

GOLDEN GALS PROVINCIAL CURLING ASSOCIATION

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the Golden Gals Curling Association was held Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at Breezy Bend Country Club, Winnipeg with 16 members attending. President Cathy Burntack welcomed all to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m. A moment of silence was observed for Fletch Manning from District 3/5 and Gerri Kostuchuk from District 1, former Golden Gal curlers. Roll Call answered by attendees from District 1 – 1; District 2 – 5; District 3/5 – 2; District 4/6 – 0; District 7 – 0, District 8 – 0; District 9 – 4 and Districts 10, 11 & 12 – 4. Regrets received from Jean Ryall of District 3/5 and Cindy VanBuekenhout of District 2.

Minutes of meeting of annual meeting: The minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2025 have been provided to the webmaster. Moved by Debbie McNeill, Seconded by Kathy Cox that the minutes of annual meeting of May 12, 2025 be approved as posted. Carried.

Agenda: Moved by Linda Newton, Seconded by Odile Brook that the agenda as proposed be approved. Carried

Curling Clubs and Districts: Additions were added to some the districts and the updated lists will be forwarded to the District Chairpersons. Moved by Marian Whalen, Seconded by Judy Colwell that the district lists of curling clubs be updated. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$3,073.84 with the Host Committee stipend in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be paid for the hosting of 2025 Provincials. TDs total \$9,090.05 and there is a \$5.00 membership share at Westoba Credit Union. One term deposit in the amount of \$1,131.42 was redeemed in January, 2025 and there are 5 term deposits with renewal dates from September 23/26 to May 15/29 with at least one term being due each year. Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Norma Johnson that the Treasurer's Report to September 16, 2025 be approved for informational purposes. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means – Linda Wilson reported that Riverview Curling Club are available. District 2 has 30 to sell, District 3/5 has 25 and District 9 will be receiving 20. If any other district wishes to sell the calendars as a fundraiser towards their \$100 donation, please contact Linda Wilson. It had been decided at the May 2025 meeting that Golden Gals would be able to sell 50/50 tickets at the 2025 Provincials to supplement the Association's coffers.

Charms & Trophies – Linda Wilson reported that the cost of the 4 gold and 4 silver pennants for the 2025 Provincials has increased to \$42.50 each from \$35.00 last year. Reesors will try to place our order with another order to reduce shipping costs. After discussion, it was agreed to continue with the presentation of the pennants for the first and second place teams.

Ice & Draw: Petersfield 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.

2025 Provincials: Ice has been booked at Petersfield Curling Club for the Golden Gals 2025 Provincials November 27 – 30 and Cathy Burtnack reported that they are pleased to host the Provincials. The caterer and entertainment have been booked. District Chairpersons will be contacted and the requisite information for playdowns provided. Each team participating in 2025 Provincials is asked to provide an item for the silent auction and proceeds from same and the 50/50 ticket sales will be given to Golden Gals Curling.

Correspondence: Cathy reported receiving two emails. Dawn Ammeter from District 9 cited having issues obtaining ice for district playdowns.

New Business:

(a) Rule Changes: Cathy circulated proposed rule changes and discussion was held. It was suggested that a clarification should be made as to “spare” and “fifth player”. If a team registers on Form A a designated player, that person will be named as fifth player and will have the option to play on the team naming her. The Host Committee will provide a list of spares of ladies who would be able to participate if a team requires a spare during Provincials and a fifth player has not been named nor is available. 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. Moved by Wendy Nyloluk Seconded by Kathy Isaac that the new standing rule changes be approved. Carried

(b) District Playdowns: Due to increasing costs of ice rentals and possible unavailability of ice time, Cathy wondered if another method of finding 16 teams for Provincials might be possible. She suggested an open entry would negate the necessity of having district playdowns. After discussion, it was decided that the 12 districts should remain for the 2025 Provincials with each district being awarded with the number of entries as determined. District 1 – 2; District 2 – 2; District 3/5 – 1; District 4/6 – 1, District 7 – 1; District 8 – 1; District 9 – 3; District 10/11/12 – 4 and Host – 1. The number of teams per District is calculated from the number of teams who participated in the previous year’s playdowns. Moved by Odile Brook, Seconded by Norma Johnson that the districts remain status quo. Carried

(c) Cathy asked for volunteers to serve as Vice-President and on the Executive Committee. Odile Brook volunteered to come on the Executive as Vice-President. Appreciation extended to Odile.

(d) Linda will contact the webmaster and request once again the updates be posted in a timely manner.

(e) Fundraising for Golden Gals Association: An ad hoc committee of Kathy Cox, Odile Brook and Donna Davidson will investigate the possibility of Golden Gals offering a progressive 50/50 draw with 3 separate draws being made. The winning ticket would be returned to the draw. Donna reported that online 50/50 tickets could be available. Due to the fact the funds are required for this year’s expenses, a discussion occurred regarding increasing the amount that each district contributes to Golden Gals per team participating in their district playdowns. Moved by Norma Johnson Seconded by Judy Colwell that each District shall pay the sum of \$100.00 per team participating at the playdowns to Golden Gals Association. Carried.

(f) Honoring former Golden Gals curlers: It was suggested that former Golden Gal curlers could be honoured at Provincials by participating in the throwing of the ceremonial first rock during the official opening. They would also be provided a lunch ticket. The Host Committee would attend to the invitations.

(g) Promotion: Kathy Isaac stated that Golden Gals Curling remains unknown in several curling clubs throughout the province. She volunteered to explore ways of promoting Golden Gals Curling and ensuring that curling clubs were aware of the organization. Recreation Directors in various communities might have some suggestions as to how Golden Gals Curling might become more well known. Appreciation to Kathy for undertaking this project.

Cathy Burtnack thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Next meeting date will be May 11, 2026 in Brandon at Riverview Curling Club.

Meeting Adjourned