

**Gwinnett Senior Golden Games**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 16, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by our President, Sherman Shelby, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The invocation was given by Al Stacer.

Minutes were read by our secretary, Glory Villavasso. {Moved for acceptance by Joanne Hardin and seconded by Lynn Nickerson}.

The treasury report was given by our treasurer, Judy Payne. Judy reported that the Games received donations totaling \$400 (Flanagan Funeral Home \$300 and Cornerstone Financial \$100). Expenses for the month totaled \$810.27, leaving us with a balance of 11,680.90.

Sherman reminded us of the upcoming Delmar Games scheduled for this Thursday, Oct. 19 at 8:30 am, and encouraged as many as possible to attend, as well as to volunteer. The Event Managers Luncheon hosted by Del Mar shall take place sometime in January...date not yet determined.

The gift ideas report was presented by Glory who had checked with a couple of vendors (Big Frog and 4 Print) regarding purchasing royal blue baseball caps and sun visors for the registered athletes. After much discussion, the decision was to purchase only baseball caps, with a majority vote from the body. It was determined that a price cap of \$6.00 dollars be budgeted to include, either embroidery or a screen print of the Games logo; and that Glory will make the final decision in choosing the vendor and caps.

Regarding new polo shirts for 2018, a sample dry fit polo shirt from Big Frog was passed around the room to be considered for the event managers. Most seemed to approve of the fabric, and the shirt will be in white. (After gathering information from a couple of other vendors, a final decision for the polo shirts will be determined at the next November board meeting). The athletes' t-shirts will be red, and purchased again from Big Frog.

Jim Crowell reported that a contract has been signed for our new bowling venue at Stars and Stripes in Dacula. There was some discussion regarding what fee should be assessed per bowler. A decision was made to keep the assessment fee of \$4.50, the same as last year. (Moved by Gail Fitzgerald and seconded by Elaine Shiver).

Lisa Tuggle reported that 18-Hole Golf has been confirmed for 2018. The event location will be the Country Club of Gwinnett. The date is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>; and the assessment fee pp will be \$25.00 + tax. All skill levels are encouraged to come out to participate; and only 8 strokes per hole will be allowed. Golf clubs will be available to use at no charge. The goal is to get newer participants to attend. Lots of fun activities are planned.

Shuffle board rules changes were suggested. Bob commented that 4 frames are not enough; and that participants who came only for that event were disappointed at the short 4 frame playing time recently imposed. He suggested that we increase it back to 6 frame as in previous years. Judy Payne, event manager, agreed to go with 6 frames; but that more volunteers will be needed to assist.

Kim passed out some copies of the event schedule with some adjustments made. She additionally

reported that the registration forms will be ready soon. The same printer as last year is being considered; and that volunteers will be needed to assist with the proofing once printed. It was suggested by Debbie that a committee be formed to review the By Laws as to how registration forms are to be handled. Various members volunteered to distribute registration forms throughout the county once they are ready.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Some responses/suggestions made from the Surveys completed at the Closing:

- Badminton be bracketed *only* if there are enough participants within age brackets.
- Rummikub will not be bracketed because it is not an age-bracket event.
- Swimming event is at-risk due to low participation.
- Bowlers need to be notified of new bowling venue. Parks and Recreation staff will attempt to get emails out to the bowlers of the new location.
- It was suggested that the Board come up with a system to better contact athletes when needed, as well as ways to recruit new and younger members from the broader community, i.e. gyms, senior centers etc.

Any rule changes should be reported to Richard, our webmaster.

NEW BUESNESS: Glory shared a thank you note and program sent from our former athlete's {Isabelle Holston's} family. Highlights of some of Isabelle's many accomplishments were also shared from the funeral program.

Accolades were made to the following for success at the State Senior Olympics {Warner Robins}:

- Gold Medalist - Bowling Doubles: Sherman Shelby and Tommy Gann
- Gold Medalist – Bowling Singles – Tommy Gann
- Bronze Medalist – Bowling Singles – Sherman Shelby

Alan Villavasso was celebrated for his recent selection as *Georgia State Volunteer of the Year* {Nominated by Georgia Recreation and Parks Association}. He will be receiving a special award in Columbus, Georgia on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Gail announced that the annual Health Fair will take place at Bethesda on October 27<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that a representative from Senior Organization National Life suggested that we, perhaps, bring some of our games to their meetings to push our events... the bicentennial events, especially. Alan and Sherman volunteered to attend one of their meetings and demonstrate some of our easy games.

Sherman then adjourned the meeting and announced that our next meeting shall be on November 20<sup>th</sup>. {Moved by Gail Fitzgerald; seconded by Carmen Duren}.

Respectfully submitted by

Glory Villavasso