

# GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

July 21, 2020

**APPROVED**

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In Attendance: Meeting was held via Zoom

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Jason Peckham; Glen Shipp; Jay Wakefield; Janet Dunkin; Lisa Speers; Laura Stadnik; Terry Hawley

Managers: Dean and Shannon Joannis

Regrets: Karl Lundgren; Johanna Reed

Chair: Terry Hawley

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

**Call to order: 6:30**

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## 1. Approval of Minutes

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Minutes of meeting of June 24 approved (moved by Glen, seconded by Lisa). Carried.

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## 2 . Manager's report

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Report was as sent.

Return to curling was discussed here – we are working to get everything ready for the fall. We believe there is more than enough room for a full draw to go to the lounge even with social distancing.

All clubs must create a **Risk Registry**. As outlined in the Return to Curling Guideline doc. it is the legal duty of a board of directors to provide the oversight of an organizations risk management plan and strategies. Lisa said she would look into this. **(ACTION: Lisa)**

(Template attached)

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## 3. Treasurer's Report for June 2020

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A revised year end financial report was sent to the board. More editing will be done then sent out. **(ACTION: Glen)**

A verbal financial statement given: \$38,000.00 currently in the bank .

The city wishes to have our operating reserve at no more than \$10,000; it is currently at over \$82,000. Glen said he would suggest 50% of the previous year's operating expenses. He will try to convince the city of this change. **(ACTION: Glen)**

If they insist, Glen suggests transferring some monies to operating capital fund (permission will be needed to do this over \$10,000). This could then be used to pay for some needed projects (see below under new business).

He also suggested creating a 2021 budget; a preliminary copy of this will be sent to the board before the next meeting. **(ACTION: Glen)**

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#### 4. Update on renewal contract with the city

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Glen, Terry, Dean and Shannon met with Russ Brummer (from the city): the result is the old rent is not to be forgiven; in the new agreement, the “user fee” is back in (ie rent) as 50% of the year’s operating surplus. Discussion followed. In the past, some city officials had said this could be forgiven, but nothing was ever put down in writing. Although the amount to be repaid is substantial, Dean pointed out that the city, with which GEWC has continued to have a good relationship, has also paid utilities and bought new rocks for the club, which offsets this cost.

Glen will forward the agreement from the city to the board **(ACTION: Glen)** once he receives it.

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#### 5. New business

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1. Jay agreed to represent GEWC at the Sportsnet meeting on July 28 (via Gotomeeting) at 7 pm. (Maple Ridge sports organizations) **(ACTION: Jay)**
2. Shannon said they have received 209 surveys; most members would like to go ahead with safety measures in place. Teams will be 2 or 3, but 4 can register and rotate. This will mean accounting headaches. Fees are suggested to be the same as last year, although there will be fewer weeks. It was suggested perhaps two terms of 10 weeks each. If there is another lockdown, do we submit refunds? Dean and Shannon will do more research and send this information to the members in the next two weeks. **(ACTION: Dean and Shannon)**
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4. Should Dean and Shannon continue as before, under contract, or should they become employees? Discussion followed. No decision was reached at this time.
5. The TV and camera systems need an overhaul, and this is a good time to get it done. Dean and Shannon will contact other clubs who have recently done this and get some quotes **(ACTION: Dean/Shannon)**
6. The bar also needs a renovation, but the larger cost of this means it will probably have to wait, as Covid uncertainty will likely mean less revenue. (Dean estimated this cost at \$30,000 to \$40,000).

7. Will our insurance increase in November? Curl BC's Covid guidelines on page 16 contain information on insurance, but it doesn't guarantee no increase. Shannon will contact the broker and follow up to see if they can give us an estimate. **(ACTION: Shannon)**
8. The city has replaced the light bulbs in the ice shed, saving GEWC the cost of doing this. (They have also added cages on them to protect them from lacrosse/ball hockey balls)
9. The bar will be able to buy liquor wholesale from now on, so that the bar profits will increase.

Next meeting: Wednesday August 19 6:30 via Zoom

Adjournment at 7:45