

**South Orange County Bridge Center  
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2019**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM. Board members present were Odile Gendreau, Jay Nuccio, Larry Hedge, Anna Kreucher, Maggie Briskie, and Bob Levine. Club Manager Gail Schneider was also present. Past Board Member and Treasurer Dianna Hoffman was also present.

Bob Levine made the motion to approve the December 17, 2018 minutes as amended to add Anna Kreucher as a signatory on the bank account. Maggie Briskie seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Dianna Hoffman and Larry Hedge reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Richard Picheny led a discussion on investing some of our savings. The Board decided to investigate some low risks investments.

Larry Hedge led a discussion on setting up our bills on auto pay.

Richard Picheny made the motion that the SOCBC President have the authority to set up auto pay accounts at Wells Fargo. Maggie Briskie seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Richard Picheny announced that the Wells Fargo signatories have been set up. Larry Hedge as the Treasurer has the ability to "view only" the accounts and the authority to purchase CD's.

Maggie Briskie made the motion to approve the Treasure's Report. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Club Manager:** Gail Schneider reported that she is working with the Directors to add a game timer to the computer screen.

Gail Schneider reported that some of our bridge-mates are sticky and not working well. It was decided that to ask Jeremy Chao to clean the bridge-mates that are not working. Four new bridge-mates have been ordered.

Gail Schneider asked that our new Directors be paid while they are in training. Richard Picheny made the motion to give our new Directors-in-training a stipend of \$30 per session for up to 4 sessions under the club manager's discretion. Jay Nuccio seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Membership:** Bob Levine reported that the club membership has remained stable this month.

**Facilities:** Richard Picheny reported on the proposed partition replacement. The committee will get an estimate on the cost of the partition plus installation. This item was tabled until next month.

**Education:** Maggie Briskie reported on the ongoing classes offered at the club which include Inverted Minors, Mentoring, Play of the Hand, Team Playing, XYZ, and Social Play. Jane Dober began her beginning bridge class this month and had 32 new students.

Bob Levine and Jay Nuccio suggested that SOCBC give classes at some of our neighboring schools as well as senior centers and Reata Glen, a retirement village opening in April.

**Health:** Odile Gendreau reported that she is still updating the directory for our member's emergency numbers. Gail Schneider will be setting up a system where our game Directors can access all information (defibrillator instructions, procedures to be followed, and contact numbers) in case of emergency.

### **Old Business:**

### **Holiday Party:**

Richard Picheny reported he has formed a committee consisting of Frances Kraus, Loli Henderson, Bob and Marilyn Cavanaugh, and Maggie Briskie to find another facility for our Holiday Party. Several venues mentioned were O'Neills Bar and Grill, San Juan Hills Golf Club, and Sol Agave. The committee also looked into renting a room from our local church but the facilities would not allow the club to use the kitchen. This item was tabled until next month.

### **Calendar of Major Club Events:**

Richard Picheny led a discussion on our Annual Calendar of Events. A copy of the calendar for the year is included.

### **Wednesday Night Game:**

Richard Picheny reported on the declining attendance for our Wednesday Night Team Game. SOCBC is losing money after paying Scott Campbell his Director 's fee, mileage and a class fee. . Larry Hedge was asked to track attendance for Wednesday night. Gail Schneider made a suggestion to add a 0 - 100 master point Team Game that night which would give our newer players another time to play. This item was tabled until next month.

### **New Business:**

#### **Free Plays:**

Maggie Briskie reported that the Friday morning Directors, Susan Bristol and Trudi Hanscom asked that we give free plays to those who "graduate" from the 0 - 99 master point game on Friday mornings.

Richard Picheny made the motion to give one free play to those players who have too many points to play in the Friday morning games to encourage them to play in the afternoon. Maggie Briskie seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jay Nuccio is interested in increasing our attendance on the Thursday afternoon NLM game with giving a one time free play to NLM players. SOCBC is currently giving our NLM a reduced card fee for Thursday afternoons in January and February.

#### **Letter to Players:**

Anna Kreucher led a discussion on developing a letter to players and Directors reminding them to be pleasant and courteous to one another. This item was tabled until next month.

#### **Physical Therapy Speaker:**

Richard Picheny reported that a member of SOCBC had requested to have a physical therapist speak at the club on the health reasons to have correct posture while sitting at the bridge table. The decision was made to maintain our policy and only have guest speakers who speak on bridge related topics.

**Appointment of a Volunteer Coordinator:** This item was tabled for next month.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the board was set for Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.