Gwinnett Senior Golden Games Meeting Minutes September 15, 2008

At 10:00 A.M. sharp Bob, our President called our meeting to order. He welcomed our members, followed by a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. The minutes of the last meeting were read and stand approved. Bob gave the treasurer's report. Wal-mart was very good to us this year. We received another \$1000 from them. Our present balance is \$10,427.57.

Our new medals have arrived. Bob passed them around so that everyone could see them. They are different from our old ones, less expensive, and are already paid for thanks to Bob's decision to get this job done early. Do we want an engraver at the games to engrave the event and date on the back of it for you? You would have to pay for the engraving like they do at the state senior games. This is something we should think about.

The venue managers also picked out our shirts, the color we wanted and our sizes. We also chose the dates for our events. If you are making any changes to your event please let Susie know by the next meeting. Bob said there will be changes to shuffleboard. There will be two events, one at Bethesda and one at George Pierce Park. They will be 2 separate events and you can participate in both if you like. Also, if you haven't turned in your rules and guidelines for your game, please check with Susie.

Volunteers: Many people come to us at the event and tell us they would love to volunteer for our senior games. Start volunteering now! We need plenty of help and would love working with you. Find something you enjoy and then Volunteer!

Our opening and closing ceremonies will be at Rhodes Jordan Park this year. We have outgrown Bethesda which is a good problem; for we are reaching more seniors to get fit and have fun. Our opening ceremony is Wednesday April 15th and will close May 13th.

We thought we would try to extend it another week but 4 weeks is longer than most senior games schedules, so we will keep it the same. We will try our best to schedule the events close to the dates they fell on last year. Pam will make up a calendar for each senior so that you can plan according to your schedule.

We talked about gift cards instead of gifts. Everyone seems to love gift cards, more than any gifts. So we may be going with all gift cards and maybe one large prize, example Chateau Elan, the Y membership or eye glasses.

The Georgia State Olympics at Warner Robins will begin their games Sept. 24th. Bob asked for a volunteer to carry our banner on Thursday evening. Bud said he and a friend will do it. Good Luck to all our Gwinnett County Athletes.

At the last meeting we talked about a reception for the venue managers to thank them for the wonderful job they did running the senior games. The Reception will be held at the beautiful Garden Plaza Senior Apts.; you are allowed to take one guest and the date will be either Nov. 7th or Nov. 14th. More information will follow.

We are planning to set up 4 committees to work our senior games. We will need 3 people for each one. (1) a food committee, (2) a telephone committee (3) a packet committee and (4) a decorating

committee. If interested in any of these committees please attend our next meeting to sign up.

Our next meeting will be October 20th at 10:00 & board at 9:00.

One last announcement: Jennifer from Delmar Gardens has invited us to a Senior Games Day on Thursday, October 2, 2008 for fun, sports and fellowship. Come join us for this fun free event including a complimentary lunch.

Then Bob adjourned our meeting.

Sincerely,

Marie Hickman, Secretary