

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2018**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM. Board members present were Susan Kissinger, Dianna Hoffman, Maggie Briskie, and Bob Levine. Club Manager Gail Schneider and Loli Henderson were also present.

Dianna Hoffman made the motion to approve the August 20, 2018 minutes. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports:

Treasurer: Dianna Hoffman reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

The table counts are down for Sunday afternoons Swiss Teams and for Thursday afternoons NLM. Gail Schnieder is working on encouraging our NLM players to return to the club on Thursday afternoons as well encouraging the NLM players to attend the NLM Sectional on October 6 and October 7. Richard Picheny will contact Susan Bristol, Trudi Hanscom and Frances Krause to discuss ways to encourage the players on Friday morning to attend the NLM Sectional.

Maggie Briskie made the motion to approve the Treasure's Report. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bob Levine suggested that SOCBC hire the services of a financial planner to increase the interest on our savings. It was decided that Bob Levine and Richard Picheny will reach out to one of our members and inquire about hiring a financial advisor.

Facilities:

Richard Picheny reported that the committee working on updating the room partition is still investigating options. This item was tabled until next month.

Richard Picheny reported that a selection has been made to replace the kitchen floor and he will consult with Al Silverberg on a time for installation. It was also decided to shampoo the carpet more frequently as needed.

Membership:

Bob Levine reported that in August, the club gained three new members, and four new members who transferred in.

Education:

Maggie Briskie indicated that the Education Committee is actively filling the calendar with two beginning classes and a 2/1 class beginning later this month.

Health:

Various options are available for CPR/AED training for our Directors and members. The board discussed its efforts to ensure that directors are knowledgeable on procedures to be followed in the event of a medical emergency. Gail Schneider said that even though Directors may be required to take a course, they could not be required to perform CPR or resuscitation efforts. It was decided to send out the links for Online CPR and U-Tube to our members.

Old Business:

Seeding and Seating: Susan Kissinger reported that the Directors are trying to seed and seat appropriately. The large number of players requesting North/South seating makes it difficult to properly seed the field. Gail Schneider will print out a list of member's master points to help the Directors seed appropriately.

Additional Time Clock Purchase: Gail Schneider reported that she had looked into purchasing additional time clocks. The clocks would cost approximately \$500 each plus installation and electrical wiring costs.

Bob Levine made the motion to purchase two new time clocks. The motion died for lack of a second.

New Business:

Luncheon Problems at the Club: Susan Kissinger discussed the responsibilities of the Director concerning the lunches. SOCBC has affirmed that for our club the game Director will handle the responsibilities of running the game and the coffee machine but not running the lunch program. The lunch program chairman will oversee the lunch program as well as the volunteers who serve the lunch. Debbie Gailfus (Director of Directors) will reiterate the SOCBC policy to our Directors.

December Luncheon: Loli Henderson reported that our annual December Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018. A discussion was held on the cost of the luncheon plus two sessions of bridge. Currently the fee to play bridge and for the lunch is \$35.00 per bridge player. It was decided to continue with the cost of \$35.00 for both SOCBC members and non-members.

Sally Pelmear Award: Maggie Briskie reported that the Sally Pelmear Sportsmanship Award will be given to a NLM who exhibits good sportsmanship and/or citizenship. The award will be presented in December. Maggie Briskie, Dianna Hoffman, Vicki Knaack and Jon Pelmear will be on the committee to select the recipient.

Convention Card Requirement for the NLM Section: It was decided that the Club should encourage our NLM players to have matching convention cards. Gail Schneider will order the "Blue Convention Cards," which are easier to fill out from Bridge Buddy. The Education committee will encourage our teachers and Friday morning Directors to help their students learn how to fill out convention cards correctly. The Education Committee will also hold another free workshop.

Raising Limits for the Monday Night Games; The Board approved an increase in the Master Point limit for the Monday Night Game to 0 - 1500. All changes to Game Master Point limits must be approved by the Board.

Unit Game Pricing: Richard Picheny discussed the option of raising the Unit Game fee \$1.00. The club members produce a wonderful lunch each time the unit games are held the cost of which are reimbursed by the club.

Richard Picheny made the motion to increase the Unit Game fee to \$11.00. The motion died for lack of a second.

Computer for the Treasurer: Richard Picheny lead a discussion on purchasing a computer for the Treasurer. This item was tabled for next month.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the board was set for Monday, October 15, 2018.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.