



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
MARCH 17, 2025**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M. Board members present were 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 February 24, 2025. Tricia Jennings seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that table counts have increased for the year.

On another matter, Richard reported that the lease for our present location will expire in a couple of years. Richard would like to appoint a committee to investigate renewing our lease or finding another location.

Financial Report

Trisha Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Trisha led a discussion on the number of Free Plays we give out for members who volunteer or who fill-in for classes. The decision was made to keep our free play system as it is.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider led a discussion on Director's playing in games when there is a sit-out.

Richard Picheny made the motion to amend Section IV 4 of the Standing Rules as follows:

4. Director Compensation: Game Directors and Caddies are independent contractors and receive the following compensation:

- a. \$120 fee for Directors regardless of movement.
- b. Caddies will receive \$50 per session
- c. The foregoing compensation does not apply to Bridge Classes but does apply to EasyBridge games (see Section VI.2 below).
- d. Directors will receive a distance-based allowance for directing related travel to and from the Club, which is more than 15 miles per one-way trip. Anyone traveling 50 or more miles gets reimbursed for two-way travel. Caddies do not receive the distance-based allowance. The rate of compensation will be 70 cents per mile, based on the IRS published rate.
- e. The Director may not kibitz.
- f. The Director may play in the limited Masterpoint games when the players would like the Director to fill in.
- g. The Director may not play if there are 14 or more tables or two or more sections.
- h. The Director may not play to make a half table.
- i. The Director may not receive master points in pair's games.

Evening games and Saturday afternoon games are exceptions to the rules set forth in Sections 4g, 4h, and 4i.

John Jonas seconded. The motion was approved.

The decision was made to publicize this decision in the newsletter.

Gail Schneider reported that the week of May 5 - 11, ACBL is scheduled to run Stardust games the same week that District 22 is running STaC games. Our players enjoy both special games. Richard Picheny will see if District 22 can move the STaC games to different dates.

Facilities

John Jonas also reported that the card machine was skipping boards and needed cleaning.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that classes are on-going offering instruction on Monday, Tuesday, Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Volunteer Update

Trisha Silverberg reported that many of SOCBC members volunteered for various positions at the club. SOCBC still needs someone to volunteer to oversee computer issues. The Board commended Trisha on the great job she is doing recruiting volunteers.

Old Business

Survey

Steve Rounds and Tricia Jennings reported that the committee is working on compiling the survey aimed at finding ways to increase the playing attendance at our club. This item was tabled until next month.

Replacing the Chairs

John Jonas reported that he has selected the company from whom we will purchase new chairs and he has ordered a sample chair to be delivered to SOCBC. Frances Krause, Trisha Silverberg and John will meet to decide on the fabric. This item was tabled until next month.

Amending the GNT Dates

Richard Picheny reported that the GNT Games scheduled to be held at SOCBC will conflict with the Anaheim Sectional.

Richard Picheny made the motion to change the GNT games from Saturday, and Sunday, April 4th and 5th to Saturday, May 31 - Sunday, June 1. John Jonas seconded. The motion was approved.

New Business

John Jonas requested that the list prepared by Janie Matlaf of special games or events happening at the club each week be made available to our Directors for their daily announcements.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 17, 2025

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 P.M.