curling clubs. Her rate is \$50/hour. Shannon has engaged with her for some upcoming grants.

Year End Wrap – March 15th

A day to celebrate:

- 1) Our many volunteers – Volunteer Appreciation Day
- 2) Tosh Nagai – his daughter has been reaching out a lot about the event and wants to put in a team, so recognizing Tosh and his many contributions to our club.
- 3) Make this a day of FUN curling and a farewell til next season.

What does this event look like? Organizing committee. Who?

Business of Curling Symposium – June 6-8th

Location – Kelowna Curling Club