



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
JANUARY 19, 2022**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 3:55 P.M. Board members present were Frank Grossman, Trish Silverberg, Gale Senter, Susan Bristol, John Jonas, and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider and Joyce Potter were also present.

The Board Meeting Minutes from December 28, 2021 were approved on January 12, 2022.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that attendance for the last month had decreased significantly. All players are required to wear a mask until the state and county mandate is discontinued.

Financial Report

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that SOCBC will be holding a Unit Game the third Sunday every month with John Jonas directing.

Facilities

John Jonas reported that the SOCBC Beautification committee is trying to organize our equipment and supplies because we will be downsizing our space. Items to be donated are: the spare TV Monitor, 5 card tables and the lost-and-found clothing left at the club. Other tables and chairs will be stored. It was decided that painting the facilities will be tabled for a few months.

Education

Gale Senter reported that classes and mentoring are ongoing but the attendance for all is down. The committee is hoping to start a beginning bridge class taught by Joan Anderson in April or May. Ifti Baquai will be teaching a 3-day class for NLM's in the future.

Membership

Susan Bristol reported that in accordance with our Standing Rules new members who join our club will receive a welcome letter and a free play.

Old Business

Joyce Potter reported an update on printing the club roster. Estimates to print 100 booklets was \$260.00 and 200 booklets was \$420.00. Another suggestion was made to copy the roster with a card stock cover. This item is tabled until next month.

New Business

Susan Bristol said that Trudi Hanson and she are working on holding a Baramoter game at the end of Dae Leckie's beginning classes. The fee would be \$10. This might encourage her players to play on Friday mornings at the club.

Susan Bristol made the motion to hold a barometer game at the conclusion of Dae Leckie;s beginning bridge class. John Jonas seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gale Senter reported on several ideas that could be cost-cutting.

- Reducing the number of boards made for each session on Thursday and Saturday and not holding NLM games on those days
- Limiting free plays - have more members volunteer instead of getting free plays
- Donations from some of our members
- Getting guest speakers to come to our club

Susan Bristol reported on the ED Foundation starting BridgeWhiz online targeting students in grades 4 - 12. SOCBC would like to reach out to these students to let them know they would be welcome to play at our club.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 7, 2022

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 P.M.