## Gwinnett Senior Golden Games Meeting Minutes Opening Day, April 1, 2015

Today is the day all seniors were waiting for - the kick-off meeting for the senior games. As the seniors entered the room, they received their packet which contained a water bottle (a gift), a Golden Games t-shirt which was a beautiful blue color, and a ticket to win one of many door prizes! Our theme for our meeting is patriotic - all colors red, white and blue.

First Alan called a short business meeting starting with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. The minutes were then read and the treasurer gave her report. We have a balance of \$23,797.09 but still have a number of checks to write for the expenses of the games.

We then had a special presentation for our dear friend Susie Dodson. Kim Shealy presented a Shining Star trophy to her son with many kind words and we did our 50/50 in memory of Susie. The total amount collected was \$372 and our winner received \$186. We want to thank everyone for their generous purchases of the 50/50 tickets. Susie has been with Golden Games for 16 years, and knew all there was to know about running this organization. She will be missed by all.

Then Bud Kushman held our nominations. Voting will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Closing meeting. Bud nominated Mike Radnovich for President. Mike accepted. Edward Munar was nominated by Mike for Historian, Susie's old position, and Edward accepted. There were no further nominations from the floor so Bud ended the nominations.

Next was the Presentation of the Olympic Torch by Ginny and Bud Kushman. Recognition was also given to volunteers that received silver medals for their volunteer hours (Pat and Stella Harney and Bud) and the volunteers that received the gold (Alan and Bob - for over 500 hours).

Alan followed that presentation with the Sponsor Recognition. We are so fortunate to have the following generous sponsors to make our senior games possible: Delmar Gardens, Humana, Noble Village, Kaiser Permanente, Reed Financial, Senior Council and Garden Plaza. And thanks to Eileen for keeping in touch with these sponsors through the years.

Then it was time for Bingo and gift cards. We played until it was time for lunch. Glory said the invocation and the food was ready. Everyone was pleased with the hot lunch served by Master's Table. There was plenty to eat and it was delicious food!

After lunch Hank and Bud called out several door prizes followed by the 50/50 raffle, and the winner went home with \$186.00 for a \$1.00 ticket. Alan made a few announcements and remarks and everyone left energized and ready to win some medals.

Again we want to thank our Sponsors for supporting our senior group so that we could stay active and live a happy and healthy life: Brightstar Healthcare, Brunswick Zone Lanes (Lilburn), Cornerstone Financial, Delmar Gardens, Garden Plaza at Lawrenceville, Bob & Eileen Giselbach, Gwinnett Council for Seniors, Gwinnett Sports Commission, Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, Humana, Inc., Kaiser Permanente, The Lloyd Group, Noble Village, Priscilla's Cottage. Reed Financial Group (Snellville), Seniors on the Go Travel, Trophy Club of Apalachee, and Walmart stores #1314, 3462, 3786.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Hickman, Secretary