

GOLDEN GALS

PROVINCIAL CURLING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have just finished another successful year ending with our 33rd Provincials in Steinbach. A snow storm on the last day proved that our Golden Gal curlers will not miss a curling game. Congratulations to Carol and Jake Loepky and all their helpers for putting on a first class Provincial for our curlers and spectators. After a very close game, the Springfield rink of Beth McLeod, Gladys James, Jill Overall and Vicky Elliott became our champions receiving the trophy and gold charms. Arlene Deprez from Stonewall skipped the other team with help from Judy McGuirk, Phyllis Klimpke and Paulette Foy and took home the silver charms. Special thanks to all Chairpersons and helpers for getting the word out to all curlers and looking after their playoffs. Thanks to the past and present Executive for your valuable help during my 5 years as President. Thanks Linda Wilson for being my right hand person and keeping me on track. I have enjoyed my 8 year tenure as Vice and President and think it is now time for a new person to step up to take the reins. I would be available to help her in any way I can. Volunteers are a very important part of any organization. I will see you all in Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club in February, 2017.

Submitted by Lynda Draper

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The annual meeting was held at Seniors for Seniors Club in Brandon on May 12, 2015 with 23 members attending. Minutes included in annual report. The semi-annual meeting was held October 5, 2015 at Steinbach Curling Club in Steinbach with a registration of 10 members and 2 guests. Minutes included in annual report. There were no Executive meetings in 2015/16, however, two of the Executive met with the Steinbach Host Committee to review Provincial plans. Notices of the annual and semi-annual meetings were emailed to all Golden Gal members with known email addresses. Minutes were recorded and forwarded to executive committee members. All correspondence, documents and reports have been filed. Notices of meetings, minutes of meetings, dates of playdowns, contacts and other information as received will be posted on the website as and when same become known. www.goldengalscurling.com.

The district chairpersons were provided with the brown envelopes at the semi-annual meeting with some being mailed. The package contained cover letter informing of any new changes; list of Golden Gals Board members; information for chairpersons; standing rules for Provincial Golden Gals; notice of calendar fundraiser; Form A for district playdowns; Form B district winner(s) certificate; list of accommodations for Provincials.

Verbal or email appreciation has been extended to district chairpersons for hosting their playdowns. District winners were congratulated at the opening registration and the Provincial winner, Beth McLeod was congratulated at the closing ceremony. A successful Provincial was held and appreciation is extended to the Steinbach Curling Club for hosting the 2016 Provincials.

Submitted by Linda Wilson

2015/2016 EXECUTIVE AND BOARD MEMBERS

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CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2015/16

DISTRICT 1 ANGIE PERSSON, 502 Young St, Flin Flon, MB R8A 0Z7 306-688-7166
Playdowns held at Flin Flon November 25/27, 2015

DISTRICT 2 GAIL TYCHOLIZ, Box 179, Dauphin, MB R7N 2V1 204-638-9744
Playdowns held at Dauphin end of November, 2015

DISTRICT 3/5 LINDA NEWTON, Box 71, Shoal Lake, MB R0J 1Z0 204-759-2607
Playdowns held at Shoal Lake November 30 - December 2, 2015

DISTRICT 4/6 CHERYL ORR, Box 143, Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0 204-867-2211
No Playdowns – 0 entries

DISTRICT 7 DONNA McCONNELL, Box 254, Pilot Mound, MB R0G 1P0 204-825-2489
Playdowns held at Pilot Mound, November 25/27, 2015

DISTRICT 8 ARLENE FAREBROTHER, Box 253, Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0 204-467-5416
Playdowns held at Balmoral December 8 & 9, 2015

DISTRICT 9 CAROL BENDER 166 Connor Pl Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0 204-268-3950
Playdowns held at Beausejour November 4 & 5, 2015

DISTRICT 10/11/12 MARIAN WHALEN, 78 Linacre Road, Wpg, MB R3T 3G4 204-275-8563
GEORGINA MULLEN, 104 Wharton Blvd., Wpg. MB R2Y 0T1 204-837-8181
Playdowns held at Assiniboine Curling Club Mid November, 2015

