

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2018**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Board members present were Susan Kissinger, Bob Levine, Dianna Hoffman, Odile Gendreau, and Maggie Briskie.

Bob Levine made a motion to approve the March 19, 2018 minutes. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer: Dianna Hoffman reported on the financial condition of SOCBC. The table count was slightly down for the month as compared to last year.

Richard Picheny made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Facilities: Richard Picheny reported that he has asked the Silverbergs to look into repairing the two air vents near the coke machine as players are complaining that they are too cold. The decision was made to ask the management to unlock the thermostats in the room so that the Directors can better regulate the temperature in the club.

A discussion was held on the fans that have been purchased. The purpose of the fans is to circulate air in our club. A suggestion was made to ask the Board Members to turn on the fans each day in the club and reposition them when needed.

Richard Picheny led a discussion on the installed partition. If the room partition is sound effective, it will enable our club to hold two classes in the morning simultaneously. Several of our members have expressed concerns about the room partition and its cost. The cost of the partition was significantly lower due to one of our members volunteering his labor and donating some of the materials. It was decided to test the partition for noise deflection by scheduling two classes at the same time.

Membership: Bob Levine reported that SOCBC membership remains the same from last month.

Education: Maggie Briskie reported that classes, mentoring, and the moving up program are ongoing at SOCBC. The Club will hold additional beginning classes starting in September. Richard Picheny discussed holding a Social Bridge or 0 - 20 game on Saturday mornings. Susan Kissinger reiterated that a new game would need to be sanctioned by ACBL. This item was tabled for next month.

Health: Richard Picheny asked Odile Gendreau to schedule an inservice to update our Directors and members on emergency procedures. It was decided that SOCBC should have members' emergency contacts on record so that the Directors have access to this information in case of an emergency. Odile Gendreau will begin this process.

Old Business:

Dealing Machine: Bob Levine led a discussion on replacing the old playing cards in our duplicate boards. Our current playing cards need to be replaced about every 90 days.

Bob Levine reported that he would like to see our club use plastic cards, as they would last longer. However our current dealing machine may not be compatible with plastic cards. Plastic cards offered by Baron Barclay are approximately \$2.80 a deck and would last about 2 years. A new dealing machine would cost us approximately \$4,500. Bob Levine suggested that we invest in a set of 36 plastic playing cards for a trial basis. The Board agreed. Bob Levine was to find out if the maker of the new dealing machine would send us a machine at our expense for us to test. A suggestion was also made to canvas other clubs to see if they are using the new machine. This item was tabled until next month.

New Business:

Webb Movement versus Mitchell Movement: Susan Kissinger led a discussion on the differences between a Webb Movement and a Mitchell Movement. The Webb Movement can be run with as few as 10 tables but most Directors only use the Webb Movement with 15 or more tables. There is an additional payment of \$10 to the Directors if there are 15 or more tables. The Webb movement requires more work for the Directors but the advantage is that all players play the same boards. The decision was made to let the Directors decide which movement to use. The Directors may run the Webb Movement with 10 - 14 tables but will they not get the \$10 fee unless there are 15 or more tables.

STaC Strategy: We currently hold STaC games three times a year. Susan Kissinger suggested that we might run more sections during the STaC games so that members may get a higher percentage game. The suggestion was made to have the Directors use the Mitchell Movement to get our members more silver points. The decision was made to let the Directors decide which movement to use during STaC weeks.

Susan Kissinger led a discussion on the number of Special Games/Charity Games held at SOCBC. When our club holds Special Games we pay ACBL \$4 more a table. ACBL uses our money to support various charities. The decision was made to hold charity games several times a week and spread them out throughout the year.

Social Bridge: Richard Picheny reported that he would like to see SOCBC hold social bridge games regularly at our club. Currently the only social bridge game held at our club is on the 4th Friday night of the month. Jane Dober and Charlyn Johnson would be the Directors for the social games. Jane Dober would hold Social Bridge on two Thursday mornings a month and share the facility with one of our teachers who is holding a small class. Charlyn Johnson would hold Social Bridge or low master point games two Saturday mornings a month. The decision was made to charge players a fee of \$10 for both social games and low-level games. There will be a short lesson included and boards will be available to supplement the lessons. The Board decided to go ahead with the Thursday Social Bridge. The Saturday Social Bridge was tabled until next month.

Bob Levine suggested that once social players get introduced to our club perhaps they would be inspired to take lessons or join our duplicate games and become members of SOCBC.

Longest Day: Richard Picheny reported that Liam Barnes who is the Development Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County would like to partner with SOCBC and sponsor charity games on The Longest Week during the week of June 18, 2018. Richard Picheny asked Liam to make a proposal for our collaboration with the Alzheimer's association and perhaps give a presentation to our club before one of the games. The decision was made to partner with the Alzheimer's Association.

Next Board Meeting: May 14, 2018

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.