

**South Orange County Bridge Center  
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 20,2019**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM. Board members present were Odile Gendreau, Larry Hedge, and Maggie Briskie. Gail Schneider the club manager was also present.

Larry Hedge made the motion to approve the October 17, 2019 minutes. Odile Gendreau seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Larry Hedge reported on the financial condition of SOCBC.

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

**Club Manager:** Gail Schneider led a discussion on the ongoing computer problems. The Club is experiencing power outages which affects the computer as well as the thermostats. A suggestion was made to purchase a surge protector with a battery backup for the computer. Richard Picheny will request that the air conditioners timers be checked for accuracy.

Richard Picheny reported that many of our members have requested that SOCBC not continue with STaC games in the Open section. STaC games award silver points.

Richard Picheny made the motion to have SOCBC not participate in STaC games on the Open Side but participate on the NLM side. Odile Gendreau seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gail Schneider reported that the Wednesday night team games are going well with 5 - 6 tables.

Gail Schneider led a discussion on holding a game on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. The decision was made to have the club open on January 1, 2020

**Education:** Richard Picheny reported that new members of the Education Committee are Susan Kissinger, Frances Krause, Maggie Briskie, Janie Matlaf, and Richard Picheny serving as chairperson.

**Health:** Odile Gendreau reported that a battery has been purchased for the defibulator. The battery will be good for five years.

## **Old Business:**

**Election and Nominating Committee:** Richard Picheny reported on the upcoming Election for Board Members. There are five candidates running for the four open positions on the SOCBC Board: Bob Levine, Frank Grossman, Carol Pangburn, Dan Thorlakson, and Joop Doorn. The election will be held from November 18 - 22, 2019, and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on December 7, 2019.

**Holiday Party:** Maggie Briskie reported that reservations are being taken for the Holiday Party to be held on Friday, December 7, 2019.

## **New Business:**

**Change in Bylaws:** Richard Picheny reported on the proposed bylaw amendment. The amendment would allow members of the SOCBC Board to serve as Game Directors if they are certified. The decision was made to bring the bylaw amendment to the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, December 7, 2019, where members will have the opportunity to vote on the change.

**OLLI:** Oscher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is an organization of lifelong learners - both retired and semi-retired who want to continue enhancing their lives through education. Janie Matlaf reached out to OLLI and our upcoming January beginning class was included in their monthly Newsletter and it quickly generated several new students.

Richard Picheny made the motion to include a short article in our Newsletter about OLLI. Maggie Briskie seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.