

GOLDEN GALS PROVINCIAL CURLING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Golden Gals Curling Association was held Monday, May 11, 2026 at Riverview Curling Club, Brandon, Manitoba with registration of 18 members. President Cathy Burtnack welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the members for attending.

Cathy called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and there were no notifications of deceased Golden Gals curlers. Roll Call answered by attendees from District 1 – 0; District 2 – 11; District 3/5 – 2; District 4/6 – 1; District 7 – 0, District 8 – 0; District 9 – 1 and Districts 10, 11 & 12 – 3 for a total of 18 members. Regrets received: Dela Chilson, Susan McRae and Arlene Deprez.

Moved by Betty Caruk, Seconded by Kathy Cox that the drafted agenda be approved. Carried

Minutes of the last annual meeting have been entered on the website and are included in the annual report and it was Moved by Linda Newton, Seconded by Kathy Isaac that the minutes of the semiannual meeting of September 16, 2025 be approved. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Linda Wilson reported a balance of \$2,228.47 in the chequing account and GICs totaling \$9,091.05 for a grand total of \$11,319.52. Moved by Linda Wilson, Seconded by Odile Brook that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented for information purposes. The GIC maturing September 23, 2026 will be required for 2026 Provincial expenses. Moved by Kathy Cox, Seconded by Cindy Van Buekenhout that the September 16, 2026 GIC in the amount of \$1,600.00 be redeemed and deposited to the chequing account. Carried. Kathy Cox and Linda Wilson will attend at Westoba Credit Union to sign the requisite documentation.

Committee Reports:

Ways & Means – Reported in annual report. Districts are reminded that Riverview cash calendar sales was a fundraiser undertaken by Golden Gals in 2025 and the 50/50 draws at 2025 Provincials in Petersfield were donated to Golden Gals Curling Association. These funds amounted to \$318.00 which were welcomed. Discussion ensued regarding other fundraisers Golden Gals could undertake. An online progressive 50/50 draw is a possibility and Odile Brook reported that Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries would assist for a 10% fee. As it was agreed that an "old fashioned" 50/50 draw might be a better option, Kathy Cox and Linda Wilson will research costs. It was noted that the license would have to be applied for by a Dauphin representative as that is where the draw would be made. The tickets would sell for \$5.00 each. Kathy and Linda will give a report at the September meeting. One hundred 2027 Riverview cash calendars will be available as a fundraiser as well. The cash calendars will be distributed to interested districts once they have been printed.

Charms & Trophies – Reported in annual report. Linda will order the gold and silver pennants for the 2026 Provincials.

Provincial Bonspiel: Petersfield Curling Club hosted 2025 Provincials with 14 teams attending. Districts 3/5 and 6 were unable to provide teams. The Host Committee was chaired by Cathy Burtnack. A detailed report is included in the annual report.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

1) 2026 Provincials: Dauphin Curling Club has offered to host the 2026 Golden Gals Provincials on November 26 – 29, 2026 with a hosting committee of Cindy Van Buekenhout, Odile Brook, and Donna Malowski. Cindy Van Buekenhout reported that she had applied for a Dauphin tourism grant and was awarded \$3,000.00. Local businesses have been approached re sponsorship donations. A meal fee will be considered to cover banquet costs, if necessary. Silent auction items will be requested from participating teams. The 50/50 draws with proceeds being donated to Golden Gals Curling will be organized by Golden Gals Executive. Nesbitt Publishing of Shoal Lake will be contacted regarding printing of 100 programs. Registration has been slated for Thursday at 12:30 followed by practice times and the first draw occurring at 3:45 p.m. There will be a welcoming reception with food and prizes. Opening ceremonies will occur after the second draw on Friday. A bag piper has been booked. It was requested that district playdowns should be held as early as possible to have the program printed in a timely fashion. Cathy Burtnack reported that Connie Kay did not have an issue last year with the printing as she was able to have a majority of the program ready with the final draw schedule being included as it became known. A caterer has been booked for the Friday evening banquet. Cindy wondered if drivers should be available. It was agreed that Hosting Committee could make that decision. Odile Brook has set up a 43rd Golden Gals Provincials page on Facebook and it should be available by searching 43rd Golden Gals Provincials and clicking on follow. Accommodations are being offered at Dauphin Super 8, Dauphin Inn Express and Best West Plus. “Golden Gals” code is to be quoted when booking.

2) District eligible spots: District 1 – 2; District 2 – 3; District 3/5 – 1; District 4/6 – 1, District 7 – 1; District 8 – 1; District 9 – 2, District 10,11,12 – 4 and Host – 1. The Host team will pay the \$100.00 entry fee if they did not participate in their zone playdowns.

3) Survey from 2025 Provincials: Cathy Burtnack circulated a questionnaire with the following results: Date of Provincials: Late November or first week of December. Present playoff format: Continue. Encouragement of more entries at district level: Everyone work on promoting Golden Gal Curling; Website must be current and relevant; Utilization of social media; Personal contact with curlers. Zone playdowns or direct entry: Continue with zone playdowns. Fundraising: Cash calendars; Pull tickets; Using invested funds; Secure a major sponsor. Cathy Burtnack reported that she will be contacting businesses to become a major sponsor of Golden Gals Curling suggesting a sponsorship of \$25,000.00 divided into \$5,000.00 donations over 5 years. She indicated she will be contacting businesses that cater to senior citizens. Their logo will be placed in the ice of the hosting rink each year and they will be advertised in the program and during the Provincials. Expenses to be eliminated: No, tradition is important. Winning teams: Keep the pendants.

4) Website: No information was included on the website for the 2025 Provincials. Linda Wilson to contact the webmaster and request a reason and inform that it was important that the website be updated on a timely basis. Cathy Burtnack reported that she had provided all Provincial games outcomes to the webmaster.

5) Poster: A coloured poster should be provided to all clubs in all districts.

6) Membership List: Linda Wilson reported that she updates the membership list as the team members are submitted to her on Form A. As the list was inherited, all ladies named may no longer be curlers, but as the list is Provincial, it is difficult to ascertain the current curlers and those who are no longer curling. Bev Hess offered to phone all members listed to determine whether they wished to remain as a Golden Gal curler. When the notices of meetings are sent to the email addresses, the recipient is requested to let Linda know if she no longer wishes to receive notices of meetings. Thanks extended to Bev for this undertaking.

7) Meetings: It was agreed 2 meetings a year would suffice.

8) Hosting Guidelines: Linda will draft an update to the hosting guidelines and forward to Cindy for her suggestions.

9) Executive: Leeanne Fedak and Kathy Isaac volunteered to become Executive Committee members of Golden Gals Curling Association.

10) Next meeting will be held at Dauphin Curling Club on Monday, September 14th at 11:30 a.m.

Cathy thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.