



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
APRIL 1, 2024

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. Board members present were John Jonas, Susan Bristol, Trisha Silverberg, Tricia Jennings, and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider was also present.

Richard Picheny made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2024. Trisha Silverberg seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that our club table counts for February as well as the table counts of the San Diego Regional were down.

Richard announced that on April 2nd the club will be honoring Mark Itabashi as the Barry Crane Winner and our members who won the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Awards.

Financial Report

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that the ACBL Western Conference has raised its fees for clubs that hold STaC games. The next STaC games will be held in May and the decision was made to keep the \$12 table fee.

ACBL is also beginning the Stardust Program which will award gold and black master points to players. SOCBC will be participating in the Stardust Program the week of April 22nd.

Membership

Tricia Jennings reported that ACBL has begun **The Return of the Fold Report** which begins on April 1st. This report gives clubs the chance to be compensated for recruiting members who have lapsed their membership and also to encourage new players to sign up for ACBL.

The Board made a decision that any person who is a lapsed member and decides to return to the club after we reach out will receive a free play usable for the second time they play at the club.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that classes are ongoing.

Old Business

Newsletter

Richard Picheny reported that a suggestion was made to publish the newsletter every other month instead of monthly. The decision was made to table this until next month.

Sectional

Richard Picheny reported that the SOCBC Annual Sectional was held on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25 and was well attended with 134 total tables.

Play Up and Learn Program

Richard Picheny led a discussion on beginning the Play Up and Learn Program which pairs newer players with more experienced players. The format would be similar to the Pro-Am Game but unlike the Pro-Am Game, this would be ongoing. Joyce Potter has volunteered to steer this program by creating partnerships of interested Open players and NLM players. The purpose of the Play Up and Learn Program is to educate and welcome more members to play at the club and encourage our NLM players to play in the Open Section.

This program will begin this month.

New Business

SOCBC Website Home Page

Tricia Jennings recommended we update the SOCBC Website Home Page to be more welcoming to players. The decision was made to take pictures of our club members from the celebration on April 2 and post them on our Website Home Page.

Roster

Susan Bristol made a request that we update our membership roster. A suggestion was made to have the roster in an Excel worksheet available on our website. This item was tabled until next month.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 P.M.