

Gwinnett Senior Golden Games
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2017

Meeting was called to order by our outgoing President, Alan Villavasso, and assisted by the President-Elect, Sherman Shelby.

Invocation was given by Roy Crayton.

Minutes were read by Glory Villavasso in Marie Hickman's absence.

The treasury report was given by Elaine Shiver who reported that we have an account balance of \$12,117.92.

Five visitors were in attendance, four of which had participated in our recent Games competitions.

It was reported that Marie had been readmitted in the hospital, at Gwinnett Medical in Lawrenceville.

Alan congratulated Bob Giselbach on a job well done on the recent train set up and display at the Vines Garden. Alan then presented a large framed picture, along with several small albums of photos he had taken of the train display to Bob and Eileen.

Alan thanked everyone for a successful Games season. He stated that only one injury occurred. Irene incurred a wrist injury which was immediately attended onsite by Lisa Tuggle. She later received follow-up treatment at Eastside Medical Center, and was back competing in the Games the very next day.

Alan then asked for feedback on what needed improvements and what went well with the Games this year.

The following complaints and suggestions were made:

- Lane problems and personnel problems under the current management at Brunswick Bowling Lanes. It was suggested by the event managers that we consider changing to a different venue. Stars and Strikes was suggested as a possible alternative. The recommendation was that the event managers for bowling meet with the Board after the general meeting to discuss strategies for a search for the best venue to meet our needs for next year.
- Bob reported that some athletes complained that their drive was too far to participate in an event for which rules had been changed to shorten the playing time...i.e., shuffleboard. Bob suggested that athletes become more familiar with the Games rules. Richard further suggested that we include in the rules any specific exceptions that we will be observing in awards.
- Alan recommended that the rules be reviewed for any possible changes or adjustments in September.
- It was mentioned that we need to find out why so many people register, but too many don't show.
- Kim Shealy suggested that we consider sending out email reminders to the athletes to hopefully improve attendance. (That recommendation was well received, as the Recreation Dept. volunteered to take that responsibility).

Some Positive Observations:

- Facebook page was reported to be very positive.
- Word of mouth comments were also reported to have been very favorable.
- Gail Fitzgerald reported that the Health Fair was well attended and that quite a few people showed interested in our games and signed up for information. Alan stated that although many don't necessarily register for our games, the publicity ultimately benefits the Games' visibility.
- Everyone agreed that the closing meal was very good, and that having two serving lines was a good idea. We decided to use the Masters' Table Catering Company again next year. Robin agreed to serve as the contact person again for next year's opening and closing meals.

Kim presented samples of various LOGOS to the body to view as possible options in case we were interested in changing to a new LOGO. She shared with us the LOGO that the Parks and Recreation is considering for their upcoming Bicentennial Celebration in 2018. There was some discussion and consensus about keeping the LOGO as is due to it's intense color... more so than the samples presented; however, no official vote was taken. She further stated that, simultaneously to our croquet and badminton games, the Parks and Recreation will be hosting other games to commemorate their bicentennial, such as checkers, modified baseball, marbles, and so on. There will be additional activities taking place throughout the entire year of 2018 as well.

Sandy from Delmar reported that their games will take place this year; she will provide us with further details at a later date, and shall be soliciting volunteers to assist them.

Bill and Sherry Eppright shared information regarding a Beach Party that they will be hosting on July 20th at Bethesda from 10:00am-1:30pm. They requested that the Golden Games manage a holyboard competition at the party. Their request was granted; and several persons volunteered to assist with the event setup, etc. Admission is \$15.00, but free for volunteers: Sherman, Al, Doris etc.

*There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie shared the results of the 55 surveys turned in at the closing. There were many great ideas and suggestions submitted as possible improvements for us to consider. It was moved by Glory and seconded by Cleo that the survey results be reviewed and addressed by the event managers and the board by the September meeting. The motion passed by a majority show of hands.

Alan acknowledged our 2017 National Senior Olympics winners who represented our Golden Games:

- Doris Warpole: Silver Metal- Softball
- Eileen Giselbach: Silver Metal- Shuffleboard

Afterwards, Alan thanked everyone for supporting him as the Games President for six consecutive years. He received a standing ovation and grand applause by the members in attendance for a job well done!!

Sherman announced that the next meeting is scheduled for September 18th, and then invited Bud Kushman the opportunity to express his gratitude for the love and support given him upon the recent passing of his wife, Ginny.

Meeting was then adjourned by Sherman. (Refreshments were provided by Marquita in celebration of our closing).

Respectfully submitted,

Glory Villavasso in the absence of Marie Hickman