Golden Gals Association Financial Statement – May 1, 2015 – May 16, 2016

Bank Balance		\$2,657.90
INCOME:		
Term Deposit redeemed	\$1,600.00	
Playdown Fees	\$1,060.00	
Donations	\$ 500.00	
Calendar Sales	\$ 765.00	
50/50	\$ 22.00	
Lunch Payments	\$ 291.00	
Interest on GICs	\$ 148.80	
Pin Sales	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	
	\$4,416.80	\$7,074.70
EXPENSES:		
2015 Annual Report printing	\$ 45.98	
Seniors for Seniors lunch	\$ 200.00	
Steinbach Curling Club Host Committee	\$2,000.00	
New 5 year term	\$1,000.00	
Reesors – Pendants	\$ 319.12	
Honorariums	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	
	\$3,965.10	\$3,109.60
GICS		
Maturity Sept. 23, 2016	\$1,600.00 @ 2.25%	
Maturity Sept. 23, 2017	\$1,600.00 @ 2.35%	
Maturity June 23, 2018	\$1,026.00 @ 2.60%	
Maturity Sept. 23, 2018	\$1,600.00 @ 2.65%	
Maturity Jan. 23, 2020	\$1,000.00 @ 2.40%	\$6,826.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$9,935.60

Submitted by: Linda Wilson, Treasurer

PINS AND TROPHY REPORT

Four Gold Pendants @ \$27.00 each Four Sterling Pendants @ \$25.00 each

Engraving of eight pendants \$7.50 each, mailing charges - \$15.50

Total: \$319.12 including GST & PST.

Provincial Gold Champions were Beth McLeod, Gladys James, Jill Overall, Vicky Elliott.

Provincial Silver Champions were: Arlene Deprez, Judy McGuirk, Phyllis Klimpke, Paulette Foy.

Lynda Draper presented the curling pendants to the winners at Steinbach Provincials.

Submitted by Ivy Heapy

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

The sale of 2016 calendars increased by 2 calendars more than 2015 calendars. Many who sold calendars for the Golden Gals in their respective districts did so again, but once again, sales are not increasing. Please see the numbers from previous years remembering this is our only fundraiser over and above Playdown fees and donations.

The following are the results of the last six years:

2009 calendars sold	256 x \$5.00 = \$1,280.00
2010 calendars sold	228 x \$5.00 = \$1,140.00
2011 calendars sold	221 x \$5.00 = \$1,105.00
2012 calendars sold	222 x \$5.00 = \$1,110.00
2013 calendars sold	170 x \$5.00 = \$850.00
2014 calendars sold	151 x \$5.00 = \$755.00
2015 calendars sold	153 x \$5.00 = \$765.00

Thank you to all for your continued support. Six "Granny" pins were sold at Steinbach resulting in receipt of \$30.00. Due to the declining number of teams participating at district levels, the Golden Gals organization requested a few years ago that each district should attempt to raise \$100.00 each for the provincial organization. This may be accomplished by selling calendars, having a fundraiser at district playdowns or increasing fees. Some districts sold more calendars than the requisite 20 to raise the funds and other districts donated funds together with calendar sales.

Submitted by Mary Fenske

ICE AND DRAW REPORT

We used the round robin draw for this year's Provincials in Steinbach with each team being guaranteed 3 games. A split registration/briefing was held to accommodate those teams checking into their motels. This format worked well enabling the eight teams that played the second draw time to check in. All teams had one game on Thursday and following the second draw the opening ceremonies and banquet were held in the upper level of the Steinbach Curling Club. All teams completed their round robin on Friday with eight teams advancing to the sudden death format on Saturday concluding on Sunday. The skills and win/loss system was used again. Curlers handed in survey cards which contained a lot of good suggestions.

Submitted by Lynda Draper

DISTRICT #1

Greetings! Golden Gals general meeting was Thursday November 26th at the Flin Flon Curling Club with 17 members attending. For fund raising events we do coffee and snacks for the Hot Stove leagues. Also on occasion lunches for their playoffs. Out of this we donate \$200.00 to the Golden Gals in lieu of selling calendars. District 1 play downs was held November 25, 26 & 27, 2015. Two teams participated - Geri Kostuchuk and Dianne Burwash competed. Dianne Burwash was the winner. New Executive for 2016 is: President - Donna Strettle, Box 578, Creighton, SK S0P 0A0; Vice President - Geri Kostuchuk, 325 Prince Charles Place, Flin Flon, MB R8A 1R3. Secretary - Sheila Adams, Box 424, Creighton, SK S0P 0A0. Treasurer - Dela Chilson, Box 227, Creighton, SK S0P 0A0.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Adams & Dela Chilson

Golden Gals District /1 Financial Statement 2014-15

Carry over from 2014, April 9	\$4,302.11
Bank Interest	1.68
Registrations for playoffs	120.00
Income from fundraising	2,095.63
Total Balance	\$6,519.42
Expenses:	
Provincial Golden Gals registrations	60.00
Donation to Provincial Golden Gals	200.00
Other donations	400.00
Fundraising expenses	200.56
Playoff Expenses - Rivers rooms, car & gas	1,847.44
Bank charges	24.15
Closing Balance October 31, 2015	\$3,787.27

DISTRICT #2

The meeting of December 5th was called to order. Team members were introduced and new members welcomed. Happy to see so many new ones this year. Minutes of 2014 meeting were read by Marilynne Jacques. The minutes were amended to include Verna Vanroebys as a calendar seller. Minutes were adopted as read by Jean Geisel. Carried. The treasurer's report was read by Gail Tycholiz. Posters were sent to all towns in District 2 with no response again this year. Thanks were given to Jackie (Edith Thiessen was caterer but not present) for the great lunch. Thanks to the calendar sellers, Verna Vanroebys, Marilynne Jacques and a special thanks to Velma Snitka who sold 30 calendars herself. \$275.00 was sent to Golden Gals Assoc. It was decided to send a thank you note to the DCCC for free ice time. Thanks to our two spares Debbie Watson and Heather Medwid. Thanks to Marilyn Jacques for taking on duty of draw master. It was moved by Verna Vanroebys that we give \$100.00 to each team for travel

expenses. Seconded by Verna Miller. Carried. 2016 zones will be Swan River. Dates to be decided later on. Note: The senior mens is set by MB Curling Assoc. and posted on the web site. Draw is made by MB Curling Assoc also. To save expenses it is best to combine the ladies and mens on same week-end. Meeting was adjourned by Bev Murray. 2015 winners are Norma Johnson of Dauphin and Joyce Trevellyan of Swan River.

Treasurer`s Report as of December 9, 2015

Entry Fees 5 x \$100.00	\$500.00
Balance from 2014	296.27
Total Income	\$796.27
Provincial fees (5 x \$30.00)	\$150.00
Lunch 20 x \$10.00 + \$30.00 tip	230.00
Banking (set up cost)	25.00
Cheques	5.00
Total Expenses	\$410.00
Winner`s travel expense (\$100.00 each team)	200.00
Bank balance as of December 9th	\$211.27

DISTRICT #3/5

District 3 and 5 Golden Gals Playdowns November 30 & December 1, 2015 at Shoal Lake. 6 rinks played for the 3 spots to the Provincial Bonspiel in Steinbach February 4 - 7, 2016. Winners were Maxine Veitch, Lynda Draper and Marlene Allan. Both days started out with coffee and muffins and day 1 we held a raffle with 6 donated prizes. Lunch was available at the canteen with soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage available. Riverview calendars were also available as our Golden Gals District fundraiser.

Financial Report:

Income:

Petty cash \$25.00, entry \$600.00, raffle \$103.00. Total income \$728.00

Expenses:

Stamps \$11.90, Golden Gals entry \$180.00, ice rental \$160.00, Float \$25.00, Donation to Golden Gals \$100.00, donation to Shoal Lake Curling Club \$251.90. Total Expenses \$728.00

Respectfully submitted by Linda Newton

DISTRICT #4/6

No report as no teams participated.

DISTRICT #7

District #7 held the Playdowns at the Pilot Mound Curling Club in Pilot Mound on December 1 & 2, 2015.

There were 4 teams in the competition – Pilot Mound, Morden and two teams from Manitou. The winners were: A side - Bev Atkins rink from Manitou and B side - Evelyn Saunders from Manitou.

Manitou has agreed to host the 2016 regional (zones) playoffs. To help with the expenses we charged for lunch and increased the entry fee to \$100.00 per rink, held a 50-50 and sold raffle tickets on 2 specialty baskets. A profit of \$286.27 was realized and pending further bank fees we will transfer to Manitou \$286.27 in January after all cheques have been cashed and I can close out the Pilot Mound account.

Income:

Transfer from Morden Club	\$250.00
Registration fees 4 x \$100.	\$400.00
Lunch	\$187.00
50/50 Draw	\$ 40.00
Raffle Basket	<u>\$ 85.00</u>
Total	\$962.00

Expenses:

Golden Gals reg. fees 4 x \$30.	\$120.00
Ice rental \$40 x 6	\$240.00
Winning teams 2 @ \$100.00	\$200.00
Golden Gals donation	\$100.00
Banking fees	\$ 7.80
Canada Post (stamps)	<u>\$ 8.93</u>
Total	\$675.73

Submitted by Donna McConnell, Chair District 7

DISTRICT #8

District 8 Golden Gals were held at the Balmoral Curling Club on December 9 - 11, 2015 with 5 rinks participating. A brown bag auction and a 50-50 draw were held to raise funds. The entry fee for each rink was \$100.00. Coffee and muffins were provided on Wednesday morning and lunch of soup, sandwiches and dainties was provided by the Balmoral Recreation Centre. A short meeting was held following lunch. Warren and Argyle have agreed to host in 2016, with Shirley King and Alice Meier as co-chairpersons. A cheque of \$190.00 will be sent to Linda Wilson. The following are the winners of District 8 Playdowns in 2015: Winners of A side: Skip - Arlene Deprez, Stony Mountain, Third - Myrna Stewart, Stonewall, Second - Judy McGuirk, Grosse Isle, Lead Paulette Foy, Stonewall, Spare - Phyllis Klimpke, Stonewall. Winners of B side: Skip - Joyce Wyrchowny, Stonewall, Third - Elsie Murry, Stonewall, Second - Carol Enston, Stonewall, Lead - Arlene Farebrother, Stonewall, Spare - Marianne Cherniak, Stonewall.

Submitted by Arlene Farebrother

Opening Balance		\$ 99.01
Revenue:		
Entry fees 5 X \$100	\$ 500.00	
Silent Auction	\$ 123.00	
50/50 Draw	\$ 42.00	
Perogy Sales	\$ 462.50	
Linda Hall (in lieu of perogies)	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	
Total Revenue	\$1,137.50	\$1,236.51
Expenses:		
Fees to Provincials 5 x \$30.	\$ 150.00	
Ice rental	\$ 250.00	
Lunches 20 x \$10	\$ 200.00	
Winners	\$ 200.00	
Mr. Perogy	<u>\$ 277.50</u>	
Total Expenses	\$1,077.50	
Ending Bank Balance		\$ 159.01

DISTRICT #9

Golden Gals District #9 Playdowns were held at the Beausejour Curling Club on November 4th & 5th, 2015 with 3 teams participating: Springfield, Pinawa/Lac Du Bonnet and Beausejour.

Winner of District #9 were:

Beausejour Curling Club: Carol Bender, Daphne Keck, Anne Pleskach & Corine Armstrong.

Springfield Curling Club: Beth McLeod, Gladys James, Myra Farmer & Vicky Elliot.

Financial Report:

Income		Expenses	
Entry fees 3 x \$100	\$300.00	Golden Gal fees 3 x \$30	\$ 90.00
Lunch fee 14 x \$10	\$140.00	Ice Rental 20% of fees	\$ 60.00
Silent Auction	\$ 79.00	Lunch	\$141.60
50/50 Draw	\$ 36.00	Winners 2 x \$131.70	\$263.40
Total	\$555.00	Total	\$555.00

Submitted by Anne Pleskach

Districts #10, 11 and 12

Winnipeg Districts Playdowns were held at Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club on November 17 - 18, 2015. A total of 7 teams participated: Team 1 – Whalen, Marian (Assiniboine Memorial CC), Team 2 – Rachul, Betty (Pembina CC), Team 3 – Vandevyvere, Rita, (St. Vital CC), Team 4 – Sadler, Barb (Assiniboine Memorial CC), Team 5 - Manco, Marilyn (Assiniboine Memorial CC), Team 6: Scalena, Chris (Charleswood CC), Team 7 – Mork, Doreen. Winning teams were: District 12: Whalen, Marian; District 11 - Vandevyvere, Rita and District 10: Scalena, Chris.

Entry Fee per team was \$100.00. Fundraising event was a 50-50. Complimentary coffee and muffins were given to curlers.

Opening Balance:		\$ 62.29
Income:	Playdown fees (7 teams x \$100.)	\$700.00
	50-50 draw	\$ 38.00
	Total Income	\$738.00
	Total cash on hand	\$800.29
Disbursements:	Team Dues (7 teams x \$30) to Prov. G.G.	\$210.00
	District Donation	\$100.00
	Ice costs for playdowns	\$336.00
	Coffee & muffins	\$ 50.87
	Total disbursements	\$696.87
Closing Balance		\$103.42

Respectfully submitted by Marian Whalen.

GOLDEN GALS PROVINCIALS

Carol and Jake Loeppky co-hosted the 33rd Golden Gals Provincials on February 4 to 7, 2016 at Steinbach Curling Club. Their Committee did a superb job of organizing the Provincials and keeping everything running smoothly. Junior curlers from Steinbach led each team into the banquet room. Following the banquet a discussion session took place on the pros and cons of the Provincials format and what could be changed to improve the organization and how Golden Gals could attract more curlers and more funding to keep the organization strong and viable. A financial statement is not available from the 2016 Provincials. Thanks to Carol, Jake and their many volunteers for hosting the Provincials from the Golden Gals Executive and all the 64 plus curlers who participated.

Submitted by Linda Wilson for Hosting Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Golden Gals Curling Association was held Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Seniors for Seniors Club, Brandon, Manitoba with registration of 23 members. President Lynda Draper welcomed all to the meeting. Mary Fenske offered grace and following lunch the business meeting was conducted.

Lynda Draper called the meeting to order and was informed there were no known deceased members this year. Roll Call answered by attendees from District 1 – 0; District 2 – 4; District 3/5 – 8; District 4/6 – 2; District 7 – 4, District 8 – 4; District 9 – 1 and Districts 10, 11 & 12 – 0 for a total of 23 members.

Minutes of meeting of annual meeting of May 26, 2014: Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Verna Vanrobaeys that the minutes of annual meeting of May 26, 2014 be approved as circulated in the Annual Report. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$2,657.90 in the current account and GICs totalling \$7,400.00 and reviewed some of the highlights of the financial statements. Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Shirley King that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Carried.

Website: Lynda Draper reported that a website has been created: www.goldengalscurling.com at a total cost of \$535.19. During Provincials at Rivers, Lynda emailed curling results to the website and Gregg Leask updated the site. Lynda stated that by next year she hopes to be able to attend to the updating herself. Sally Cote asked if the annual report would be included on the website. It was decided that the annual report contained information that maybe should not be public knowledge. Linda Wilson stated that anyone wishing a copy of the annual report to inform her and she will email copy of same.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means – Lynda Draper reported total sales of Riverview Curling Club cash calendars of 151 which resulted in funds raised of \$755.00. It was noted the declining number of sales results in reduced funds. 2016 cash calendars are now available and each district is encouraged to sell as many as possible as this is the only fundraiser of Golden Gals.

Charms & Trophies – Gold and silver pendants were presented to winners and second place teams respectively. Total cost was \$310.92 and pendants once again were popular.

Ice & Draw: Once again Provincials consisted of 4 pools of 4 teams each with each team being guaranteed three games and knowing times of games. A split registration/briefing occurred this year to accommodate teams checking into hotels and this format proved successful. Skills came into play only if it could not be determined the 1st & 2nd place winners taking into consideration the win/loss scenario.

Provincial Bonspiel: A detailed report of the 32nd Provincials hosted by Rivers Curling Club is included in annual report. A donation of a PDF, ink stamp and new welcome sign were donated to the Golden Gals organization. The piping in of teams from the curling club lounge to the banquet area was popular as the team members did not have to remain on ice surface during opening ceremonies. It was suggested that the team(s) winning their districts could provide the host committee with name and email address of their local papers/radio stations in order to facilitate notification of the media. Donna

Morken reported good coverage in the Brandon Sun and the local Rivers paper. Maxine Veitch, co-ordinator of Rivers Provincials informed that meeting that the two finalists each received Rivers pins and each member of the winning team received an afghan.

