



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
JANUARY 22, 2024**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:16 P.M. Board members present were John Jonas, Mary Dee Kienstra, 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 December 18, 2023. Trisha Silverberg seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that he is concerned that the attendance for the Open and NLM sections as well as the Unit Games remains low. Currently the NLM's attend our games only on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and Friday mornings. Richard would like to join Tricia Jennings and Susan Bristol to brainstorm ideas to increase attendance for our NLM players at the club.

Financial Report

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider suggested moving our Wednesday team game to Thursdays. Currently the team game is held on the second Wednesday of the month. The decision was made to check with our members to get their input.

Membership

Susan Bristol reported that our membership count remains stable.

Susan reported that the Mini McKenny and Ace of Club Awards were posted by Susan Kissinger. She clarified that the Mini McKenny Award does include both virtual club participation as well as in-person participation. The Ace of Club Award only include in-person participation.

Facilities

John Jonas reported that the air filters have been cleaned.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that class sign-ups are going well.

Susan Bristol reported that the students in the Monday morning beginning class are not ready to play at the club in a regular NLM game. We currently have a Wednesday afternoon game with mentors for the 0 - 20 masterpoint players. Another idea was to bring back the Friday night pot-luck dinner and social bridge game which was fun and successful before COVID.

Old Business

8-Is-Enough

Richard Picheny reported that plans are going ahead with 8-Is-Enough team games on Wednesday, March 14th. 8-Is-Enough requires no team to have more than 8 points. "A" players are assigned 3 points (above 2000 master points); "B" players are assigned 2 points (701 - 1999 master points); "C" players are assigned 1 point (0 - 700 master points).

New Business

Newsletter

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.

Pro Am

John Jonas reported that the Pro-Am game will be held on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Pairs will be made by John.

Sectional

Richard Picheny reported that the SOCBC Annual Sectional will be held on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25. The club volunteers will provide breakfast and lunch on those days.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 P.M.