

GEWC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Golden Ears Winter Club

March 10, 2021

APPROVED

In Attendance: Meeting was held via Zoom

Glen Shipp; Janet Dunkin; Terry Hawley; Jay Wakefield; Johanna Reed

Regrets: Jason Peckham; Karl Lundgren

Managers: Dean and Shannon Joanisse

Chair: Terry Hawley

Recording Clerk: Janet Dunkin

Call to order: 7:00

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved Glen, seconded Terry: that the minutes of the meeting of Feb 10 be approved as written. Carried.

2 . Treasurer's report for February 2021

1. The February report will be ready by Friday and sent to the board. **ACTION: Glen**
2. Glen discussed applying for the CEBA (business loan). This involved redoing statements and filing NPO and federal tax returns, which hadn't been done (but going forward, will be). If approved, the club will receive \$40,000 which does not need to be repaid until December 2022. This money will help us weather the summer and cover recurring expenses until the fall when hopefully things will be more normal. Moved: Glen, seconded Janet

That Glen be authorized to proceed with the application of a CEBA loan between \$40,000 and \$60,000. Carried.

However, our bylaws (49 and 50) indicate that any loan must be repaid within 12 months. To change this, we will need the approval of the membership. It was suggested we attempt to obtain this at the AGM. This is only a one-time amendment and not designed to rewrite the bylaw. (see further discussion re AGM below)

3. The credit card problem has been solved and the expenses will be clear going forward. Shannon will be able to pay the bills and bookkeeping will be more straightforward.
4. There is a non-refundable GIC in the amount of \$60,000 coming due on April 17. Glen suggested we make it redeemable so it can be used if needed. Moved (Joanna) and seconded (Terry) that this be done. Carried. **ACTION: Glen**

5. The city has agreed that we can submit a Notice to Reader instead of a full audit, thus saving the club a lot of money. Glen and Barb will prepare all the material for this. Moved (Joanna) and seconded (Glen) that PSVC Chartered Professional Accountants on 119th St. be appointed to do this. Carried. **ACTION: Glen and Barb**

3. Manager's report

1. Shannon reported that the wholesale liquor pricing will continue indefinitely. The bar stock has been steadily used up and the lounge continues to be popular in the evenings.

2. The 50/50 raffle will be going live on March 15. Shannon will be posting this on email, Facebook and our GEWC website. She will ask if Curl BC would be willing to share on their platforms as well. Shannon encouraged us to promote it to our networks. Any resident of BC can buy a ticket. The draw will take place on June 16 at the AGM. **ACTION: Shannon/Dean**

3. Family Day saw quite a few new curlers come try the sport; they were mainly family members or neighbours.

4. The Maple Ridge News did an article on curling which was positive.

5. The change rooms will get a new coat of paint and new carpeting. The city has also agreed to paint the lobby.

6. Ball hockey will go ahead beginning in April; security and cleaning staff has been hired.

7. Dean sent a letter to the city re the past due rent we were to repay beginning April 1. He suggested:

Option #1 - Forgiveness for past due rent, currently scheduled for repayment April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2023. **Option #1** would give us the best opportunity to accelerate our recovery time.

Option #2 - Granting GEWC more time, with an adjusted repayment schedule for past due rent

Russ Brummer (city) will discuss (there is some personnel turn over at the city so this may take time) and get back to us, us; they have agreed to put a pause on the April 1st payment.

8. Last day of curling will be Mar 20; there will be extra slots available for curlers. For the Brier final on Mar 14, the lounge will be open and TVs on.

9. Shannon discovered that there is a second chance to apply for the Local Sport Relief Fund grant that we didn't get and will do so. **ACTION: Shannon**

10. The new computer has arrived; Shannon will get an expert in April to fix all the bugs. **ACTION: Shannon**

4. New business

1. In regard to the AGM and members voting, it appears that some information to members is needed for two reasons: to explain what being a member means, and to explain how the club is run. Discussion ensued. Membership rolls have not been clearly kept in the past. A sub-committee was struck to create a document that clarifies what the club is and what a member is. Terry, Glen and Janet will join Shannon in this.
ACTION: Shannon, Glen, Terry, Janet
2. AGM preparation is underway. This will be held via Zoom as it's felt there is more participation that way. Shannon will approach Curl BC to see if they would allow their zoom platform to be used as they have offered this to members in the past. **ACTION: Shannon**
3. Joanna submitted her resignation as junior coordinator and board member effective after the AGM. There is no one presently obvious to take over with the juniors, so this person will need to be found by next season.
4. We definitely need new board members; it was felt that an individual approach works best and all members are encouraged to approach those they feel would be good board members (despite the difficulty in doing this without face to face discussion). **ACTION: ALL**

Next meeting: Wednesday April 14 at 7 pm

Adjournment: 8:15pm