

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date – April 14, 2025

4:03 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President Jonathan Salt

Board members present: Wendy Howard, Alan Rubin, David Kupperman, Daniel Tordella, Allen Bozek, Sheila Cesarano and Jonathan Salt. Bridge Manager Jesse Laird and Club Administrator Knyvett Lee were present. Club members Robin Kupperman, Barbara Tate and Dan Woerner were also present for some or all of the meeting.

1. **3/10/25 Board Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes (with corrections) of the 3/10/25 regular Board meeting were approved.

2. **Treasurer's report:** Club Treasurer Alan Rubin reported:

a. Cash: Total bank accounts less pending credit card liability was \$153,052.32 as of 3/31/25.

b. Operations: FTLBC had a net operating profit of \$397.36 for March, 2025 and had a net operating gain of \$39,123 year-to-date through March 31, 2025.

c. Free/Award plays: How to manage and control free / award / advance plays continues to be uncertain.

3. **Club Administrator's and Bridge Manager's reports:**

a. Table count for March, 2025 was 558.5 compared to 371 for March, 2024.

b. Events, reports, and score adjustments were reported. See website for details.

c. The *Swiss Teams* game on March 30th had 10 tables.

d. The Sunday game attendance has been small recently. The Sunday game shall continue.

- e. The Board and the Bridge Manger discussed the *ambassador* role and its application and the potential for abuse of the system by certain club members and whether and under what circumstances a 1/2 table should be created.
- f. Gift Plays: A system is now in place to track and control gift/free play cards that are given out to members occasionally.
- g. Carl Cronrath has been retained as a game director.
- h. Rosemary Boden volunteered to assist with the partnership desk.
- i. Computer files and projects have been streamlined.
- j. Updating of standard operating procedure (SOP) has begun.
- k. An Amazon / AMEX credit card application is pending.
- l. The office needs new chairs.
- m. Building air conditioning service schedule to be closely monitored.
- n. Use and review of the club video cameras to be reviewed.

4. **Committee Reports:**

a. Education Committee (Chair Robin Kupperman):

- (1) A new player series began on March 3rd with 18 students.
- (2) A “Beginner II” series began on April 9 and has 16 students.
- (3) Supervised games, free 30-minute lessons Wednesdays and Fridays (chip game) continue.
- (4) Friday mentor games with wine and cheese to follow continue.

b. Events Committee: (Chair – Diane Giacobbi)

- (1) Dan Woerner presented the *Longest Day* / Alzheimer’s schedule.
- (2) An events summary chart to be implemented was circulated.

o. House Committee (Chair Allen Bozek):

- (1) AC ducts need cleaning. Several estimates with different scopes of work are being considered.
- (2) Jesse Laird fixed the kitchen ice maker. Directors are reminded to fill an ice bucket daily and members are discouraged from using the kitchen ice maker for safety reasons.
- (3) Bridge manager laird agreed to look into the operation of the FTLBC video system.

p. Grievance and Ethics Committee (Chair Daniel Tordella):

- (1) Nothing new to report.

q. Membership: (Co-Chairs: Susan Puretz and Jill Novorro):

- (1) Many thanks to Susan and Jill for stepping up for this key leadership position.
- (2) FTLBC has approximately 405 members.

r. Marketing (Chair - TBD):

5. **President's report:** President Salt reported:

- a. 2026 Bridge Cruise: The joint cruise venture with Quick Tricks is underway. Dates are March 22 – March 29 2026. Ship: A brand new Celebrity ship has been selected. 30+ cabins have been booked to date.
- b. A banner to be displayed at Ft. Lauderdale High School is in production.
- c. The Scrabble Club contract is under review along with a modest rental increase.

5:15 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary