

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2019**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Board members present were Jay Nuccio, Larry Hedge, Anna Kreucher, Odile Gendreau, Bob Levine, and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider was also present.

Bob Levine made the motion to approve the February 20, 2019 minutes. Jay Nuccio seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports:

Treasurer: Larry Hedge reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

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

A discussion was held on investing some of our savings. Larry Hedge reminded the Board that the SOCBC Bylaws state that Unit funds must be maintained in FDIC insured bank accounts. The Board decided to continue investing our savings in CD accounts.

Club Manager: Gail Schneider reported that she and Bill Thorp have been working to update our computer system. It was decided that more training is needed for our Directors on the new system and that problems should be directed to Gail or Bill.

A discussion was held on SOCBC holding STaC games for the Western Conference as well as District 23. The question was raised as to whether our club may participate in STaC games for our NLM section but not for the Open section. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

The April Unit game has been moved to April 28, 2019 due to the Easter Holiday

Membership: Bob Levine reported that we currently have 585 members.

Bob Levine announced that ACBL is sponsoring a membership drive and have emailed a survey to members to get their ideas on increasing membership. The suggestion was made to reach out to our beginning students and get their input as to what methods of advertising worked well for them.

2019 Membership Roster: Last year the SOCBC Board made a motion that we publish the Membership Roster every other year and provide an addendum on the odd year. Bob Levine will ask our members to update their information for addition to the Roster.

Facilities: Richard Picheny reported on the proposed partition replacement.

Education: Maggie Briskie reported that John Kissinger has agreed to be chairman of the Education Committee.

The SOCBC Board would like to thank Sunny Foster for the excellent job she did leading the education committee for the past several years.

Health: Odile Gendreau reported that her committee is working on updating the defibulator with replacing the pads and the battery.

Old Business:

Appointment of a Volunteer Coordinator: Bob Levine led a discussion on appointing a person from our club who would coordinate volunteers on an as needed basis. The suggestion was made to appoint two coordinators, one from the NLM section and one from the Open section. Several names were suggested. Jay Nuccio and Bob Levine will approach both the NLM and Open sections for members who would be willing to serve as volunteer coordinators.

Holiday Party: Richard Picheny reported that the Holiday Party Committee had made the decision to hold our holiday party on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Sol Agave in San Juan Capistrano. The cost of tickets to the event is still to be determined. This item was tabled until next month.

Letter to Players: Anna Kreucher reported that she had made revisions to a letter to players and Directors reminding them to be pleasant and courteous to one another.

NLM Team Play: Jay Nuccio led a discussion on adding an 8 Is Enough game for our NLM players. Marti Moss is holding a class to teach or refresh Team Play to NLM players on Thursday, March 28. Jay Nuccio reported that some of our more seasoned members will join the class on the 28th to help newer NLM members learn the ropes of playing on teams.

NLM Fee Reduction: Jay Nuccio made a request that we bring back the policy of offering players who take a lesson in the morning a reduced card fee of \$5.00 for that same afternoon.

Jay Nuccio made the motion that players who take a beginning lesson in the morning be able to play in the NLM section that afternoon for a reduced card fee of \$5.00. SOCBC will try this policy for about 6 weeks and reevaluate. Richard Picheny seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Air Conditioning: Jay Nuccio reported that he is still fielding complaints about the temperature in the club not being uniform. Jay will check with the management to see if the temperature can be regulated for the comfort of our players.

January Sectional:

Jay Nuccio made the motion to move our Yearly Open Sectional from late January 2020 to February 22 - 23, 2020. This change in date was made so that our sectional will not compete with the Orange County Regional which is held annually in late January. Richard Picheny seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

STaC Movements: Richard Picheny led a discussion on the various STaC movements that can be used at our club.

Richard Picheny made the motion to try a two-section movement in our next set of STaC games. This would ensure that more players would earn master points. Anna Kreucher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Coffee Service Upgrade: Jay Nuccio discussed upgrading our coffee service. Currently we own our coffee maker and purchase the supplies. The Board asked Jay Nuccio to look into hiring a professional service. The service would provide us with a new machine with monthly maintenance and supply coffee, cups, creamer, sugar and stirrers. It was decided that more information was needed. This item was tabled until next month.

Education Classes: Jay Nuccio led a discussion on how advertising our classes could improve. Currently, the Education Committee is advertising in the OC Register, Nextdoor, Facebook, and local neighborhood papers.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the board was set for Wednesday April 24, 2019.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.