



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. Board members present were Susan Bristol, Tricia Jennings, John Jonas, Trisha Silverberg, Steve Rounds, and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider was also present.

Steve Rounds made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2024, December 19 and 23, 2024, and January 27, 2025. Tricia Jennings seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that SOCBC had a very successful Sectional on Saturday and Sunday February 22 - 23. SOCBC made a profit of approximately \$7000.00. Trisha Silverberg made the motion to send Frances Krause flowers in appreciation for all her work organizing the Sectional. John Jonas seconded. The motion was approved.

Financial Report

Trisha Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that Marie Araujo volunteered to serve as the caddy for our Sectional Team Games on Sunday, February 23rd and did a great job.

Membership

Susan Bristol reported that we have 458 members.

Facilities

John Joans reported that he has purchased filters for the water cooler. Tricia Jennings requested that the timer buzzer volume be adjusted.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that the next beginner's class will start Monday March 3. Gary Waldron will be teaching a 6-week class beginning March 20 on slam bidding. John Kissinger will teach a class on Suction on March 12.

Volunteer Update

Trisha Silverberg reported that several SOCBC members have volunteered for various positions at the club. Winifred Jacobs volunteered to organize decorations; Betsy Hartley volunteered to oversee the bidding boxes; Kathy Rocheleau volunteered to handle the procurement of supplies; Greg Hanson volunteered to be the Auditor and serve on the Ethics Board; and David Merenbach volunteered to write the monthly column for the District 22 Connection.

Old Business

Survey

Steve Rounds reported that the committee developed two surveys aimed at finding ways to increase the playing attendance at our club. One survey would be an on-line survey sent to those who have taken our classes in the last 2 years. The other survey will be a hand-out to players who play in our Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning games as well as the mentoring group on Wednesday afternoon.

ProAm Update

John Jonas reported that while the ProAm was heavily attended, a good number of players for various reasons did not attend. A discussion was held on ways to remind players who signed up for the ProAm of their commitment so that they would not forget to attend. This item was tabled until next month.

Replacing the Chairs

John Jonas reported that he has selected a company to purchase new chairs. We will need 120 chairs at approximately \$134 each. Frances Krause, Trisha Silverberg, and John will meet to decide on the fabric. This item was tabled until next month.

Free Play Coupons

Maggie Briskie led a discussion on our free play coupons. The decision was made that anyone who gets a free play coupon will play for free no matter the price of the game. Gift Certificates will be sold for \$12 and can be used for \$13 games without additional payment and for \$11 games without refund of \$1.

New Business

Reduced Game Fees For Those Playing on Tuesday and Friday Mornings

Richard Picheny led a discussion on our policy of charging a \$5 game fee in the afternoon for those players who took a class that morning. This policy will also cover those who play in a game on Tuesday and Friday mornings. The decision was made to keep the \$5 afternoon game fee for those taking a class or playing in the morning and playing that afternoon.

Parking

Richard Picheny reported that the building management notified SOCBC that many of us are not parking on the agreed upon parking spaces which would violate the terms of our lease. SOCBC will publish a new map reminding players where they may park.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2025

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 P.M.