

**South Orange County Bridge Center
Unit 538 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2018**

President Richard Picheny called the meeting to order at 4:11 PM. Board members present were Susan Kissinger, Bob Levine, Dianna Hoffman, Odile Gendreau, Bonnie Myers and Maggie Briskie.

Dianna Hoffman made a motion to approve the April 16, 2018 minutes. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer: Dianna Hoffman reported on the financial condition of SOCBC. The table count was up for the month and also for the year to date.

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

Facilities:

Richard Picheny reported that at our request, management unlocked the thermostats in order to give the Directors the ability to adjust the temperature in the room. The air conditioner vents were adjusted and seem to be working better. Several fans are scattered around the room and should be used to alleviate stuffiness.

Richard Picheny led a discussion on the installed partition. The partition does allow our club to hold several classes simultaneously. Many of our members have expressed dissatisfaction with the esthetics of the partition.

Bonnie Myers made the motion to stop further construction on the divider and get a quote for an upholstered or wooden valence to be placed on the top of the existing partition. Bonnie Myers will also get a quote on installing an accordion divider to replace the existing partition. Dianna Hoffman seconded. The motion was carried with one abstention. This item will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Membership: Bob Levine reported that SOCBC had 11 new members last month. Bob Levine stated that he credits having social bridge several times a month and advertising on sites such as Nextdoor and Facebook for bringing new people to the club.

Education: Maggie Briskie reported that classes and mentoring are ongoing. Attendance for mentoring has been very low and suggestions were made to increase attendance by advertising.

Health: Odile Gendreau reported that the Red Cross would charge \$250 for an instructor and \$70 per person to update our Directors and members on emergency procedures. A suggestion was made to ask one of our members who is a doctor if he would be interested in training members and Directors on the use of the defibrillator. Odile Gendreau will further investigate the cost of having our members and Directors attend a local class on CPR instead of having someone come to our club.

Richard Picheny reported that Liam Barnes who is the Development Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County would like to partner with SOCBC and sponsor charity games on "The Longest Week" during the week of June 18, 2018. Richard Picheny made the motion to partner with the Alzheimer's Association on Tuesday, June 19 and Friday, June 22, 2018. The card fees will remain the same. Liam Barnes will be asked to give a short presentation on recognizing the symptoms of Alzheimers and resources available. Members who wish to make an additional contribution will be able to on both of those days. Bob Levine seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Plastic Cards:

Bob Levine discussed the use of plastic playing cards versus paper playing cards for our boards. Club members gave their approval for the new cards when we used them as a trial for one day. Bob Levine then purchased 30 dozen sets of new ACBL plastic cards. The decision was made to replenish the old cards with plastic cards as needed in the boards. Members are encouraged to let the directors know when cards are dirty and need to be replaced.

General Liability Insurance:

Richard Picheny reported that the club renewed the general liability Insurance.

Social Bridge 0-20 game on Saturday Morning:

Richard Picheny discussed the possibility of beginning a social bridge game on Saturday mornings. Several members including Robert Irani, Charlyn Johnson, Gail Snyder and Sharon Donoff have expressed an interest in directing the Saturday morning game. This item was tabled for next month.

New Business:**Slow Play and Seeding/Seating:**

Richard Picheny reported that seeding is difficult due to many members' preference on sitting North/South. Members who wish to sit North/South should provide a doctor's note to Sean Lui, It was decided that the Directors will use their discretion on seeding while respecting member's feelings.

Richard Picheny reported that slow play is still a problem at the club. It was decided that the Directors should enforce the time limit for the game and take away a board when a team is consistently slow after several warnings.

Another problem exists when cell phones ring during the game. It was decided that the Directors should penalize players who forget to turn off their cell phones.

Maggie Briskie will contact our Director of Directors, Trudy Hanscom and ask her to reiterate these policies to the Directors.

Next Board Meeting: June 18, 2018

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