

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2017**

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

Gale Senter moved to ratify the August 21, 2017, minutes. Bob Cavanaugh seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer: Dianna Hoffman reported on the financial condition of SOCBC. The table counts were down slightly and it was agreed that SOCBC will need to look into ways to increase our numbers.

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

Facilities: Richard Picheny reported that he is searching for a new facilities manager. In the meantime, Richard Picheny, Judy Elbogen and John Jones will cover calls regarding facilities.

It was reported that the temperature in the room is still getting complaints - too hot or too cold. Judy Elbogen is trying to get the temperature regulated.

Membership: Bob Levine reported that in August, SOCBC had 2 new members and 6 transfers in. SOCBC now has 584 members but some of our members are not actively playing at our club. Bob Levine will research identifying members who are not playing at SOCBC and try to encourage some of those members to return.

Susan Kissinger is now organizing our Facebook Page with the objective of getting new members. She will hand out a questionnaire at our NLM sectional to see how they heard about our club.

Gale Senter is organizing our Meetup Page with similar goals as Facebook.

Judy Elbogen reported that ACBL will reimburse part of our advertisement costs for beginning bridge classes as long as the ACBL logo is on our advertisements.

Richard Picheny made the motion to allocate \$500 to promote our club on Facebook, Meetup and in other forms of advertisement to attract new members. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Education: Richard Picheny announced that he appointed Janie Matlaf to the Education Committee.

Gale Senter reported that Sharon Rippey's Easy Bridge I Class begins Wednesday, September 20. There are 28 people registered for the class.

Health: Bob Cavanaugh reported that SOCBC had the first emergency call last week. The process went well but a suggestion was made to send someone from the club out to the street to direct the emergency crews to our club. The game was suspended for about 20 minutes.

Old Business:

Regional Tournaments at the Club - Judy Elbogen reported that this has been discontinued by ACBL.

Susan Kissinger reported that District 22 withdrew from the Western Conference of ACBL and David Lodge is now the new District 22 representative to the ACBL Board of Directors.

Approval of the Revised Standing Rules - Richard Picheny presented to the SOCBC Board members a revision/addition of Section XIII: CPR/AED Emergency Procedures. This addition/revision outlines the procedure our club directors and members will follow in a medical emergency.

Bob Cavanaugh made the motion to approve the revision to the Standing Rules. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Open Game during the NLM Tournament - Richard Picheny reported that our Director, Ginny Blitzman requested that we hold an Open Game at the same time as the NLM Tournament on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Ginnie Blitzman will be directing the Open Game and Scott Campbell will be directing the NLM games. Judy Elbogen will add this to the calendar and ask Janie Matlaf to send out a message promoting the games.

New Business:

Purchasing and Serving Snacks - Susan Kissinger led a discussion on the serving of snacks at the club in our afternoon games. It was decided that the snacks after lunch should be

limited to cookies, chips, and pretzels. Susan Kissinger will get the information to Jane Dober so that she can let her kitchen volunteers understand our policy on snacks.

ACBL Instant Match Point Game - Judy Elbogen reported that ACBL will be charging a sanction fee of \$12 per table for the Instant Match Point Game on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Instant Match Point is a pairs' game that is sanctioned by ACBL. Pairs are competing with pairs all across the country and will receive a booklet at the end of play with hand records along with comments by experts in the field. The pair that comes in first place at SOCBC will earn gold points. Bonnie Myers made the motion to approve a \$13 card fee for the Instant Match Point Game to be held on October 25, 2017. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. SOCBC will advertise and promote the Instant Match Point Game on October 25, 2017 and review the participation level at our November Board Meeting to see if it's advisable to continue this game at SOCBC next year.

Promoting GNT (Grand National Teams) and NAP (North American Pairs) Participation: Susan Kissinger reported that the NAP participation from our unit was not good at the OC Regional. Many pairs of SOCBC qualified but did not participate. In the future Richard Picheny and John Kissinger will include this information in our newsletter promoting the NAP and GNT. A suggestion was made to send a reminder to our members who did qualify next year to encourage them to compete in the games.

Pay for Use of Robots for Sit-Out Tables: Judy Elbogen reported that a request was received from one of our Directors that an additional stipend of \$10 be given to any Director who uses Robot Play for those players who are in a sit-out. Right now Robots are used on Saturday afternoons for sit-outs and the players are enthusiastic about the results. SOCBC would like to encourage Robot play but it does require an additional effort by the Director. Bob Levine made the motion to provide a stipend of \$10 to those Directors who are using the Robot play for sit-out tables. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director's Meeting: Judy Elbogen reported that she will need to schedule a meeting for all SOCBC's Directors. Topics for discussion include the new ACBL laws changes, AED and CPR review, Directors making announcements before or during a break in the game, promotion of the GNT and NAP, and use of Robots. Compensation for those Directors attending was discussed. It was decided that Judy Elbogen would schedule the Director's meeting and SOCBC would provide a nice catered dinner. Bob Cavanaugh agreed to cater the event.

Old Cards: Judy Elbogen reported that she and Jeremy Chao have been replacing old cards routinely. It was suggested that the Director announce to the players before the last round of play to throw out any cards that are not in good condition at the end of play.

Next Board Meeting: October 9, 2017

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.