



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

ATTENDING: Susan Bristol, Joop Doorn, Dianna Hoffman, Frank Grossman, Linda Jonas, Marshall Pearlman, Richard Picheny, Gail Schneider, Gale Senter, Dan Thorlakson

NOT ATTENDING: Jay Nuccio

GUESTS: Maggie Briskie, Joyce Potter

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 PM.

President's Update

- The attendance at Mark Itabashi's class was very good with about 75 attendees.
- The table count is slowly increasing and we are getting new people coming into the club.

Treasurer's Report

- We continue to lose money as our current table counts aren't enough to cover expenses. We have lost \$21,394 year-to-date.
- There is a lag in our accounting as the fees coming in for classes don't yet reflect the amount paid to the teachers.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the Board meeting held on November 3, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Club Manager Report

- The special games for 2021 and the points paid were reviewed. Our special game calendar is posted in the club.
- STaC games will be held the week of December 6 through December 12. We will increase game fees by \$1/player to offset the increase in ACBL table fees.
- John Coloumbe will work the December unit game.
- This month's Unit game will be an upgraded Club Championship that gives more points but without the extra table fees.

Elections

- Voting is open at the club all this week. Online votes have been received as well.
- The procedure for counting the votes was discussed. Gary and Linda will count votes as well as other volunteers recruited by Linda.

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Holiday Party

- The location for the holiday party has been changed to our club.
- Sign-ups are going well, we have 9 people playing bridge only, 22 NLMs and 58 Open players are attending the party and seven are attending but not playing bridge.
- Many volunteers have offered to help. Wanda is helping with the decorations.

Membership Roster

- Joyce Potter has volunteered to organize and put together a new membership roster.
- An online roster was discussed. Although it could be password protected, there were concerns about security and hacking. The Board voted not to have an online version of the roster and approved the creation of a new membership booklet as has been done in the past.
- Joyce will work with Peter Redwood and offer members the opportunity to edit and update their information before directory publication.
- There was discussion about dropping the address from the directory and including only phone numbers and email addresses.

Facilities

- Carpets will be cleaned prior to the holiday party.

Free Plays

- Based on the number of free plays being handed out, it was determined we will update our free play policy. This policy appears in our standing rules.
- A Committee will be formed to review and formalize our free play system. The Committee consists of Gale Senter and Richard Picheny.

Real Estate

- It was determined that the Laguna Niguel space we had looked at would be insufficient for our needs. Plus, it won't save us any money and with tenant improvements it may end up costing more.
- It was determined that staying in our current space was the best option. The club would keep the 2 larger spaces.
- The Board voted unanimously to move forward with the 2 larger spaces.
- There are a few items we will ask the landlord for such as first right of refusal at a later date if the smaller space becomes available and our club grows to require additional space, the landlord paying for the wall to separate the smaller space from the rest of the club and the ability to break our lease without penalty in the future. We will move forward even if we don't get these items.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.