

# **GOLDEN GALS PROVINCIAL CURLING ASSOCIATION**

## **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

The semi-annual meeting of the Golden Gals Curling Association was held Monday, September 26, 2016 at Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club, Winnipeg, Manitoba with registration of 23 members and 1 guest. President Lynda Draper welcomed all to the meeting and informed the members that she had Riverview cash calendars for sale. Next year will be the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Golden Gals and hopefully the location of 2018 Provincials will be announced at this year's Provincials. The Secretary is still waiting for dates of district playoffs and once received, same will be placed on the website. Lynda and Linda Wilson met with the web designer and provide him with updates and improvements to the website. It is hoped that these updates will be added to the website in a timely fashion. Each district is asked to provide media contacts to the Host Committee to facilitate reporting at the time of Provincials. 50/50 draw was held with \$60.00 going to Debbie Carlson and \$60.00 to Golden Gals. Kathy Cox offered grace and following lunch the business meeting was conducted.

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

Minutes of meeting of annual meeting of May 16, 2016: Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Kathy Cox that the minutes of annual meeting of May 16, 2016 be approved as read. Carried. Jill Overall noted that it is not definite that the winner of Golden Gals in 2018 will automatically be selected to represent Manitoba at the 2018 55+ Games.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$1,199.81 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 Vicky Elliott that the Treasurer's Report up to September 26, 2016 be approved for informational purposes as presented. Carried

Business Arising:

(a) Spots for Provincials: There were two districts eligible for a second team – District 9 and one from Districts 10, 11 & 12. A name was drawn from a hat with District 9 being offered the second team. A host club team from Districts 10, 11 & 12 will bring the total teams to 16 for Provincials.

(b) District Playoffs: Lynda reminded all district chairpersons that for each team participating at district playoffs, \$40.00 is to be sent to the Golden Gals secretary-treasurer with copies of Form A and B.

(c) Age Limit: Districts are also reminded that age limitations have also changed. Each team participating may have one player only between the ages of 55-59 and she may play any position.

(d) 55+ Games will be held in Virden in 2018. Lynda will communicate with Lois Dudgeon regarding representation from Golden Gals Curling. Beth McLeod reported that in conversation with other Provincial winners at the Brampton, Ontario 55+ Games, it was learned that playoffs were held in order for that team to represent her Province. Lynda offered to try to determine how the representing teams are selected from Manitoba. Beth recommended any team being selected to go as the experience was rewarding.

#### 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 playoffs. Each district is reminded that a donation of \$100.00 per district is required 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. As the calendars have proven to be difficult to sell in some districts, Lynda offered some other fundraising ideas: A Golden Gals cookbook or another form of a draw whereby squares are sold and the winning square wins one-half of the revenue. Kathy Cox did not believe cookbooks would be a good fundraiser as most people look up recipes on the internet. Lynda reminded everyone that approximately \$3,000.00 is required every year to run Provincials and maintain the Golden Gals Association. Kathy noted that it is more expensive to host Provincials in the City as compared with Country locations. Marlene Allan suggested that all players attending Provincials pay an additional \$10.00. Kathy wondered if all those attending the banquet could pay half of the cost of the banquet. Lynda stated perhaps Elks cash calendars would be easier to sell and the profits from the Elks calendars benefited all Manitoba communities. Consensus of meeting was that Elks cash calendars would not be any easier to sell. Following further discussion, it was Moved by Jill Overall, Seconded by Arlene Farebrother that everyone attending the Provincials banquet pay \$10.00 towards the cost of the meal. CARRIED. These funds will go to the Host Committee not to the Golden Gals Curling Association.

Charms & Trophies – Linda will ask if Ivy Heapy wishes to order gold and silver pendants for presentation at Provincials to the winning and second place teams respectively this year and if she cannot, Linda will contact Ressors to order same.

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. As there are eight sheets of ice at Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club, all teams will be able to play at the same time. It is anticipated there will be a Friday morning draw and a Friday afternoon draw with opening ceremonies and banquet concluding Friday evening. Eight teams will advance following the Saturday morning draw. 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of each pool taking into consideration the win/loss scenario. Hotel information will be added to the website and the list of hotels as provided by Pat Gould will also be sent to each winning team.

Provincial Bonspiel: 2017 Provincials will be held at Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club in Winnipeg February 3-5, 2017 and co-chairs will be Kathy Cox and Marian Whalen. Kathy reported committee chairs have been named and volunteers will be sought. Ice and banquet have been booked and entertainment has been organized with the theme being Country.

Correspondence:

(1) Email from Gregg Leask of Shale Creative with annual costs of maintaining the Golden Gals website: Website hosting - \$144.00 per year; Domain name renewal - \$14.00 per year and Updates to website - \$150.00 per year for a total of \$308.00 plus GST annually. MOVED by Shirley King, SECONDED by Marlene Allan that the invoice of \$323.40 be paid to Shale Creative. CARRIED. Kathy asked if it were possible for Golden Gals executive to update the website. Lynda explained that Gregg is going to look into the possibility and will let us know.

Meeting Adjourned – Pat Gould.