



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
July 17, 2023

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. Board members present were Frank Grossman, John Jonas, Mary Dee Kienstra, and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider was also present.

John Jonas made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2023. Mary Dee Kienstra seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that attendance at SOCBC remained stable last month. Our Saturday game attendance is expected to decline due to Laguna Woods restarting their Saturday game.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that the dealing machine was sent out for servicing and cleaning and is back and should be working well. A discussion was held on how to eliminate the errors with the board making. The Board agreed that a) game directors should be reminded that at the end of each session they should check to make sure that the boards in play during that session are in correct numerical order; b) the board makers should be reminded to check the numerical sequence of the boards as they feed them into the board making machine and pay attention to the card backs to ensure that extra cards are not being fed into the boards; and c) game directors should be reminded to check the numerical sequence of the sets of boards and check boards 1 and 19 against the sessions hand records.

Gail Schneider reported that the Sunday, August 27th Swiss Team Game is held during STaC week. The decision was made to have the Swiss Team Game held as a STaC Game.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that the Saddleback College Adult Education Program approved our application to hold a Beginning Class at SOCBC starting in October.

Old Business

Pro/Am Update

John Jonas reported that the Pro/Am will be held on Wednesday, August 16th.

Replacing our Coffee Pot

John Jonas reported that he is looking into troubleshooting the problems with our coffee pot system. He will get a quote to repair our system as well as look into purchasing other units. This item was tabled until next month.

New Business

Charity Games

Richard Picheny led a discussion on the charities SOCBC supports. Charities we have supported in the past include 2nd Harvest Food Bank and the Ronald McDonald House. The decision was made to poll our membership for suggestions as the charities they would like us to support in the future.

SOCBC General Meeting and Holiday Party

Maggie Briskie announced that the SOCBC General Meeting and Holiday Party will be held on Saturday December 9.

Awards

Maggie Briskie reported that it is time to seek nominations for the SOCBC Sportsmanship and Citizenship Award and the Sally Palmear Award. Mary Dee Kienstra and Susan Bristol were asked to chair the committees that will decide on the Award winners. The Awards will be given out at the General Meeting on December 9.

Election of Board Members

Richard Picheny announced that there are four two-year positions open on the SOCBC Board. The positions open are currently held by Richard Picheny, Frank Grossman, Trish Silverberg, and Maggie Briskie. John Jonas volunteered to chair the Nomination Committee and seek candidates who are interested in serving on the SOCBC Board. The election will take place in November and the new Board members will be announced at the General Meeting on December 9.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2023

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.