



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER  
FEBRUARY 7. 2022**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M. Board members present were Frank Grossman, Trish Silverberg, Gale Senter, John Jonas, Susan Bristol and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider, Frances Krause and Joyce Potter were also present.

The Board Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2022 were unanimously approved.

**President's Update**

Richard Picheny reported that the table count is improving. Several members have made cash contributions to the club. The mask mandate will be lifted as of February 16 and SOCBC will adhere to the policy with masks optional.

**Financial Report**

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

**Club Manager**

Gail Schneider requested that the bidding boxes be cleaned up for the Sectional. Several directors will be travelling in May and Gail is working to find replacements.

**Facilities**

Gale Senter reported that as of March 31<sup>th</sup> we will reduce our rental space from 3 units to 2 units. Gale Senter and Richard Picheny will check with landlord about the logistics and time line for installing a wall separating the units. A decision needs to be made on removing the partition or store it. John Jonas has volunteered to help with our transition.

## **Education**

Gale Senter reported that classes and mentoring are ongoing. The Education committee arranged to start a 4-week beginning bridge class taught by Joan Anderson in April or May. Ifti Baquai will be teaching a 3-week class in April on Wednesdays. Bob Levine, Gary Waldron and Susan Kissinger have volunteered to teach a class or a series of classes.

## **Old Business**

### **Club Roster**

Joyce Potter reported an update on printing the club roster. Joyce volunteered to cover the cost of printing the roster. It was decided to print 200 copies and ask for a \$2.00 donation by individuals taking a roster.

### **New Business**

### **Unit Game**

Frances Krause reported that she would like to serve brunch at the monthly Unit Game beginning on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Serving food might entice more players to attend. The brunch would be made by club members and there would be no additional cost to the club thanks to a donation.

Maggie Briskie made the motion to begin serving food at the Unit game on Marc 20<sup>th</sup>. John Jonas seconded. The motion was approved.

### **Update Standing Rules and Adoption of Free Play Policy**

Richard Picheny reported that he, Gale Senter and Susan Bristol worked on updating the Standing Rules and Free Play Policy in order to cut back our expenses. Free Plays given to volunteers who help in the classes would be reduced to 2 Free Plays per game per week. Our purchasing couple agreed to reduce their Free Plays to 2 a month. The decision was also made that if players take a beginning class in the morning they may play for free on that afternoon if they have less then 200 points. Also, our Friday Morning players may play in the afternoon on the same day for free.

Richard Picheny made the motion that we ratify the changes made to the Standing Rules and Free Play Policy which includes a reduction of the Directors fees by 20% and a reduction of the Club Manager stipend by 20%. Frank Grossman seconded. The motion carried.

## **BBO**

Richard Picheny led a discussion on the possibility of joining other clubs who have games on BBO. This could be a source of income for our Club but might promote on-line playing. This item was tabled until next month.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 21, 2022

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 P.M.