



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

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:25 P.M. Board members present were Frank Grossman, John Jonas, Mary Dee Kienstra, Susan Bristol, and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider and Education Chairman Janie Matlaf were also present.

Frank Grossman made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2023. Richard Picheny seconded. The motion was approved.

**President's Update**

Richard Picheny reported that the club's table count increased in October.

**Financial Report**

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

**Club Manager**

Gail Schneider announced that the Unit Club Championship Game will be offered in December. Due to the Palm Springs Regional, the Wednesday Team Game on December 13 will be cancelled. Christmas Day SOCBC will be open and the Sunday team game on December 24 will be cancelled.

**Membership**

Susan Bristol reported that SOCBC has 445 members.

**Education**

Richard Picheny and Janie Matlaf led a discussion on having enough games available for the beginning students to play at the club. Currently we have a Tuesday morning game with 0 - 20 masterpoints, a Wednesday afternoon game for 0-20 masterpoints and a Friday morning game with 0 - 200 masterpoints. Janie suggested that the newer players will need supervised play so the Tuesday Morning and Wednesday afternoon games would be the best. In the future, the students could graduate to the Friday morning game. Susan Bristol made the motion that we change our Friday morning game from 0 - 200 masterpoints to 0-100 points. After a discussion, the decision was made to continue the Friday Morning game at 0 - 200 masterpoints for the time being.

## **Old Business**

### **Holiday Party**

Maggie Briskie reported that we currently have 102 people attending the Holiday Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are being taken until November 30. After that time, those who wish to play bridge only may sign up for \$17.00.

### **8-Is-Enough**

Gail Schneider led a discussion on holding the 8-Is-Enough game in place of the current team game held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Information will be sent out to the members and we expect to begin 8-Is-Enough on February 14.

## **New Business**

### **GNT**

Richard Picheny reported that District 22 and District 23 would like to use our club for the GNT (Grand National Teams) Finals one weekend in April or May. Richard Picheny made the motion to have the GNT finals at SOCBC with the date to be determined. Trish Silverberg seconded. The motion was approved.

### **COVID**

Richard Picheny reported that we should notify the club membership when someone has played at the club and comes down with COVID. Janie Matlaf came up with the suggestion to post on our website a link to the CDC website concerning COVID and then post when a member has reported COVID on the website. Members should relate their positive COVID test to their partners.

Richard Picheny made the motion to post a link to the CDC website on our website as well as report a date that someone played at the club who had COVID. The names would be anonymous with the date, and direction played in the NLM or Open. Mary Dee Kienstra seconded. The motion was approved.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, December 18, 2023

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 P.M.