



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
MARCH 21, 2022**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 3:58 P.M. Board members present were Frank Grossman, Trisha Silverberg, Gale Senter, John Jonas, Susan Bristol, and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider was also present.

The Board Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2022 were unanimously approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that the sectional and unit game were a success and that our game attendance is improving.

Financial Report

Trisha Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

A discussion was held on incorporating all of our accounts into one financial institution. It was decided that more information was needed.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that April is Charity Month which will support local charities.

The decision was made to hold charity games 4 days the week of March 28 - March 31 and donate to the Ukraine relief fund.

Facilities

The partition, chairs, and tables will be taken down on Saturday, March 26 and will be stored in a member's office building.

The facility will be reduced as of March 31 from 3 units to 2 units. The cleaning crew will still charge the same amount. A discussion was held on recycling and it was decided that the club would remind our members and the cleaning crew to use the blue bins.

Education

Gale Senter reported that classes are ongoing. The Education committee arranged to start a beginning bridge class taught by Joan Anderson beginning Wednesday, April 13. Susan Kissinger will teach a class on Lebensohl on Monday, April 25. Ifti Baquai will be teaching three classes on Thursdays on May 19, June 2, and June 9.

Membership

Susan Bristol reported that the roster is moving forward and should be printed soon.

Susan Bristol reported that Cynthia Galloway is working with Sylvia Srigley who is calling NLM players to increase our NLM attendance.

Old Business

The decision was made to stop taking temperatures.

Unit Game

Richard Picheny discussed moving the Unit Game which is now scheduled for Easter Weekend as well as Passover and the end of the San Diego Sectional. The motion was made and seconded to move the Unit Game which includes brunch to Sunday, April 24 and charge \$11.00 for the game fee.

BBO

Richard Picheny led a discussion on the possibility of joining other clubs who have games on BBO. This could be a source of income for our Club but might promote on-line playing.

This item was tabled until next month.

New Business

Air Purifiers Purchase

Because SOCBC is downsizing, several of our air purifiers will not be needed. One of our members has asked to purchase several of the air purifiers and the decision was made to sell the purifiers for a nominal fee.

Pet Policy

Richard Picheny reported that recently a member brought a small dog to the club. The Standing Rules state that: "Service animals for bridge players are allowed at SOCBC, but no other animals are permitted". The decision was made to abide by the Standing Rules.

Returning to the Common Game

Richard Picheny led a discussion on returning to the Common Game Current. The Common Game Current is played earlier in the day in other parts of the country and this could lead to the possibility of cheating. The SOCBC Board decided to stay with our current system: The Common Game Redz Version.

Stan Kowski

Gail Schneider reported that Stan Kowski disrupted play at the Sectional. The SOCBC Board made the decision to bar Stan from playing at our club for 2 years and then place him on permanent probation.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2022

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 P.M.