



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
AUGUST 14, 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 Silverberg made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2023. Frank Grossman seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that our table count for the club has been declining for the month.

Financial Report

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that ACBL has been sending a post card containing a \$20 credit to lapsed members who haven't played since 2019. This could encourage some players to return to the clubs. Players must rejoin ACBL by September 4th but may use their coupon until June of 2024. The \$20 credit will be reimbursed by ACBL to our Club.

Gail Schneider announced that the Saturday game is cancelled on August 19.

Membership

Susan Bristol reported ACBL is offering community games for players who have 0-20 masterpoints and players who have 0-50 masterpoints. These games are on-line and held on Wednesdays at 3 pm. These games conflict with our beginning bridge game on Wednesdays.

Facilities

John Jonas reported that he has tightened up the cup holders at the tables. The request was made to ask the management to change the ceiling tiles that are soiled as well as clean our air conditioning vents.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that the Saddleback College Beginning Bridge Class to be held at SOCBC will require our teachers to become employees of the College. Sharon Rippey, Bob Levine, and Susie Mays expressed an interest in teaching the class. This item was tabled until next month due to more information needed.

Old Business

Pro-Am Update

John Jonas reported that the Pro-Am will be held this Wednesday, August 16th. Currently there are 44 pairs signed up - 22 tables.

Replacing our Coffee Pot

John Jonas led a discussion on troubleshooting the problems with our coffee pot system. He looked into purchasing several systems or repairing the current system.

Frank Grossman made the motion to buy a new coffee system. John Jonas seconded. The motion was approved.

Charity Games

Richard Picheny led a discussion on SOCBC supporting various charities. Richard Picheny made the motion to support four charities: Parkinson's Foundation (Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research) Ronald Mc Donald's House, Age Well Senior Services, and South County Outreach. Frank Grossman seconded. The motion was approved.

Holiday Party

Maggie Briskie reported that Frances Krause contacted Tannins Restaurant to cater our Holiday Party luncheon on December 9th. The cost of the catering and food has increased over the last year. The Holiday Party includes breakfast, both NLM and Open Games, appetizers, lunch, and dessert. The breakfast, appetizers, and desserts are made by our members.

Susan Bristol made the motion to allow the committee to charge up to \$50 a person if needed. Frank Grossman seconded. The motion was approved.

New Business

ACBL Offering Upgraded Club Championships for 8-Is-Enough Team Games

Gail Schneider reported that ACBL would like to encourage clubs to play 8-Is-Enough Team Games beginning in September. 8-Is-Enough requires no team to have more than 8 points. "A" players are assigned 3 points; "B" players are assigned 2 points; and "C" players are assigned 1 point. Teams may not have more than 8 points. The decision was made to get feedback from our members concerning 8-Is-Enough.

Raising Club Games Fees

Richard Picheny reported that a member thought SOCBC should raise the Game Fees from \$10 to \$11. It's been 5 years or more since we raised our game fees. Another idea was to keep our game fees at \$10 and charge \$12 for special games. This item was tabled until next month.

Supporting Duncan Games

Susan Bristol reported that our members can play on BBO and still support SOCBC. For every member that plays in a Duncan BBO game, our club gets a revenue share with the Duncan Club. The decision was made to let our players know in the next Newsletter.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.