

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 General Membership Annual Meeting
December 7, 2019**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

Richard Picheny discussed the proposed change to our Bylaws and read the proposed language to the members. The amended language of Article IX states that any Unit member, other than a Game Director, who has a material direct or indirect financial interest in transactions with, or who directly or indirectly receives material financial remuneration from the Unit, shall not be eligible to serve on the Board of the Unit.

A vote was taken of the general membership in attendance and more than two-thirds of the members of SOCBC Quorum present, voted to adopt the amendment.

Richard Picheny asked for a moment of silence in memory of those members who we have lost in this year: Carol Hood, Gary Baldo, George Longyear, Bev Cochoran, Victoria Sunshine, Tom Burns, Pat Evans and Jacob Weisberg.

Richard Picheny reported that Frank Frand wished to express his gratitude for SOCBC's contributions to his charity T-Off for Dogs as well as a thank you to the many members who sorted his cards.

Richard Picheny also thanked all of our teachers especially our beginning bridge teachers: Sharon Rippy, Jane Dober, Marti Moss, Gail Schneider, Trudi Hanscom and Susan Bristol. And he also thanked the many volunteers who have made SOCBC a wonderful club.

Richard Picheny announced that our Unit nominated Frances Krause and Maggie Briskie for the District 22 Goodwill Candidates and they were accepted. Goodwill Candidates make significant contributions to the Unit as well exhibit good sportsmanship and a friendly demeanor.

Next, Richard Picheny expressed our appreciation to the outgoing Board members: Bob Levine, Odile Gendreau and Maggie Briskie. He then announced the new Board members: Joop Doorn, Carol Pangburn, Frank Grossman and Dan Thorlakson who will joining continuing Board members: Anna Kreucher, Larry Hedge and Jay Nuccio.

Finally Richard Picheny reported on the financial condition of SOCBC and large expenditures for the year which included purchases of a new computer system, a new card dealing machine and our room partition.

Anna Kreucher presented the Sally Pelmear Award to Joyce Potter. Joyce has spent many hours making our NLM members feel welcome, finding players partners, serving lunch and just being a friendly face in the crowd. Joyce caught Sally's enthusiasm for welcoming new players to the game and the club.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.