

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

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. Board members present were Susan Kissinger, Dianna Hoffman, Bonnie Myers, Odile Gendreau and Maggie Briskie.

Bonnie Myers made a motion to approve the June 18, 2018 minutes. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

A request was made by one of our members that the SOCBC minutes be approved by the Board via email. This would enable the minutes to be posted on the website earlier. A discussion was held, and the proposal was considered and rejected.

Reports

Treasurer: Dianna Hoffman 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.

Facilities:

Bonnie Myers led a discussion on replacing the current partition. Bonnie Myers had done an extensive research on options to replace the current partition and presented a spreadsheet listing different options for installing a new partition that included the dimensions, acoustics, appearance, and ease of set-up, but did not include estimated installation cost.

Richard Picheny, Bonnie Myers and Frank Grossman are on a sub-committee who will review the options presented and solicit bids for installation and make a recommendation to the Board. Suggestions were made to add a few members to the committee who are knowledgeable in construction and consult with a local contractor, who would install the partition.

Health:

CPR/AED Training

Odile Gendreau led a discussion on having CPR training for our members and Directors. Several options were addressed such as viewing classes on U-Tube, taking a refresher course online, having the Red Cross come to our club or taking classes locally by Sure Fire CPR. Red Cross charges \$250 to come and \$70 per person. On-line charges are \$18.95 per person and SureFire CPR charges \$59 per person.

Old Business:

0 - 99 Game

Richard Picheny would like to hold a 0 - 99 game on Saturday mornings with a mini lesson and possibly a social game as well. Gail Schneider has agreed to be the Director and give a mini-lesson.

Dianna Hoffman made the motion to hold the 0 - 99 Saturday morning game with a mini lesson beginning September 15, 2018. Maggie Briskie seconded. The motion carried with two abstentions. SOCBC will try Saturday morning games for 2 months and then evaluate their success.

ARK Charity Game

Maggie Briskie reported that the ARK charity game would be held on Friday, August 24, 2018. Donna Abersman will make a presentation before the game.

New Business:

Purchase of an Additional Timer

Maggie Briskie reported that a couple of members requested that the SOCBC purchase an additional timer for the other end of the Open Section. The request was considered no action was taken.

Insurance for Loss of Income

Richard Picheny reported that we had a loss of about \$1000 when we had to cancel an afternoon game because of an accident to the building. Bonnie Myers will investigate if our insurance will cover the financial loss. Richard Picheny will check with the landlord for their liability. This item was tabled for next month.

New Coffee System

Several members suggested we investigate the coffee machine used by Laguna Woods. It was agreed to further research the coffee machine at Laguna Woods and keep the findings for when our coffee machine is no longer working.

Conventions Card Reminder

ACBL requires that players who play together have matching convention cards. Several ideas were considered on how to remind our players that they must have matching conventions cards. Richard Picheny reported that he had discussed this requirement in the July's newsletter.

Points Awarded to Directors

A discussion was held on awarding Masterpoints to Directors who substitute in games when he/she is a director. The Standing Rules are clear in this matter. The Director may fill in if needed if there are not 18 or more tables or two or more sections and may not receive Masterpoints.

Raising Fees for both NLM Sectional and Open Sectional

Richard Picheny made the motion to raise the card fees to \$13 for the NLM Sectional and the Open Sectional. Lunch will be served as usual. Susan Kissinger seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Name a Puppy Fundraiser

A discussion was held on the Name-a-Puppy Fundraiser proposed by Frank Frand. The Name-a-Puppy Fundraiser is designed to raise \$5000.00 which would help support the breeding, whelping and socializing of a guide dog puppy as well as submit a name for the puppy. It was decided not to participate in this fundraiser.

Wooden Rack

Maggie Briskie reported that two of our members have tripped over the wooden rack in the back of the room. The rack is on rollers and is a necessity for storing boards. It was decided that this is a safety issue and Richard Picheny will ask John Jonas to adjust the rack so that it is safer.

Swiss Teams

Richard Picheny led a discussion about the set up for Swiss Teams and 8 is Enough. In the past our club had teams shuffle the cards for the Open Swiss Teams and 8 is Enough. Last Thursday, as a trial our club used pre-made boards for the 8 is Enough game. Members had mixed feelings about the pre-dealt hands. Advantages of pre-dealt hands are that players receive hand records and teams play the same boards. The game ran more smoothly but was more difficult for the Director.

The motion was made by Bonnie Myers and seconded by Susan Kissinger to not have premade boards for 8 is Enough and the NLM Swiss Teams next month and to see how our members respond. The motion was unanimously approved. This item will be revisited next month.

Next Board Meeting: August 20, 2018

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM.