

# **GOLDEN GALS PROVINCIAL CURLING ASSOCIATION**

## **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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners taking into consideration the win/loss scenario.

Provincial Bonspiel: A detailed report of the 32<sup>nd</sup> 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.