

Gwinnett Senior Golden Games
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025

- The meeting was called to order by Kathryn Hall, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Kim Shealy at 10:05 a.m. There were 16 members in attendance.
- Welcome by Kathryn Hall
- Pledge by Alan Villavasso
- Invocation by Glory Villavasso
- Introductions of attendees
- Treasurer Report by Kathryn Hall. The current balance in our account is \$8,436.68. Kathryn announced that she would be sending out Donation Request letters soon and asked the members to please think of contacts and businesses that may be open to sponsoring GGG either financially or in kind (i.e., t-shirts, food, door prizes, etc.).
- Website reports. Kathryn noted that minutes from prior meetings are available on our Golden Games' webpage. (Gwinnettseniorgoldengames.org). The chair then recognized Darlene McCain for serving as our much needed webmaster. Darlene shared the updates made so far and discussed the need to update the webpage further. She requested assistance from everyone who is interested.
- The Games. The group reviewed the distributed schedule for the upcoming games. See attached. We discussed the importance on having event managers to review the game rules and arrive early to retrieve supplies and prepare for their assigned activity. We encourage everyone to support the games by serving as an event manager for at least one event. The bowling ladies agreed to assist Sherman with the bowling events. A suggestion was made to hold event manager training similar to the training we held a few years ago.
- The chair further noted that opening ceremony has been moved to Tuesday in order to facilitate membership and attendance. The opening ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 26, with registration at 10:30 and the program starting at 11 am. Set up for the ceremony will be after 5pm on August 25, please consider helping out. Bowling fee is \$9 per session at Stars and Strikes in Loganville.
- Glory Villavasso discussed decorating for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. She said we have some supplies that can be reused. The group discussed themes for the opening and closing. She suggested contacting senior groups and centers and nurseries to obtain live plant decorations for the Closing Ceremony. She wanted everyone to come up with ideas for Opening Ceremony by the next meeting, so everything could be finalized. She said in the past the decorations team had a budget of \$300.00, the amount this year will be contingent on available funds.
- Manda discussed the Registration forms and the need for a new executed Cooperative Agreement before forms could be generated. Jennifer Hackemeyer offered to complete that initial form as soon as possible, and did so on May 21, 2025. The County indicated it would take Marketing some time to get the form updated but the plan is to have it done as soon as possible and not later than our July 15, 2025 meeting. This schedule will allow participants to complete the form and register in person while at Bethesda Senior

Center for the next Golden Games meeting. The group was reminded that in person registration was available at several county parks.

- An email will go out during the second week of June to solicit help in moving event items from storage at Rhodes Jordan Park to the main building. Gary Lohsen and John Blaha offered their trucks and a trailer to facilitate the move. Everyone expressed appreciation for the assistance of any trucks and for as many people who were physically able to help out.
- The group discussed ideas for the torch bearer for the opening ceremony. We discussed acknowledging county staff that assists us with the games. Our Delmar Gardens representative suggested Mr. Bill who has participated in the games for many years. This motion was approved unanimously. She will send a picture of Mr. Bill to add to the Website. Darlene gave her the contact information.
- There was discussion about possible ways to acknowledge County staff that is always providing helpful assistance with the operation of the games. James from Rhodes Jordan and Nick from Bethesda were identified as staff who help often. Manda indicated that it should not be a problem to have these folks join us for lunch at the closing ceremony.
- There was a discussion about the need to revise our bylaws specifically as it relates to the executive committee and Emeritus members. Also, there is need to outline new responsibilities of the county with respect to the registration process.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES FREE TO YOU –

- Argentina Rummy – 10am, Thursdays – Rhodes Jordan Community Recreation Center
- Pickleball – 10am – Fridays – Rhodes Jordan Gym

KIDS BOWL FREE – STARS AND STRIKES LOCATION – ALL SUMMER – JUST REGISTER THEM ONLINE.

- NEXT MEETING – July 15, 2025 – 10:00 am – Bethesda Senior Center
- Motion was made to adjourn at 10:50 am and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hackemeyer
Kathryn Hall
Darlene McCain