



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
AUGUST 19, 2024**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:17 P.M. Board members present were John Jonas, Trisha Silverberg, Susan Bristol, Mary Dee Kienstra and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider and Janie Matlaf were also present.

Richard Picheny made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2024. Trisha Silverberg seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that the table counts for SOCBC are improving.

Financial Report

Trisha Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that we will be holding special games in September. John Jonas led a discussion on charging more for our games. The decision was made to keep our game fees the same.

Membership

Susan Bristol reported that we have 462 members and she has 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. Richard Picheny offered to call the lapsed members and find out if they plan to return to SOCBC.

Facilities

Last month, the SOCBC Board decided to get an estimate to replace the carpet and repaint the walls in our facility. Richard Picheny announced that Al Silverberg offered to donate \$5,000 towards the cost of replacing the carpet. Trisha Silverberg and John Jonas volunteered to get a quote to repaint the club. It was decided to have Richard Picheny, Mary Dee Kienstra, John Jonas and Gail Schneider meet to decide on the choice of carpet. This item was tabled until the next month.

Education

Janie Matlaf reported that classes are ongoing. Another Beginning Bridge class will start September 9.

Old Business

Roster

Janie Matlof reported that the SOCBC roster will soon be available on the SOCBC Website under "About Us". Members will be able to access the roster by using a password available from our Board Members. This information will be published in our next Newsletter.

Friday Night Bridge

Richard Picheny reported that SOCBC hosted the Friday Night Bridge Social on August 9. We had seven Open tables and three Social tables. Players enjoyed appetizers and desserts while playing 18 Boards. Friday Night Bridge will be held on the second Friday of each month.

Holiday Party

Maggie Briskie reported that the Holiday Party Committee would like to keep the \$45 player fee for our annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 7th.

New Business

Sectional

Maggie Briskie reported that Tricia Jennings and Joyce Potter are working on the plans for the sectional to be held at SOCBC on October 19 - 20. We will need to move our unit game which is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month to the 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month. Richard Picheny will check with Laguna Woods to make sure there is no conflict.

Nominating Committee

Richard Picheny reported that several board members will be up for re-election for a two-year term. Those members whose terms are up are John Jonas, Susan Bristol and Mary Dee Kienstra. Richard Picheny asked Mary Dee Kienstra to chair the nominating committee for the three vacant positions on the SOCBC Board.

Grouper Proposal

Richard Picheny reported that Grouper has partnered with ACBL to promote social activities and has approached our club to advertise Humana Advantage. Our by-laws state that we will only support bridge related groups. The decision was made to not have Grouper at our club at this time.

Evening Bridge Class

Richard Picheny reported that one of our members expressed an interest in teaching a beginning class in the evening during the week. The decision was made to have the member offer an evening class and teach using the ACBL curriculum if we can get 8 students in the class. This item was tabled until next month.

Political Speech and Clothing

Richard Picheny led a discussion on political speech and clothing at the club. Richard Picheny made the motion not to allow political conversations or clothing at the club. Trisha Silverberg seconded. The motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 23, 2024

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.