



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M. Board members present were John Jonas, Mary Dee Kienstra, Susan Bristol, Trisha Silverberg, Tricia Jennings and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider, Janie Matlaf, and Bob Levine were also present.

Richard Picheny made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2024. Trisha Silverberg seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that the club table count is improving except for the Sunday Unit Game and the Sunday Swiss Team Game.

Financial Report

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that she is preparing the bridge mates and bidding boxes for the Sectional to be held later this month.

Membership

Susan Bristol reported that our membership count remains stable at 447 members.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that classes are ongoing. The students who are currently taking the second session of our beginning class need a game specifically for their level. Currently they may play Wednesday afternoons with volunteer mentors. Richard said the Education Committee is considering holding a game for those students on Monday mornings after the conclusion of their lessons.

Old Business

8-Is-Enough

Gail Schneider reported that the 8-Is-Enough team game will be held on the second Wednesday of the month beginning in March.

Newsletter

Last month, Mary Dee Kienstra reported that our members seem to not be reading our monthly newsletter. The suggestion was made to consider publishing the newsletter quarterly or every other month. The decision was made to get feedback from our members and make the decision at a later date.

Sectional

Richard Picheny reported that the SOCBC Annual Sectional will be held on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25 and sign-ups are ongoing.

COVID, Flu and Colds

Maggie Briskie reported that players may not be as diligent about staying away from the club with cold symptoms. The decision was made to once again reiterate and enforce our club policy that players be considerate of our players and not come to the club with flu, Covid, or cold symptoms even if they tested negative for Covid.

New Business

Moving Up Program

Richard Picheny led a discussion on bringing back the Moving Up Program which pairs newer players with more experienced players. Bob Levine added that 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. Bob stated that the purpose of this version of the Moving Up program is to educate and welcome more members to play at the club and encourage our NLM players to play in the Open Section.

The decision was made to reach out to the more experienced players to see if there is an interest in making themselves available to play with a newer player.

Computer Expenditure

Richard Picheny reported that our club computer and/or monitor is not working well and might need a replacement. We have changed the computer's video card and if the problem continues to occur, a new monitor or computer will need to be purchased.

Maggie Briskie made the motion to allocate up to \$1500 to replace the computer and/or monitor. Trisha Silverberg seconded. The motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.