

GOLDEN GALS PROVINCIAL CURLING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Golden Gals Curling Association was held Monday, May 16, 2016 at Jodie's Restaurant, Brandon, Manitoba with registration of 16 members. President Lynda Draper welcomed all to the meeting and offered grace and following lunch the business meeting was conducted.

Lynda Draper called the meeting to order and was informed that Mary Girling of Shoal Lake, District 3 had passed away this year. A moment of silence was observed remembering Mary. Roll Call answered by attendees from District 1 – 0; District 2 – 1; District 3/5 – 7; District 4/6 – 1; District 7 – 0, District 8 – 4; District 9 – 2 and Districts 10, 11 & 12 – 1 for a total of 16 members.

Minutes of meeting of annual meeting of May 12, 2015: Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Kathy Cox that the minutes of annual meeting of May 12, 2015 be approved as circulated in the Annual Report. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$3,109.60 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 Shirley King that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means – Lynda Draper reported total sales of Riverview Curling Club cash calendars of 153 which resulted in funds raised of \$765.00. It was noted the declining number of sales results in reduced funds. 2017 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 \$319.12 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 again 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 report of the 33rd Provincials hosted by Steinbach Curling Club is included in annual report. The teams were escorted from the lower curling club area to the banquet room by junior Steinbach curlers carrying the standards depicting each district. Rather than entertainment following the banquet, the curlers had a discussion regarding the Golden Gals Curling Association. Several suggestions were offered as to ways the organization could increase curlers and finances. It was agreed that some of these suggestions should be brought to the attention of the Annual Meeting.

District Reports: Same are included in the annual report. Districts 3 & 5 and 4 & 6 were combined again this year. District playoff fees totaled \$1,060.00 while donations were status quo at \$500.00 and proceeds from calendar sales amounted to \$765.00. It was noted the District 4/6 did not have a playdowns this year. Mary Fenske offered to act as Chairperson and would try to encourage rinks to enter district playdowns.

Moved by Mary Fenske, Seconded by Linda Newton that all reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

Correspondence:

- (1) Thank you from Whalen Team.
- (2) Thank you from Arlene Deprez Team.
- (3) Press Release informing that Beth McLeod Team, winners of the 2016 Golden Gal Provincials will represent Manitoba at the 55+ Games in Brampton, Ontario in mid August. Jill Overall explained that their team would compete in the 55+ division and another team would represent Manitoba in the 65+ division. She reported that their team had been approached by Lois Dudgeon of the Canada 55+ Games Committee and that the Golden Gals Curling Association winner would be asked to compete at the 55+ Games in two years time as the Games are held every two years. Beth and her teammates of Gladys James, Jill Overall and Vicky Elliott were presented with Manitoba jackets at a fund raising steak dinner held at Springfield Curling Club.

Nomination Committee: As there was no one present representing the Nomination Committee, Lynda Draper reported that after 5 years as President and 3 as Vice, she wishes to tender her resignation. She did agree to remain as President for one more year if someone would volunteer to come forward as Vice-President. Lynda explained that most of the activities of the Executive Committee are handled via email and telephone thus negating the necessity of face to face meetings. Lynda and Linda met with the Host Committee members after the semi-annual meeting to review hosting duties and responsibilities. Following further discussion, Kathy Cox volunteered to take the position of 1st Vice President for one year with Lynda Draper remaining as President for the 2016-2017 term. Linda Newton offered to serve as 2nd Vice-

President. As a result the executive positions will be being filled as follows: President – Lynda Draper; 1st Vice-President – Kathy Cox; 2nd Vice-President - Linda Newton; Secretary/Treasurer – Linda Wilson; Past President – vacant; Members at large – Mary Fenske; Ivy Heapy; Sally Cote, Velma Snitka, Dianne Lambert, Sharron Tetreault and Arlene Farebrother.

New Business:

1) Website: Lynda Draper has been in contact with Gregg Leask of Shale Creatives who designed our website with a view to receiving information from him that would enable Lynda to be able to update the website rather than Gregg having to enter the amendments. Issues arose during the Steinbach Provincials whereby the updates were not being entered in a timely manner. Lynda and Linda will meet with Gregg in an attempt to rectify this situation.

