



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4 P.M. Board members present were Frank Grossman, John Jonas, Trish Silverberg, and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider and Bob Levine were also present.

Richard Picheny made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2023. Trish Silverberg seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that the monthly attendance at the club increased last month. The IRS audit will begin on Tuesday, February 14th.

Financial Report

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that the Open Sectional will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 25 - 26. Volunteers will be fixing breakfast and lunch on both days. There will no Unit Game in February.

Facilities

John Jonas reported that the lock in the handicapped stall of the Women's restroom is broken and he has contacted the landlord for repair. The parts are on back order so John has constructed a temporary lock.

John also reported that the Air purifiers have been cleaned.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that classes are ongoing.

Old Business

Pro-Am

John Jonas reported that he and Sharon Donoff are organizing the Pro-Am Program which pairs a Life Master player with a NLM player. The decision was made to hold this game on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. The regular game for that day will be cancelled. The decision was made to serve lunch at 11:45 and have the game at 12:30 which gives pairs the option to go over their convention cards before the game. The playing fee will be \$11.00 each for the Pro and the Am.

New Business

Beginning Bridge at Saddleback College in their Adult Education Program

Bob Levine reported that he along with Steve Jackson and Lee Maddocks would like to approach Saddleback College to teach bridge in their adult education program. The committee has composed a letter for approval and hopes to use the ACBL Software to facilitate the program. The course would be an in-person introduction to Bridge and have the target audience be working adults. The students will learn the basic skills to play and then the fundamentals of how the game is played. The instruction will introduce students to resources for playing locally and on-line. The instruction would be held once a week for 10 weeks with the site to be determined, but ideally at our facility.

This item was referred to the education committee for approval and then would be furthered to Saddleback College.

Honoring Mark Itabashi- Barry Crane Winner

Richard Picheny reported that Mark Itabashi won the Barry Crane Winner again. The decision was made to hold a special game and a cake to celebrate his win on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

NLM Sectional on October 7th and 8th

Richard Picheny announced that Joyce Potter will train Mary Dee Kienstra to chair the NLM Sectional on October 7 - 8, 2024. Joyce Potter will also chair the Open Sectional next year.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 2023

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.