

**Gwinnett Senior Golden Games**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**11/15/2022**  
**Bethesda Senior Center**

- Welcome
- Pledge-Pat Harney
- Invocation-Al Stacer
- Introduction of members and guests-23 attending
- Treasurer's report-Kathryn Hall. Balance in account as of end of October 2022, is \$15104.35. No outstanding payments due at this time.
- Minutes from closing found online
- Recap 2022 games:
  - Alan Villavasso shared the commemorative statement included in the wind chimes/Shirley Snow award he received for emeritus service to the games of 2022.
  - Opening ceremony well attended as 80% of reservations attended
  - Closing ceremony 73 in attendance with 110 reservations. 66% in attendance and costing the games \$450 overage in food cost and waste. Suggestions made on how to ensure athletes understand the cost factor and loss of funds due to lack of attendance.
    - Note on registration form about the importance of checking yes or no for meal attendance and then attending.
    - Having donated door prizes to encourage attendance
    - Giving members donation cards to give out in local businesses they frequent to acquire gift cards.
    - Noted that the games have not had a donation person in the last 3 years.
    - Send reminder emails to participants about the closing ceremony.
  - Highest distribution of medals in the past 5 years with the addition of new games and inclusion of extended play for Rummikub and Billiards.
- Alan Villavasso returned some of his medals to Kim Shealy this year for the first time since he started in the games!
- A vote was taken to continue the use of the current medal design in the 2023 games.
- Motion was made to leave the age groups the same as in previous years. Motion passed with one nay as this athlete likes stiffer competition. State Games set the standard many years ago and we followed.
- Appointment of volunteer coordinators for the 2023 recruitment of the games. Thank to Sherry Hall and Al Stacer for agreeing to serve
- 968 athletes and volunteers participated, and we accomplished 1200 hours of volunteer service over the course of the games.
- Volunteer hours for 2022 as of November 2022 are estimated at 339 hours.
- Volunteers attended the health fair and netted a great list of potential new members. Thanks to Jessica Cady, Charlie Crowell and Kathryn Hall for assisting with the event.
- Schedule of 2023 games distributed, facilities are reserved, changes of locations are forthcoming. The current version is posted on the website.
- Suggestions for 2023:
  - One game per day due to the high level of participation in many games.
  - New games for 2023 are checkers and dominos to be more inclusive to those that can't do physical activities.
  - Need for trained volunteers to score consistently all games.
  - More opportunities to practice events prior to games.

- Lisa Tuggle suggested we use the putting materials she purchased to create a handicap course at Delmar to include additional players.
- DeBora expressed her concerns over evening pickle ball tournament She fully explained to the group that the goal is to draw younger people to participate many of which still are employed.
- Rising costs are a consideration and the executive committee will be looking at ways to cut costs without having to raise the fee. Sharon from Northside Gwinnett indicated prior to this meeting that they would order a bank of shirts in advance, so we don't have the same issues as this year. Shirt color was discussed, and Kelly or lime green was the selection.
- Delmar Gardens and Kelly Beasley have expressed a desire to come on board and host our executive committee meeting, putting and the walk. Kathryn Hall will reach out to them for possible January or February meeting.
- Reminder of Friday Frolics at Rhodes Jordan Community Recreation Center-10am, Learn, practice and play any game for fun and exercise. We will make arrangements for all to play!
- Volunteer Appreciation Party is 11/20/22, 2-5pm, Isaac Adair House, 15 South Clayton Street, Lawrenceville. Family event, RSVP-770-822-7955.
- Next meeting-January 17, 10am, Bethesda Senior Center.