2) Discussion Points from Steinbach Provincials: The suggestions arising from Steinbach Provincials had been documented with responses in bold type from Secretary-Treasurer in an attempt to address some of the issues. Anyone not attending AGM wishing to have a copy of suggestions can contact Secretary for a copy to be emailed.

3) Age Limit: As the age limit was mentioned a few times from the Steinbach suggestions a discussion was held at the Annual Meeting. Kathy Cox wondered if there were sufficient attendees at the Annual Meeting to make a motion regarding this matter and suggested emailing all members who have provided their email addresses with a motion. The pros and cons of decreasing the age to 55 were discussed: 60 year olds had to wait until they were "of age"; declining numbers of curlers by not allowing 55 year olds to participate, especially when trying to find a skip. Mary Fenske believed that the vote should be held at the Annual Meeting as all received an invitation to the meeting. Following further discussion it was MOVED by Kathy Cox, SECONDED by Arlene Farebrother that teams participating in Golden Gals District Playdowns may have one team member between the ages of 55-60 and that player may play any position. For - 14; Against - 1 CARRIED

4) Provincials: Golden Gal Provincials will be hosted by Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club in Winnipeg, February 3 - 5, 2017. Kathy Cox on behalf of the Planning Committee reported the Club has 8 sheets of ice, allowing all teams to play at the same time. There will be a morning draw and a draw in the afternoon. Caterers, ice time and entertainment have been arranged and Committee chairs have volunteers. There will be 50/50 draws and a silent auction. Hosting Committee is planning a meeting in early September to review details.

5) Sale of Calendars: This was another topic that was discussed at Steinbach Provincials. Many areas of the Province have their own fundraising activities and some do not take Riverview cash calendars to sell for that reason. Lynda explained that a few years ago it was decided that each district would donate \$100.00 to the parent Golden Gals organization to help cover costs. It was at the discretion of each district as to how these funds would be raised. It was decided that those districts wishing to sell cash calendars would do so and those districts who did not wish to do so, could make their \$100.00 donation in any manner they so wish.

6) Entry fees: MOVED by Linda Newton, SECONDED by Jill Overall that District fees payable to Golden Gals Curling Association be increased to \$40.00 per team participating at the District playdowns. CARRIED

7) District Playoffs: District 1 playoffs will be held at Flin Flon, District 2 will be held at Swan River and Joyce Trevellyan will chair, District 3/5 will be held at Hamiota with Linda Wilson as chair, District 4/6 will be held in Brandon and Mary Fenske will act as chair, District 7 will hold their playoffs in Manitou, District 8 will hold their playdowns in either Warren or Argyle and Shirley King and Alice Meir will co-chair, District 9 playdowns will be held at Springfield Curling Club with Beth McLeod chairing and Districts 10, 11 & 12 will be held at Assiniboine Curling Club with Marian Whalen as chairperson. No dates known for any of the Playdowns as yet.

8) Entries for 2017 Provincials based on last year's number of teams participating: District 1 - 1; District 2 - 2; District 3/5 - 2; District 4/6 - 1; District 7 - 2; District 8 - 2; District 9 - 1; Districts 10, 11, 12 - 3; Host - 1. The 16th team will be selected from either District 9 or 10 as these two districts each had 3 participants last year.

9) 50/50 Draw: Marilyn Warkentin won \$40.00 and donated half her winnings back to Golden Gals resulting in \$60.00 being deposited to the Golden Gals bank account.

10) District Playdowns: Kathy Cox asked how those Districts present ran their playoffs. The number of teams entered and number of spots available determined how the playdowns were ran. Linda will ask each District to include in their report for the Annual Report a description of how their playdowns were ran and the success/lack thereof of same.

Semi-annual meeting is usually scheduled for the last Monday in September and will be held at the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club. Notices will be emailed to all members once date has been confirmed with the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club..

Meeting Adjourned – Jean Rootsart.

