

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2018**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Board members present were Susan Kissinger, Bob Levine, Dianna Hoffman, Bonnie Myers, Odile Gendreau, and Maggie Briskie.

Bob Levine made a motion to ratify the December 20, 2017 minutes. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer: Dianna Hoffman reported on the financial condition of SOCBC. The table counts were slightly down from last year due to holding our Open Sectional in January instead of December.

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

Facilities: Richard Picheny reported that the decision was made to unlock the thermostats in the Club so that the Directors will be able to better control the temperature. Odile Gendreau is going to contact the building owner about rebalancing the air conditioner on a regular basis.

One of our members suggested we purchase circulation fans to make the club more comfortable. Richard Picheny will ask Facilities Manager, Al Silverberg to research and purchase several fans with a budget not to exceed \$400.

Richard Picheny led a discussion on SOCBC's need to hold multiple classes at the same time. John Jonas is presently constructing a partition for our Club that would enable us to hold classes simutaneously if the partition blocks the sound. Richard Picheny suggested that we consider leasing a room downstairs or renting an office across the hall for classes or games. The office across the hall would rent for approximately \$1900 a month. The decision was made to postpone consideration of leasing the office across the hall until we see how well the partition will block sound. Richard Picheny will investigate the cost of leasing the room downstairs. This item was tabled until next month.

Membership: Bob Levine reported that SOCBC has 486 members. Bob Levine reminded us about the Friday Evening Social /Duplicate Bridge Night Potluck Dinner coming up on January 26. It was decided that the Education Committee will distribute a welcome letter and calendar of lessons offered at the Club that night. Bob Levine wanted the regular SOCBC members to be at the game and make a point to welcome players new to our club.

Education: Maggie Briskie reported that several classes have begun this month. They include Modern Bridge on Mondays, 2 Over 1 on Tuesdays, and Easybridge II on Wednesdays. The Education Committee is sponsoring Mentoring every month and will be bringing back the Moving Up Program sometime this Spring. Robert Irani will teach one class on Improving Your Judgment and Gary Waldron will teach one class on XYZ in the Month of January.

The Education Committee recommended that we amend the teacher contract to include that SOCBC will provide snacks for the first class of beginning students. The motion was made by Bonnie Myers that we amend the teacher contract to include that SOCBC will provide snacks for the first class of beginning students. Susan Kissinger seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Richard Picheny made the motion to amend section 4.7 of the teacher contract to state that class evaluations be handed out by the Education Committee and collected by the Education Committee and shared immediately with the teacher. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Richard Picheny reported that Wednesday night attendance has been down. This item was tabled until next month.

Health: The Board discussed the use of hand sanitizers and the wearing of gloves when handling food. The SOCBC Board decided to adopt a policy that food service workers are required to wear gloves when handling food. It was suggested that Jane Dober who is head of food service send out an email advising her volunteers of our new policy. A decision was made to add another hand sanitizer near the front door. It was suggested that Trudi Hanscom who oversees the Directors, remind them to announce before games that we have hand sanitizers at both doors and on the cabinet.

Old Business:

Annual SOCBC Sectional – Richard Picheny led a discussion on the SOCBC Sectional which was held January 13 - 14. The Sectional was a big success with 52 tables in the morning and 45 tables in the afternoon on Saturday. On Sunday we had 41 tables in the morning and 34 tables in the afternoon. Suggestions were made for next year to have a floor plan set up ahead of time, have a second serving station for food, and perhaps hire some help to set up tables and chairs and serve food. Richard Picheny reported that the success of the Sectional was due to the many members from our Club who volunteered their time on the day of the event and those who donated food.

Amend reporting Lines for Club Manager - Dianna Hoffman made the motion to have all three administrative positions: Unit Manager, Games Facilitator and Director of Directors report to the SOCBC Board president and/or SOCBC Vice President. Bonnie Myers seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Average Play for A Skipped Table in the Case of Illness: Richard Picheny made the motion that any player who opts to not play against a player who they feel is ill, may skip that table and receive an average play. Susan Kissinger seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Strats for Eight is Enough: Susan Kissinger reported that that the Strats for 8 is enough are 0 - 900 points = 1; 901 - 1800 points = 2; 1801 + points = 3. Teams cannot have more than 8 points.

New Business:

Recognition of Sally Pelmeur's Dedication and contribution to SOCBC: Richard Picheny discussed how we could honor Sally Pelmeur who taught so many classes at SOCBC over the years. The Board decided we would like to present a special award given yearly and suggestions for the award included: a Sportsmanship/ Citizenship Award for NLM; and the NLM winner with the highest number of master point achieved at the Sectional. This item was tabled until next month.

Rookie of the Month Award: Susan Kissinger led a discussion on starting a Rookie of the Month Award. Richard Picheny made the motion to have two awards given monthly to the NLM player in the 0-20 bracket, 0-100 bracket and 0-300 bracket who achieved the most Masterpoints for that month. Their Pictures would be posted on the bulletin board. Bonnie Myers seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2018 To Do List: Susan Kissinger led a discussion regarding our master calendar of events that includes the Ace of Club/Mini-McKenny Awards, Sportsmanship Award, NLM Sectional and the Open Sectional among other activities and events.

The SOCBC Board suggested having the Ace of Clubs on March 14, 2018; the NLM Sectional on September 29/30, 2018; and the Open Sectional on either Jan 19/20, 2018 or February 23/24, 2018. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Board Meeting: February 12, 2018

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.