



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:20 P.M. Board members present were Trisha Silverberg, Susan Bristol, Mary Dee Kienstra, Tricia Jennings and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager Gail Schneider was also present.

Mary Dee Kienstra made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2024. Tricia Jennings seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Update

Richard Picheny reported that the table counts for SOCBC declined in August.

Financial Report

Trisha Silverberg reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

Club Manager

Gail Schneider reported that we will be holding special games in October and November. Gail led a discussion on the need to replace the Tuesday morning class teacher due to health issues. This item was referred to the Education Committee.

Membership

Susan Bristol reported that we have 456 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. Trisha Silverberg made the motion to allocate up to \$5,000 to replace the carpet. Mary Dee Kienstra seconded. The motion was approved.

Richard Picheny reported that we received a quote of \$2,800 to paint the facility. The decision was made to see if touch-ups can be done instead of painting. This item was tabled until next month.

Education

Richard Picheny reported that classes are ongoing. Another Beginning Bridge class began on September 9.

Old Business

Friday Night Bridge

Gail Schneider reported that SOCBC will need a permanent Director for the Friday Night Bridge Social. Friday Night Bridge will be held on the second Friday of each month.

Sectional

Tricia Jennings reported that a committee is working on the plans for the NLM Sectional to be held at SOCBC on October 19 - 20. The committee consists of Joyce Potter, Kathy Rocheleau, Tricia Jennings, Patty Lenard, Carolyn Williams, and Bridget Callanan.

Nominating Committee

Richard Picheny reported that several SOCBC 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. Susan Bristol and John Jonas will run for another two-year term. The Nominating Committee and Richard Picheny will search for people who are interested in serving on the Board.

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.

New Business

Awards

Richard Picheny announced that the selections for the Sally Palmear Award and the SOCBC Sportsman and Citizenship Award are on-going. The recipients of both awards will be announced at the Holiday Party.

Saturday Game

Richard Picheny reported that we will keep the Saturday afternoon game until the end of November and decide then if it will continue due to low attendance.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2024

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 P.M.