District Reports: Same are included in the annual report. Districts 3 & 5 and 4 & 6 were combined again this year. District playoff fees totaled \$840.00 while donations were down to \$495.00.

Moved by Mary Fenske, Seconded by Dianne Lambert that all reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

Business Arising:

(1) Winnipeg Districts: It was noted that Winnipeg Districts Committee has decided to forego trying to organize Winnipeg playoffs next year. In conversation with other Winnipeg curlers, it was suggested that perhaps another area of the City might be interested in hosting a playoff bonspiel. Shirley King reported that Marie Enns, Chair of Winnipeg Executive had recently attended a Curl Manitoba meeting and had inquired as to whether anyone else might be interested in organizing a playoff for the Winnipeg teams. It was decided that Lynda Draper and Linda Wilson would contact some Winnipeg curlers in an attempt to maintain the Winnipeg district playoffs.

Correspondence:

- (1) Thank you from Joyce McDougall Team.
- (2) Email of resignations from Carla Provencal, Verna Vanrobaeys and Jean Geisel.
- (3) Confirmation from Steinbach Committee that they would be willing to host 2016 Provincials, however the bonspiel would have to run from Thursday to Sunday due to league commitments at their curling rink.

Nomination Committee: Lyn Bell conducted the Nomination portion of the meeting with the executive positions being filled as follows: President – Lynda Draper; Vice-President – vacant; Secretary/Treasurer – Linda Wilson; Past President – vacant; Members at large – Mary Fenske; Ivy Heapy; Sally Cote, Velma Snitka and Lyn Bell. Volunteers/nominations were asked for the three vacant members-at-large positions. Dianne Lambert agreed to represent District 7 and Arlene Farebrother volunteered to represent District 8. It was suggested that Marian Whalen or Pat Gould be approached to determine if one would be willing to represent the Winnipeg Districts. Lynda explained that there were no face to face executive meetings last year. Lynda and Linda met with the Rivers Host Committee and also attended to the draw. The executive was notified by email rather than necessitating a trip to Brandon or Rivers.

MOVED by Lyn Bell, SECONDED by Donna McConnell that the Nominations Committee report be accepted. CARRIED

New Business:

1) Lynda Draper reported that she considered a different type of Provincials whereby teams applied to enter the bonspiel negating the necessity of districts hosting playoffs. Each team would pay an entry fee of \$160.00 resulting in \$2,560.00 towards expenses and if a similar number of calendars were sold with funds of \$750.00 together with interest and 50/50 funds of approximately \$200.00 would bring the total income to \$3,510.00. Estimated expenses would be \$2,000.00 to host committee, payouts of \$1,070.00, \$400.00 honorariums and \$50.00 office costs for a total of \$3,520.00. (An additional sale of 2 calendars would result in a break even situation). This scenario would payout \$20.00 to each winning team of the round robin and \$10.00 to each second place team. The sudden death qualifying round would payout \$30.00 per win and \$20.00 per loss for each of the draws. There would be no presentation of pendants for the finalists. This proposal was put forward as an alternative to district playoffs as the number of teams is decreasing annually. It was pointed out that this format has not attracted 16 teams in either the Curl Manitoba senior or master Provincial bonspiels. Donna Morkin wondered if there might be a Horizons grant available. Mary Fenske has information regarding an application. It was suggested there might be a business who might be interested in becoming a title sponsor for the Golden Gals organization. Real Estate firms with offices throughout Manitoba and grocery stores were suggested as possibilities.

2) Steinbach Provincials: Steinbach Curling Club has offered to host the 2016 Provincials, however, the days would have to be Thursday to Sunday due to league commitments at their curling club. Following a review of Curl Manitoba bonspiels for 2016 it was suggested that the 2016 Golden Gals Provincials be held February 4 to 7, 2016 at the Steinbach Curling Club.

