

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2017**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Board members present were Bob Cavanaugh, Dianna Hoffman, Gale Senter, Susan Kissinger, Bonnie Myers and Maggie Briskie. The club manager, Judy Elbogen was also present. Special guests, Ken Monzingo and Al Tuckman were present.

Richard Picheny introduced Ken Monzingo to the Board. Ken Monzingo is a candidate for District Director who would represent District 22 on the ACBL National Board of Directors. Ken will be running against David Lodge. Ken Monzingo made a presentation to the Board stating the reasons he felt our Board Members should vote to re-elect him.

Richard Picheny introduced Al Tuckman to the Board. Al Tuckman is on the Board and Education Committee for Laguna Woods. Mr. Tuckman wanted SOCBC to join Laguna Woods, and Balboa in sponsoring a 0 - 20 game one day a week. Laguna Woods has their 0 - 20 game on Saturday mornings and it has become very successful. He stated that the Orange County Regional had Tuesday 9/5/ 2017 as a day for 0 - 20 players to play for free. Mr. Tuckman would like the O.C. Regional to make an announcement on that Tuesday promoting the 0 - 20 games around the area and he would include SOCBC's day if we agreed. The motion was made by Gale Senter and seconded by Richard Picheny to begin a 0 - 20 game at SOCBC on Friday mornings beginning Friday, September 15, 2017 and continuing for two months. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dianna Hoffman moved to ratify the July 17 2017, minutes. Susan Kissinger seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer: Dianna Hoffman reported on the financial condition of SOCBC. The table counts were down from last month.

Bonnie Myers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Susan Kissinger seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Facilities: Richard Picheny reported that Marshall Pearlman is investigating installing a room divider or a portable partition that would significantly block noise to allow us to offer games and lessons simultaneously in our Club. Richard Picheny reported that the carpet had been cleaned for \$450 and that we plan to have the carpet cleaned three times a year or as needed.

Membership

Judy Elbogen reported that two flyers had been designed to advertise our Club and Bob Levine will need to recruit volunteers to post the flyers in senior centers, churches, tennis clubs, community club houses and country clubs in the surrounding area.

Education:

Gale Senter reported that SOCBC has a Facebook page and Meetup page. Susan Kissinger volunteered to help update our home page on Facebook to include our games and classes. Gale Senter will work with Bob Levine to set up guidelines for Meetup.

Richard Picheny made a motion to have Susan Kissinger and Gale Senter work with Bob Levine to refine our Facebook page and Meetup page and define goals. Bonnie Myers seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Richard Picheny would like to officially thank Bree MacCutcheon for her efforts in organizing our Facebook page and Meetup page.

Health:

Bob Cavanaugh reported that he and Richard Picheny had proposed a revision of the SOCBC's Standing Rules to include CPT/AED Emergency Procedures. Bonnie Myers made the motion to add the revised Emergency Procedures to the standing rules. Bob Cavanaugh seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Judy Elbogen will set up a meeting with the Directors to review AED procedures.

Old Business:

Approval for North/South Seating - Maggie Briskie forwarded the Board a list of those players who have a doctor's note requesting to sit North/South. It was decided that a new doctors note for players to sit North/South would be required yearly and advertise this in our Newsletter.

Nomination for National District Goodwill Candidate - Richard Picheny asked the Board to nominate a candidate for this award. This year District 22 is asking each unit board to nominate one person who exhibits kindly demeanor and meritorious service. The deadline for nominations is October 15, 2017. Susan Kissinger made the motion to nominated Loli Henderson to be SOCBC's Goodwill Candidate. Gale Senter seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. John Kissinger is SOCBC's unit representative to ACBL District 22 and he will submit Loli Henderson's name to District 22.

Posting of Minutes - Maggie Briskie reported that a SOCBC member requested that the SOCBC minutes be approved by the Board Members by email and then posted on the website. Bob Cavanaugh made the motion to continue approval of the previous month's minutes at our monthly Board Meetings. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tablet Bridge - Judy Elbogen announced that Bridge Basics Online sponsors electronic games where players can play on-line at their club, during their sit outs. Players can play for fun or play for it to count and score accordingly. Judy Elbogen would like to begin trying Tablet Bridge on Saturdays when there is a sit-out. Richard Picheny made the motion to allocate up to \$200 to purchase 2 tablets. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

STaC Games - Judy Elbogen said that a SOCBC member who requested that the Board eliminate some of the STaC games contacted her. He thought the STaC games cost more money and detract from the appeal of other sectional tournaments. Richard Picheny requested that Judy Elbogen further investigate this issue and report back to the Board at the October meeting.

Regional Tournaments at the Club - This item was tabled until next month.

On-line Signups for NLM - Judy Elbogen reported that NLM will be able to register for games at our club on-line beginning on Monday, August 28, 2017.

Voting for ACBL Board of Directors - Maggie Briskie announced that electronic ballots have been emailed to our Board members. David Lodge and Ken Monzingo are running for the position of District Director representing District 22 on the ACBL National Board of Directors. Maggie reminded Board members to vote by September 15, 2017.

Jeremy Chao interface with Peter Redwood on SOCBC's webpage - Judy Elbogen reported that she had met with Peter Redwood and he was receptive to continue his work on the SOCBC website and SOCBC newsletter. Jeremy would work alongside Peter to further update links to Facebook and enhance the website. These changes will allow all generations to enjoy the website. Bob Cavanaugh made the motion to allocate up to \$400 for Jeremy Chao to work with Peter Redwood to update SOCBS's website. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Insurance Policy Renewal - Bonnie Myers reported that she had received two quotes for renewal of SOCBS's Employee Dishonesty policy. The motion was made by Bonnie Myers to have Hanover Insurance Company insure SOCBC's Employee Dishonesty Policy for the amount of \$307.33 annually. Susan Kissinger seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Parking Enforcement - Maggie Briskie reported that some members of our club have noticed that a few people are not parking in allocated spots. It was mentioned that members could give gentle reminders to those who are not cooperating.

ACBL Goals - Judy Elbogen reported that when she spoke with ACBL's new CEO, Bahar Gidwani, he stated that ACBL's goal was to increase membership numbers in all clubs. Judy Elbogen felt that SOCBC is working in the right direction to increase members.

International Fund Games - Judy Elbogen reported that September is International Fund Month and SOCBC will be donating \$4 a table to ACBL. These donations will help support ACBL teams when they compete in other world events.

Cancelled Games During the OC Regional - Judy Elbogen reported that the following games would be cancelled during the week of September 4th due to the Orange County Regional: Monday evening (9/4), Wednesday morning and evening (9/6), and Saturday afternoon (9/9). The rest of the games will go on as scheduled.

A motion was made by Susan Kissinger to have Sean Lui direct on Friday afternoons beginning September 15th, and offer Barry Sussman the opportunity to Direct on a substitute basis. Gale seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next Board Meeting: September 18 2017

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.