

# **Gwinnett Senior Golden Games**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **September 19, 2011**

Today was the first meeting of our new year. It was held at Rhodes Jordan Park at 10:00 a.m. We were happy to see many of our event managers there and ready to plan for our 2012 Golden Games. Alan, our new President, welcomed everyone.

Glory said the invocation and then we said the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. The minutes were read and Chris, our former treasurer, gave his final report. Our new balance is \$18,583 a slight increase over last year's balance. We want to thank Chris for his time and great job he did as our treasurer. Our new treasurer, Elaine, is ready to jump in and continue our great program. She already has set up a new account at BB&T Bank close to her home.

We will be able to donate again this year \$400 to the Children's Shelter. We voted yes.

We had several guests with us at this meeting. There were 3 from Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation. Kerri Cardiello, who is the new director of the Bethesda Senior Center, Kim Shealy whom we all know, and Khary Williams, the director of Rhodes Jordan; and last but not least, Brad Askew from Humana who said a few words about what he does.

The event managers gave us an update of who we need for this year's games. We will need someone for bridge and someone for badminton. If you are interested or you know someone who is interested, please let Alan know. If we don't get event managers, we will have to omit the sport. So please help us to find someone. Thank you.

We have a calendar at the front of the room with the proposed dates. This is not final but is similar to what we had last year. Moving tennis to Rhodes Jordan to get a better attendance was mentioned, but Alan said it is really up to the event manager to make that decision. Kim would have to check to see if its available also, for she secures all places for the events. Evening games. Should we have them or not? What do you think?

We are purchasing 2 large coffee pots for our event so that we will not have the problem we had with the coffee not heating up last year. Everyone seemed to be pleased with our opening meal last year, so we will go with the same caterers. However, for the closing Ceremony we will be switching to Subway for sandwiches if the price is right. They will be turkey, ham and roast beef.

We discussed the t-shirts. We are going to try to get light blue or light yellow. We will have to check prices. Be thinking about the gift this year, something around \$3. We are looking into a dinner at Garden Plaza for the event managers. More information to follow.

Registration forms update. We discussed the fee, should it be changed? We decided to leave it the same, \$15 for Gwinnett residents and \$30 outside of Gwinnett. You must be registered to play in any games. You can not come on the same day and want to participate in the game. This includes bowling. You must register your partner. It is only fair to the manager who is making up the schedule We discussed the site for the opening and closing ceremonies. We decided to use Rhodes Jordan Community Park. Bethesda only holds 279 and we are planning to grow. It was mentioned that if we start the games at 10:00 instead of 9:00 we would get a better attendance. The reason was seniors don't like to drive in early traffic.

Also, some rules need to be updated. And should we bring back the comment sheet? Come discuss some of these topics with us, we would love to hear your opinion.

We were very proud of our seniors that competed in the National Senior Games. Several came home with awards. We even had a Gold Medal winner, Eileen; and Bob came home with a shiny Silver one. Congratulations to all of you for representing Gwinnett County, Georgia.

We had some new business. Kim brought volunteer forms to fill out. She wants to record the hours each volunteer spends working for senior games. We need to let Alan know our hours.

We have several old medals that we are not using. It was mentioned that children's groups could use them. If you know of one to donate to, please let us know. Children love to receive medals.

Bob will set up the train display at George Pierce again this year. He will need STRONG MEN to help him on November 14th and LOVELY WOMEN to come on Nov. 16th to set up the towns and scenery. Hope you can help. Thanks.

MARK THIS DATE: OCTOBER 28TH the Health Fair at Bethesda Park Center 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday.

Our next meeting will be October 17th at Rhodes Jordan Community Park. Hope to see you there.

The meeting was adjourned. Lynn made a motion and Bob seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Hickman, Secretary