

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2019**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. Board members present were Odile Gendreau, Bob Levine, Anna Kreucher, Larry Hedge, Jay Nuccio and Maggie Briskie. Club Manager, Gail Schneider was also in attendance as well as Lavelle Froboese and Marti Moss.

Bob Levine made the motion to approve the August 20, 2019. Larry Hedge 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. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Club Manager: Gail Schneider led a discussion on having the Director play in a game with a call-in player on Saturday afternoons when there is a half table. The Standing Rules state that neither the Game Director nor the call-in player may get points. This item was tabled until next month.

Gail Schneider asked if SOCBC would like to cancel the Unit Game on Sunday, December 15, 2019 due to the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 7 and the Palm Springs Regional, which is held the week of December 9. The decision was made not to hold the Unit Game as traditionally the Holiday Party is considered to be the December Unit Game.

Gail Schneider reported that the GNT Qualification Team Games begins this month and runs through February. The GNT Qualifying Team Games are held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Gail Schneider reported that Bill Thorpe and John Hennessey are working on updating the computer.

Membership: Bob Levine reported that the membership numbers remain stable.

Facilities: Richard Picheny reported that the partition has been installed and is functional.

Old Business:

Election and Nominating Committee: Richard Picheny led a discussion on the upcoming Election for Board Members. Marti Moss, chairperson, Anna Kreucher, Dianna Hoffman, and Pam Nuccio were appointed to the nominating committee. The election will be held from November 18 - 22, 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:

Hand Sanitizers: Lavelle Froboese expressed her concern about players coming to the club sick. Richard Picheny said that the club policy was published in the newsletter and states that any Board Member or Game Director has the ability to ask an ill player to leave. If the game has begun or the player is permitted to play because of a doctor's note or for some other reason, any other players who do not wish to play with them will not be penalized and will receive a no-play for those boards. Lavelle Froboese presented several posters that she hoped would remind our players to stay away from the club when they are ill. Bob Levine discussed having Hand Cleaning Stations around the Club.

Richard Picheny made the motion to spend up to \$300.00 to purchase small tables, which would hold hand sanitizers and be placed around the club next to the posters that Lavelle Froboese designed. Jay Nuccio seconded. The motion was unanimously approved

Recycling: Marti Moss requested that SOCBC participate in a recycling program.

Richard Picheny made the motion to purchase special trash containers for recycling to be placed throughout the club. Anna Kreucher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Cell Phone Penalty: Richard Picheny reported that a suggestion was made to change the policy of penalizing a player 1/4 board when their cell phone rings during a game. The suggestion was made to have that player donate money to the charity fund. The decision was made to have players donate \$2.00 to the charity fund when their phone rings during a game.

Western STaC: Richard Picheny led a discussion on our club's participation in the Western STaC. Players may earn silver points during STaC games.

Richard Picheny made the motion to participate in the Western STaC in December for both the Open and NLM sections. After December SOCBC will participate in the Western STaC on the NLM side only. Jay Nuccio seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Small Coffee Pot: Richard Picheny discussed providing a smaller coffee pot at the club for those members who would like additional coffee in the afternoon. The decision was made to add a small coffee pot to the kitchen.

NLM Sectional: Gail Schneider reported that members would be able to register for the NLM Sectional on Saturday on-line as usual.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.