

GOLDEN GALS PROVINCIAL CURLING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Golden Gals Curling Association was held Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Seniors for Seniors Club, Brandon, Manitoba with registration of 9 members. President Kathy Cox welcomed all to the meeting.

Kathy called the meeting to order and it was noted that Lynda Draper and Midge Horn both of Virden and Phyllis Bell of Winnipeg had passed away. A moment of silence was observed remembering the deceased. Roll Call answered by attendees from District 1 – 0; District 2 – 2; District 3/5 – 1; District 4/6 – 1; District 7 – 0, District 8 – 0; District 9 – 1 and Districts 10, 11 & 12 – 4 for a total of 9 members. Regrets received: Judy Colwell, Sally Cote and Ivy Heapy. It was noted that quorum is not a requisite of the meeting's motions.

Minutes of the last annual meeting have been entered on the website and it was Moved by Marian Whalen, Seconded by Norma Johnson that the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2023 be approved. Carried

Business Arising: Position of Vice-President: Cathy Burtnack offered to accept the position of Vice-President. MOVED by Kathy Isaac, SECONDED by Sandi Ferguson that Cathy Burtnack be appointed Vice-President of Golden Gals. CARRIED. Cathy will assume of role of President at the annual general meeting scheduled for May 2025.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$3,648.58 in the chequing account and GICs totaling \$10,013.81 for a grand total of \$13,662.39. Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Deb Carnegie that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented for information purposes. Linda noted that the term deposit of \$1,684.99 maturing May 15, 2024 will not be renewed as funds will be required for 2024 Provincials.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means – Reported in annual report. Districts are reminded that Riverview cash calendar sales are the only fundraiser undertaken by Golden Gals.

Charms & Trophies – Reported in annual report.

Provincial Bonspiel: Reported in annual report. Virden Curling Club hosted 2023 Provincials with 16 teams attending. The Host Committee was spearheaded by Kathy Cox and Linda Wilson as Virden Curling Club provided ice and caretakers at no cost.

Correspondence:

- (a) Thank you from Joyce McDougall rink for a successful 2023 Provincials.
- (b) Email from Sally Cote containing the following suggestions: "If the complete team who won the previous Provincials are still together – they should be allowed to compete the following year without playing zone finals – sort of "defend their title".
 - "When zones have their playdowns, teams should be asked prior "if they won the zones, are they committed to going to the Provincials?"

Following discussion, it was agreed allowing the previous winning team to attend the next Provincials would negate the spot for the Host Club to enter a team, thus the offer would not be made to the previous winning team.

The members present agreed that all teams participating at zone playdowns should make a commitment to attend Provincials prior to playing. It was suggested this clause should be included on Form A which is provided to the district chairpersons.

New Business:

1) 2024 Provincials: Charleswood Curling Club has offered to host the 2024 Golden Gals Provincials on November 28 – December 1, 2024. Kathy Isaac reported a committee has been formed with volunteers taking on positions of various committees. A beach theme has been suggested by the Committee. Kathy Cox will follow up with contacting a piper. Linda has scorecards and will provide them to the Host Committee. A poster announcing 2024 GG Provincials had been forwarded to all district chairpersons to post in their curling rinks prior to the completion of the 2023 curling season. Kathy Isaac wondered if a waiver should be signed by all participants at the time of registration. Kathy Cox suggested this should be a responsibility of Charleswood Curling Club, not Golden Gals Curling Association. It was agreed that the Host Curling Club would attend to the draw, not a Golden Gals representative. MOVED by Kathy Cox, SECONDED by Sandi Ferguson that the annual donation by Golden Gals Curling Association to the Host Club of Provincials be increased to \$3,000.00. CARRIED

2) District Playdowns: It was decided to keep the current format of District Playdowns. The information will be provided to District Chairpersons at the September meeting. Dates and locations of district playdowns will be discussed at that meeting. It was decided that the districts would be able to enter teams as follows: District 1 – 2, District 2 – 2, District 3/5 – 2; District 4/6 – 1, District 7 – 1, District 8 – 1, District 9 – 3, District 10/11/12 – 3 and Host - 1. Discussion ensued as to more successful methods of providing information to curling clubs of Golden Gals zone playdowns and Provincials. It was suggested that the Form A which is provided to the district chairperson who then circulates to all curling clubs in her district could be in colour or highlighted in such a way renders the form more noticeable. Linda will try to highlight Form A. As the annual donation to the Host Club has been increased, discussion ensued as to whether the fees levied by Golden Gals to the districts should be also be increased. MOVED by Norma Johnson, SECONDED by Lois Rozak that the fee be increased to \$60.00 per team either playing off in zone playdowns or if no playdowns held, that participating team will pay \$60.00 to Golden Gals. CARRIED. It was also noted that each district would still be responsible for a \$100.00 donation to Golden Gals to cover some of the costs of Provincials. These funds may be earned by Riverview cash calendar sales, fundraising ventures by the district or from the team participating in Provincials.

3) New Horizon Grant: Linda will apply for a \$5,000.00 grant from New Horizons when grant applications open in August, 2024.

4) Cathy Burtack wondered if Golden Gals should be responsible for the engraving of the plaque for the trophy. MOVED by Deb Carnegie SECONDED by Sandi Ferguson that the winning team be responsible for having a plaque engraved and mounted on the trophy and that the invoice for the cost of same may be submitted to Golden Gals for payment. CARRIED.

5) Website: As the website has not been updated in a timely manner it was agreed that Linda should contact the web manager that as Golden Gals is a province wide organization, it is imperative that the website be updated quickly to keep all members informed of district playdowns and Provincials. Linda will contact the web manager and request that the AGM minutes be updated to the website by June 15, 2024.

(6) 2025 Provincials: Cathy Burtnack will contact Victoria Beach Curling Club to determine if the club would be interested in hosting 2025 Provincials.

(7) Age limit: Discussion ensued as to the position a curler from 55-59 should be eligible to participate in Golden Gals Curling. A motion had been passed at the AGM in May, 2014 allowing a lady between the ages of 55-59 to participate in Golden Gals curling playing the lead position. This motion was discussed again at the May 15, 2015 AGM and a motion to uphold the May, 2014 motion did not pass. The following motion passed: "Moved by Velma Snitka, Seconded by Verna Miller that the age for all Golden Gals curlers be lowered to 55 and that person may play any position on the team. Carried." Following further discussion, it was MOVED by Cathy Burtnack, SECONDED by Norma Johnson that the foregoing motion of May 15, 2015 be rescinded. CARRIED

MOVED by Deb Carnegie, SECONDED by Marian Whalen that only the lead position at all playdowns and Provincials of Golden Gals curling may be played by a person between 55 – 59 years of age. CARRIED

Kathy Cox thanked everyone for coming and it was agreed that a semi-annual meeting would be held in September, 2024 at Charleswood Curling Club. Kathy Isaac or Sandi Ferguson, co-hosts of 2024 Provincials will let Linda Wilson know date of meeting.

Meeting Adjourned by Norma Johnson