



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER  
APRIL 24, 2023**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. Board members present were Frank Grossman, John Jonas, Trish Silverberg, Mary Dee Kienstra, Susan Bristol, and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider was also present.

Trish Silberberg made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2023. Frank Grossman seconded. The motion was approved.

**President's Update**

Richard Picheny reported that the Gayle Andrews Foundation made another contribution of approximately \$11,000. The total donation to SOCBC from the foundation is approximately \$22,000.

Richard Picheny reported that the IRS audit is ongoing and he is waiting until the auditor gets back to us. More than likely we will need to pay taxes on the interest income from our investments. In the future, Richard would like to investigate the possibility of qualifying our club to file as a 501(C)(3) which is for charitable organizations. After the meeting we received a letter from the IRS stating in part that SOCBC continues to qualify as a 501(C)(7) organization. The audit resulted in an additional assessment of \$2,042.78 of taxes, penalties, and interest.

**Financial Report**

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

**Membership**

Susan Bristol reported that we have 461 members. District 22 sent out free plays to dormant members to encourage people to play at the club but currently no one has returned to the club.

Susan Bristol reported that Larry Cohen is partnering with AARP to offer a series of bridge classes. It was decided to see if we could reach out to those in our area who are taking the class. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

## **Club Manager**

Gail Schneider reported that we will be participating in Royal STaC the first week of May. Royal STaC offers extra colored points for our players.

A discussion was held on holding team games on the fourth Sunday and the second Wednesday of each month. Attendance has been down on the Wednesday team game. The strategy for team games is different from regular games. The suggestion was made to hold a mini-lesson before the Wednesday team game for our newer players. The decision was made to keep the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday team game and hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday team game for the next two months and see if attendance improves.

## **Facilities**

John Jonas reported that the management fixed a problem in the lady's restroom.

## **Education**

Richard Picheny reported that Cynthia Galloway resigned as chairperson and member of the Education Committee. Susie Mays has joined the committee and Mary Dee Kienstra showed an interest in joining the committee as chairperson.

## **Old Business**

### **Pro-Am**

John Jonas reported that the Pro-Am was a success with all players enjoying the format of the game. The decision was made to hold the Pro-Am game again in 3 months.

### **Longest Day**

Richard Picheny discussed holding the Longest Day on Friday, June 23. Bonnie Myers is considering chairing this project. The Longest Day is supported by the Alzheimer's Association which encourages the public to join together to raise awareness of Alzheimer's and donate funds to the Alzheimer's Association that day. After the meeting Bonnie Myers agreed to chair the project.

## **New Business**

### **Annual Sectional Re-Name**

Subba Ravipudi made a request to have the club support the Gayle Andrews Foundation in recognition of their donation to our club by naming a game at our annual open sectional in her honor.

Richard Picheny made the motion to name the Saturday morning Open game at the SOCBC Annual Open Sectional the "Gayle Andrew Open Pairs Game". Trisha Silverberg seconded. The motion was approved.

### **New Convention Cards**

Gail Schneider reported that the new ACBL convention cards are in and a class will be needed for our players to understand the new card. Beginners should continue using the Easy Convention Cards. Richard Picheny volunteered to find a SOCBC member to teach a class on filling out the new convention cards. After the meeting, Gary Waldron agreed to teach the class.

### **Advertising on a Monitor in our Club**

Susan Bristol reported that another club has a monitor advertising special events and games at their club. The question was raised if this would be something our club would benefit from. John Jonas will check with John Hennessey to see if our club can run a computer program which will allow us to advertise our events on a monitor. This item was tabled until our next meeting.

### **Monday Class Beginners Who Want To Play In A Game**

Richard Picheny reported that the Monday beginner class would like a time to play on Wednesday afternoons at our club. They would play 12 boards and have a master point limit of 0 - 20 masterpoints. The 0 - 20 players would have supervised play at the same time as our usual open game. Susan Bristol volunteered to help out with supervised play.

Richard Picheny made the motion to hold a 0 - 20 game on Wednesdays in the future. Maggie Briskie seconded. The motion was approved.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 19, 2023

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 P.M.