3) Age Limit: MOVED by Shirley King, SECONDED by Linda Hall that the ruling that a lead may be of age 55 – 59 remain. Prior to voting on the motion, Velma Snitka suggested that the age limit be 55+ for all members of a team. She cited the declining number of curlers as the more senior members of Golden Gals are retiring and there does not appear to be a corresponding increase in numbers in the 60+ age bracket to maintain the status quo of rinks participating. She believed the “fun” part of the bonspiel could be maintained without becoming too competitive. The initial motion by Shirley King and Linda Hall was defeated. MOVED by Velma Snitka, SECONDED by Verna Miller that the age for all Golden Gal curlers be lowered to 55 and that person may play any position on the team. CARRIED

4) 50/50 Draw: Dianne Lambert won \$22.00 with \$22.00 being deposited to the Golden Gals bank account.

5) District Playoffs: District 9 playoffs will be held November 4 & 5, 2015 at Beausejour and Carol Bender will be the chairperson. District 7 will hold their playoffs in November (date unknown) at Pilot Mound and Donna McConnell will be the chairperson. District 3/5 playoffs will be held in Shoal Lake, date unknown and Linda Newton will be the chairperson. District 4/6 still looking for a chairperson. District 1 unknown at this time, District 2 playoffs will be held at Dauphin with dates and chairperson to be named. District 8 will hold their playoffs in Balmoral with suggested dates of January 12 & 13, 2016 and Arlene Farebrother will act as chairperson. Districts 10, 11 & 12 – chairperson to be sought.

Semi-annual meeting scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2015 either in Steinbach or Brandon. Notices will be emailed to all members.

Meeting Adjourned – Lyn Bell.

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Minutes of meeting of annual meeting of May 12, 2015: Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Sharon Tetreault that the minutes of annual meeting of May 12, 2015 be approved as read. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$3,473.72 in the current account and GICs totalling \$6,826.00 and reviewed some of the highlights of the financial statements. Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Donna McConnell that the Treasurer's Report be approved for informational purposes as presented. Carried

Business Arising:

(a) District Playdowns: Linda reported she contacted several Winnipeg curlers and that Kathy Cox may act as Chairperson for the Winnipeg Playdowns. Carol Loeppky

indicated that Steinbach Curling Club will provide a host club team to bring the total teams to 16.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means – Lynda Draper reported that Riverview Curling Club cash calendars were distributed at the May annual meeting and that she had more for distribution to curlers for their district playdowns. Each district is reminded that a donation of \$100.00 per district is appreciated by Golden Gals Provincial organization to assist with meeting costs of running the Provincials. The donation can be raised in whatever manner the districts wish, however, one way is to sell cash calendars, of which Golden Gals receives \$5.00 per calendar.

Charms & Trophies – Ivy Heapy agreed to order gold and silver pendants for presentation at Provincials to the winning and second place teams respectively. Moved by Dianne Lambert, Seconded by Sharon Tetreault that gold and silver pendants be ordered for this year's two finalists. Carried

Ice & Draw: Once again Provincials will consist of 4 pools of 4 teams each with each team being guaranteed three games and knowing times of games. A split registration/briefing will occur again this year as the format proved successful at Rivers Provincials. Lynda and Linda will attend to the draw once all district winners have been declared. Skills will come into play only if it could not be determined the 1st & 2nd place winners of each pool taking into consideration the win/loss scenario. Moved by Carol Bender, Seconded by Anne Pleskach that 2016 Provincials consist of round robin play with 4 teams in 4 pools and 8 teams advance to sudden death round. Carried

Provincial Bonspiel: 2016 Provincials will be held at Steinbach Curling Club February 4-7, 2016 and co-chairs will be Carol & Jake Loepky of Steinbach Senior Curling Club.

Correspondence:

- (1) Email of resignation from Lyn Bell as a member-at-large.
- (2) Verbal confirmation from Pat Gould that she did not wish to serve on the Executive of Golden Gals Association.

Nominations/Volunteers: Sharon Tetreault volunteered to serve on the Executive Committee. It was noted that position of Vice-President remains unfilled. Lynda explained that there were no face to face executive meetings last year. The executive was informed by email rather than necessitating meetings and travel.

New Business:

1) 2015 District Representatives: Each District will be represented by teams at Provincials: District 1 – 1; District 2 – 2; District 3/5 – 2; District 4/6 – 1; District 7 – 2; District 8 – 2; District 9 – 2; District 10 – 1; District 11 – 1; District 12 – 1 and Host Club – 1.

Meeting Adjourned – Daphne Keck.

Lynda and Linda met with Host Committee representative and reviewed details of Provincials.