



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

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

Richard Picheny made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2022. Frank Grossman seconded. The motion was approved.

**Financial Report**

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC. Table Counts are increasing in both the NLM and Open Sections.

A discussion was held on ways to reduce the number of free plays. The decision was made to discontinue the policy of giving a free play for the afternoon game on the same day the player attends a class or plays that morning.

**Club Manager**

Gail Schneider reported that she would like to use an additional room in our building for the Open Game on the Saturday of the NLM Sectional. Gale Senter and Richard Picheny will contact the management to see if the cost is reasonable.

Gail Schneider reported that she is in contact with ACBL in order for our club to hold a competition with other clubs.

Swiss Teams will be moved to Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> due to the NLM Sectional.

**Facilities**

John Jonas reported that he is working on finalizing our facility set-up.

## **Education**

Gale Senter reported that classes are ongoing. Many of the classes are targeting the advanced beginners or intermediate players. SOCBC is still looking for a teacher who would teach beginners.

## **Membership**

Susan Bristol reported that we now have 483 members. With 4 transfers in last month.

Monday Night attendance (BBO) has increased to seven tables.

## **Old Business**

### **Follow-Up on Notifications for Players who have COVID**

Gale Senter led a discussion on SOCBC's notifications for players who have COVID.

Susan Bristol made the motion to no longer alert club members when a player comes down with COVID. Richard Picheny seconded. The motion was approved.

## **Holiday Party**

Frances reported that the Holiday Party and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, December 10. Breakfast will be served followed by the General Meeting, NLM and Open bridge games, and an early dinner. The early dinner will be catered and a light breakfast, appetizers, salads and dessert will be provided by our members. The charge to our members will be \$35.00 which includes, breakfast, bridge and dinner.

## **New Business**

### **Election for New Board Members**

Richard Picheny and Trish Silverberg will serve on the Nominating Committee. There are three Board positions open. The election will be held in November and the results will be announced at the Holiday Party.

### **Jim Senter and Sally Palmear Awards**

The decision was made to give out the Jim Senter and Sally Palmear Awards at the Holiday Party, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Color Printer**

Frank Grossman led a discussion on the purchase of a color printer for our club. This item was tabled.

## **Policy of Service Animals**

The decision was made that players will need a letter from their doctor if they wish to come to the club with a service animal.

## **BBO**

Susan Bristol led a discussion on the possibility of joining other clubs who have games on BBO. It was decided that more information was needed and this item was tabled.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 17, 2022

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.