

# **GOLDEN GALS PROVINCIAL CURLING ASSOCIATION**

## **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

The semi-annual meeting of the Golden Gals Curling Association was held Monday, September 16, 2024 at Breezy Bend Country Club, Winnipeg with 15 members attending. President Kathy Cox welcomed all to the meeting and called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was observed for any deceased members. It was reported that Georgina Mullin of Winnipeg had passed away. Roll Call answered by attendees from District 1 – 0; District 2 – 0; District 3/5 – 2; District 4/6 – 0; District 7 – 3, District 8 – 0; District 9 – 2 and Districts 10, 11 & 12 – 8 for a total of 9 members.

Additions to the Agenda: none

Minutes of meeting of annual meeting: Linda highlighted the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2024 citing all the motions that had been passed at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting are on the website under meetings. Moved by Beth McLeod, Seconded by Bev Atkins that the minutes of annual meeting of May 14, 2024 be approved as reported. Carried.

Business Arising:

(a) Vice-President position: Kathy Cox reported that Cathy Burtack has volunteered to act as Vice-President and will become President after the 2025 Provincials. Appreciation extended to Cathy Burtack for assuming this role. The position of Vice-President will be available in 2025.

(b) Waiver of Indemnity: It was agreed a waiver of indemnity should be the responsibility of the host club and Sandi Ferguson, Host Committee Co-Chairperson will attend to drafting of same. This form will be part of the registration process and each team member will sign the form. This form will be available for future hosts of Golden Gals Provincials.

(c) Entry Fees: Due to increased costs of hosting Provincials, the entry fee for all teams participating in playdowns which is submitted to Golden Gals has been increased to \$60.00 per team. This information has been provided to all district chairpersons.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$648.58 in the chequing account following expenses of \$3,000.00 to Charleswood Curling Club for hosting of 2024 Provincials. TDs total \$10,063.60 and there is a \$5.00 membership share at Westoba Credit Union. There are 6 term deposits with renewal dates from January 23/25 to May 15/29 with at least one term being due each year. Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Nancy Rach that the Treasurer's Report to September 16, 2024 be approved for informational purposes. Carried.

(d) New Horizons for Seniors Program: Linda Wilson reviewed the criteria and did not believe Golden Gals would qualify. Further investigation will follow.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means – Linda Wilson reported that 50 Riverview Curling Club were available at the May meeting. District 2 has 20 to sell and District 3/5 has 30. If any other district wishes to sell the calendars as a fundraiser towards their \$100 donation, please contact Linda Wilson.

Charms & Trophies – Linda Wilson will order 4 gold and 4 silver pennants for the 2024 Provincials. It had been reported at the 2023 Provincials that some of the pennants have tarnished. This information will be relayed to Ressors' Jewellery.

Ice & Draw: Charleswood Curling Club will attend to the ice and draw duties. The sixteen teams from the districts will be placed in pools of 4 and this information will be provided to the Host Committee as soon as the winners for each district has been provided to Linda.

2023 Provincials: Kathy Cox and Linda Wilson attended to duties for the 2023 Provincials which were held at Virden Curling Club and the club donated free ice and use of facilities if they did not have to organize the Provincials. The Provincials were successful, and a report has been included in the 2023 Annual Report which will be downloaded on the website.

District reports: District Chairpersons have been contacted and the requisite information for playdowns provided. It was suggested that the poster advertising Golden Gals playdowns could be in colour to attract more interest. Each district chairperson will be responsible for photocopying the Form A in whichever style she wishes. Cathy Burtnack wondered if more interest would be generated if information was provided to the curling clubs in the Spring of the year before the curling season has ended. Beth McLeod reported that District 9 chairperson sends the information to all clubs, makes verbal announcements during league play and follows up with phone calls to the individual curling clubs. District 9 playdowns are held in Selkirk October 29 – 30 and Sally Cote is the contact.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

(a) Rule Change: All participating teams will be made aware that one player may be between the ages of 55-59 and will be allowed to play lead. This motion had been re-passed at the May 14, 2024 annual meeting.

(b) 2024 Provincials: The Provincials will be held at Charleswood Curling Club, Winnipeg November 28 – December 1, 2024. The Host Committee is co-chaired by Kathy Isaac and Sandi Ferguson and the meeting was updated on planning to date. Teams will register and practice on Thursday, November 28 with a meet and greet to follow. Four draws will be played on Friday with all teams having two games. Round robin play will be finalized after the two draws Saturday morning and qualifying play will commence Saturday afternoon. The Host committee has been seeking sponsorship donations and will offer 50/50 draws and an auction table. Each team participating in Provincials will be requested to donate an item for the table. Mardie Newton of Charleswood Curling Club will be responsible for the food. Hotels are being contacted. Kathy Cox will contact a piper. Scorecards will be obtained by the Host Committee, as Golden Gals Association has none. Curl Manitoba might be able to provide scorecards.

(c) 2025 Provincials: Cathy Burtnack has contacted Victoria Beach Curling Club to determine if they would be interested in hosting 2025 Provincials. She expects to hear from the Curling Club by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

(d) Website: Linda will follow up on the website and request once again that the information of the 2024 Provincials be posted on the website as soon as possible.

Kathy Cox thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished safe travel home for all.

Next meeting date to be tentatively planned for May, 2025 in Brandon.

Meeting Adjourned