

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2018**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM. Board members present were Susan Kissinger, Bob Levine, Dianna Hoffman, Bonnie Myers, Odile Gendreau, and Maggie Briskie.

Bob Levine made a motion to approve the January 15, 2018 minutes. Bonnie Myers seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports

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

Bonnie Myers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Facilities: Richard Picheny led a discussion on the room partition that has been partially installed in our facility. The room partition if sound effective, will enable our club to hold two classes in the morning simutaneously. Many of our members have expressed concerns about the room partition and Richard Picheny decided to address these concerns in the newsletter.

Richard Picheny made the motion to allocate up to \$5000 to complete the room partition. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Susan Kissinger reported that some members are unable to hear announcements made in the club. A suggestion was made that we purchase a cordless microphone that would enable members in every part of the room to hear the announcements. The SOCBC Board made the decision to move one of the wall, mounted speakers to the far end of the room for a trial period.

One of our members suggested we purchase circulation fans to make the club more comfortable. Richard Picheny reported that one fan has been purchased. Some members felt the noise level was acceptable but one or two members thought the noise level was a little high. It was decided to purchase a quieter fan for around \$100 and try it out in different areas of the club.

Bob Levine discussed upgrading the quality of our playing cards. Our current bridge dealing machine is not compatible with the suggested updated playing cards sponsored by Bridge Buddy. Our bridge dealing machine was recently refurbished and the SOCBC Board decided not to investigate purchasing a new machine at this time.

Membership

Bob Levine reported that ACBL is introducing temporary memberships for \$7.99 which is good for one month. A temporary membership is available to players who never had a full-year membership before. At the end of the month, temporary members may renew the temporary membership or upgrade to a one-year or three-year membership. This information will be sent out to the SOCBC members.

Education

Maggie Briskie reported that a mentoring session will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Gary Waldron will present a class on transfers after a 1 NT opening. Maggie Briskie asked for suggestions from the SOCBC Board on what level player mentoring sessions should target. It was decided that the mentoring program should attract advanced beginners with the purpose of encouraging players to play in the NLM section in the afternoons. The Moving Up Program is scheduled for March. The Moving Up Program sets up a partnership between a NLM player and a Life Master player and they play together in the Open section on three dates. This program is designed to encourage NLM players to play in the Open Section.

Health:

Odile Gendreau reported that Jane Dober sent out a notice to the kitchen workers reminding them that they are required to wear gloves when serving lunch. Odile Gendreau also reported that an additional hand sanitizer has been installed by the other door and that she is looking into having the fire extinguishes serviced.

Old Business:

Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Awards:

Bonnie Myers announced that the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Awards will be given out on March 14, 2018.

The Sally Pelmear NLM Sportsmanship Award:

Richard Picheny led a discussion on the award to be presented in Sally Pelmear's honor.

Richard Picheny made the motion to call the award the Sally Pelmear Sportsmanship Award, which will be presented to the NLM player who exhibits good sportsmanship and/or citizenship. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Maggie Briskie, Jon Pelmear, Trudi Hanscom and Susan Bristol will serve on the selection committee for the Sally Pelmear Sportsmanship Award,

Odile Gendreau, Gary Waldron and Gale Senter will serve on the selection for the Jim Senter Sportsmanship Award.

Charity Game:

Richard Picheny led a discussion on the various charities supported by SOCBC. Currently, SOCBC donates to three charities: Laguna Beach Community Clinic, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Ronald McDonald House.

Richard Picheny made the motion that from the proceeds generated by our local charity games held during February, SOCBC allocate up to \$300 to be given in Sally Pelmeur's name to Children of the Nations Charity (Sally's charity of choice) and the remaining money earned be distributed to the other three charities. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rookie of the Month Awards: Certificates were posted by Susan Kissinger for awards achieved by the NLM players. The categories are Rookie of the Month 0 - 20 masterpoints; Player of the Month 0 - 100 masterpoints; and Player of the Month 0 - 300 masterpoints. The decision was made that an email would be sent out monthly to all members commending the NLM players who won the awards.

Wednesday Night attendance:

Attendance remains low for the Wednesday Night Team Games and Richard Picheny encouraged the Board members to participate.

Open Sectional

Richard Picheny confirmed the date for the Open Sectional for January 26 - 27, 2019.

New Business:

Review of points needed for afternoon NLM games - Susan Kissinger led a discussion on the number of master points needed for the NLM games. Currently the NLM games we run are Monday, NLM (no range); Tuesday 0 - 299, Wednesday 0 - 499, Thursday, 0 -299 and Friday NLM (no range). Richard Picheny will ask for input from the Directors and Susan Kissinger will check with other clubs. The decision was made that Monday's game will be 0 - 499 NLM; Thursday's game will be 0 - 499 and Friday will remain at 0 -750. Tuesday and Wednesday games will be addressed next month.

Bench in Ladies Restroom - Odile Gendreau reported that members would like to see if a table could be placed in the Ladies' Restroom. Richard Picheny will check with property management.

Next Board Meeting: March 19, 2018

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board
February 27, 2018**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM. Board members present were Susan Kissinger, Bob Levine, Dianna Hoffman, Bonnie Myers, Odile Gendreau, and Maggie Briskie.

Richard Picheny made the motion to appoint Sean Lui as the Unit Manager as well as the Games Facilitator effective April 1st. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously passed. Trudi Hansom will remain as the Director of Directors.

All of the Board Members by their presence, non-objection and vote in favor of the motion, waived the three-day prior written notice requirement for this special meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.