



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
JUNE 17, 2024

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M. Board members present were John Jonas, Trisha Silverberg, Tricia Jennings, Susan Bristol and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider was also present.

John Jonas made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2024. Richard Picheny seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that the table counts for SOCBC are improving. Trish Silverberg reported that while table counts are trending up, the Sunday Unit Games and Sunday Swiss Team Games are down. A discussion was held on how to increase attendance for the Sunday Unit and Team Games. A suggestion was made to get members to reach out by phone to encourage others to attend those games.

Richard Picheny reported that several members have expressed an interest in reinstating Friday Night Bridge. Scott Huddleston, Sylvia Srigley and Lisa Buchner have agreed to organize Friday nights to include a potluck dinner/heavy appetizers and bridge. The weekly event will begin in July.

Financial Report

Trish Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that the Longest Day which is supported by the Alzheimer's Association will be held on June 21. On that day the public will join together to raise awareness of Alzheimer's and donate funds towards eradicating the disease.

Gail Schneider also reported that the Saddleback Unit is sponsoring a Sectional on Saturday, August 10 and by agreement SOCBC will be closed that day.

A discussion was held on hiring a second director for Wednesday, July 3. Dae Leckie is celebrating her birthday and sponsoring the bridge fees and lunch for the day. We will rent the nearby suite for a cost of \$175.

Membership

Susan Bristol reported that SOCBC currently has 461 members.

Susan Bristol reported that she and Tricia Jennings have been working on the **Return to the Fold Report** (555 Report). This report gives clubs the chance to be compensated for recruiting members who have lapsed their membership and also to encourage new players to sign-up for ACBL.

Facilities

Trish Silverberg requested that we have the carpets cleaned with the idea that we would get a quote to eventually replace the carpet.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that classes are ongoing. Another Beginning Bridge class will start in September. A suggestion was made to post flyers for the upcoming class in the Senior Centers and libraries around the area.

Old Business

SOCBC Website Home Page

Last month the request was made to update the SOCBC Website Home Page to be more welcoming to players. The decision was made to ask Susan Kissinger to take pictures of our members and post on the website.

Fourth of July

Gail Schneider reported that the club will have a game on Thursday, July 4th.

Roster

Susan Bristol reported that she has received numerous requests for an updated roster. The last roster was published 2 years ago. A suggestion was made to have the roster available with password protection on-line to include member name, email address, and telephone number. Another idea was to print the roster on copy paper. The decision was made to have Richard Picheny, John Jonas and Janie Matlaf brainstorm and present a solution to the Board next month.

New Business

Recruiter Policy Draft

Susan Bristol reported that SOCBC should be listed as the **Recruiter** for enrolling new members. Susan Bristol made a motion that we change the recruiter information on the membership form to reflect our Unit Number. John Jonas seconded. The motion was approved. Susan will update the forms.

Holiday Party

Maggie Briskie announced the SOCBC Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 7th.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2024

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 P.M.