

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:24 PM. Board members present were Susan Kissinger, Bob Levine, Dianna Hoffman, Bonnie Myers, Odile Gendreau, and Maggie Briskie. Gary Waldron and John Kissinger were also present.

Dianna Hoffman made a motion to approve the February 12, 2018 and February 24, 2018 minutes. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Richard made the motion to approve the Unit/Club manager changes made at the February 24, 2018 meeting. The changes will take place on April 1, 2018. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer: Dianna Hoffman reported on the financial condition of SOCBC. The table counts for this year were similar to last year, but there was a decrease in game income for this year as compared to last year. Dianna agreed to research this item.

Maggie Briskie made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as reported but have Dianna Hoffman provide more information on the decrease in game income. Bonnie Myers seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Facilities: Richard Picheny reported that he has asked the Silverbergs to look into repairing the two air vents near the coke machine as players are complaining that they are too cold. The Silverbergs are going to ask building management to reinstall the hooks in the restroom and add two small tables in the restroom.

Richard Picheny led a discussion on the partially installed partition. If the room partition is sound effective, it will enable our club to hold two classes in the morning simultaneously. Several of our members have expressed concerns about the room partition. It was decided to finish the partition and evaluate the finished product for sound effectiveness. After the partition is completed the Board will solicit comments and suggestions from our membership.

A discussion was held on the fans that have been purchased. The purpose of the fans is to circulate air in our club. A suggestion was made to ask the Directors to turn on the fans each day in the club and evaluate how they are working. This item was tabled until next month.

Membership: Bob Levine reported that SOCBC has 582 members. The 2018 Membership Roster has been published and is now available to our members for a suggested donation of

\$2.00. It was decided that we would print a new membership roster every other year and provide an addendum on the odd year.

Education: Maggie Briskie reported that classes, mentoring, and the moving up program are ongoing at SOCBC. The Club will hold additional beginning classes starting in September.

Health: Odile Gendreau reported that she is coordinating to make sure the fire extinguisher and sprinklers are in working order.

Richard Picheny reviewed the health policy we have at the club reminding us that no player will be penalized for not wanting to play with an opponent who is ill.

Maggie Briskie agreed to be the liaison from the SOCBC Board to the Director of Directors, Trudi Hanscom.

Old Business:

The Sportsmanship (and Citizenship) Awards: Odile Gendreau reported that the Jim Senter Sportsmanship Award would be presented on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Maggie Briskie reported that the Sally Pelmeur Sportsmanship Award would be presented in early December.

Dealing Machine: Richard Picheny led a discussion on replacing the old playing cards in our duplicate boards. Our current playing cards need to be replaced about every 90 days.

Bob Levine reported that he would like to see our club use plastic cards, as they would last longer. However our current dealing machine is not compatible with plastic cards. Plastic cards offered by Baron Barclay are approximately \$2.80 a deck and would last about 2 years. A new dealing machine would cost us approximately \$4,500. It was decided that more information was needed. This item was tabled until next month.

New Business:

Suction: Gary Waldren and John Kissinger led a discussion on the mid chart convention called Suction. A mid chart convention is usually not allowed at local clubs games or districts unless the club allows it. Our club does allow suction to be played. ACBL requires if a mid chart convention is used then a pre-alert and a written description of the convention needs to be provided.

Gary suggested we place an article in the newsletter discussing suction and publish a list of those players who use the pre-alerted system.

Richard made the motion that we allow suction to be played at our club if John Kissinger offered a class on Suction and defense against it is offered by SOCBC and a pre-alert is given, and a written description is provided on the convention card. Bob Levine suggested that we post on the bulletin board any mid chart conventions that are played at our club. Bonnie Myers seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. John Kissinger volunteered to teach a class on Suction.

Psychic Bidding: Richard Picheny reiterated that the Standing Rules for SOCBC state that Psychic Bidding not be employed against substantially weaker or inexperienced players at our club. Maggie Briskie will contact Trudi Hanscom to reinforce this information to the Directors.

General Liability Insurance: Bonnie Myers reported that our General Liability Policy from Hanover Hartford expires on May 1, 2018. Hanover Hartford is currently looking at renegotiating our policy so that the premium remains consistent. This item was tabled until next month.

Alzheimer Association Request: Richard Picheny reported that Liam Barnes who is the Development Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County, contacted him. Mr. Barnes would like SOCBC to partner with his organization and sponsor a charity game on The Longest Day, June 21, 2018. The Board agreed to partner with the Alzheimer's Association in our afternoon game on June 21, 2018.

Hospitality Chairman: Susan Kissinger reported that Diane Velick has resigned her position as Hospitality Chairman. The SOCBC Board would like to commend Diane for her service to the Club.

Next Board Meeting: April 16, 2018

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.