

**JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**  
**March 19, 2026**

President Emmy Peters called the meeting to order at 3:34pm. Board members present: Bill Fagan, Mark Franzoni, Judy Harhai, Paul Herron, Ellen Lockamy, Jan Madsen, Tracy Miller, Bill Page, Michael Palmer, Emmy Peters and Nancy Whitmire. Also present: Sharon Carter and Regina Soeey.

Michael Palmer moved to waive reading of the minutes of the January meeting. Motion passed unanimously and minutes were approved.

**REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Sharon Carter presented information on **Jump Start Bridge** which has been successfully implemented throughout the country to bring the game of bridge into classrooms to interest future generations in the game of bridge. Patty Tucker, Director of Jump Start Bridge, together with Sharon Carter, would like to assist our club with community outreach and startup of the program in Jacksonville. Identifying teachers who would present bridge in their classrooms is the necessary key to success.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mark Franzoni reported that the club's current gross income is about \$10,000/month with a net of \$6,000 or \$7,000. The bank balance is \$145,000. Board members were asked to submit information (pricing, specifications, etc.) on items which would be beneficial to the club. This data will be emailed to Tracy Miller for presentation and review at the May meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Club Inspection:**

Bill Fagan and Bill Page selected a building inspector professional who performed a detailed inspection. This report was reviewed by Regina Soeey, J.D., Realtor, who presented a synopsis of the report. Her report indicates there are no costly issues that need to be addressed at this time. In particular, the roof does not need replacing immediately and could last for years with ongoing maintenance and a few minor repairs. Roofers will be contacted to confirm this finding. Other repairs listed by the inspector can most probably be performed by a good handyman rather than hiring more costly "specialists". Bids will be obtained from several handymen. These repairs will commence as soon as possible.

**Technology/Security Update:**

Bill Fagan presented a report on several issues:

Projector – An Epson projector was purchased for classroom use. Installation is nearly complete but needs a few more adjustments. The projector has been successfully used and will be a great help to the teachers and students.

Best Practices – Bill identified Florida clubs similar in size to JSOB. The board decided that direct outreach by phone is the best way to accumulate information on their operational practices and strategies that may be of interest to JSOB. Bill will call several clubs and begin accumulating information.

Credit Cards – Mobile point-of-sale (POS) systems are ideal for JSOB. Bill identified the top systems available. It was decided SQUARE is the best choice. Further information will be gathered regarding interface with JSOB software.

Pending – Improve public address system. Automation of membership renewal.

**Review of Insurance Coverage:**

Paul Herron reported that our insurance rate has risen slightly and is now \$5,400 per year. Florida insurance rates are very high and this is currently our optimal offer.

**Winter Sectional:**

Table count was up 11.5 tables over 2025. Net profit was approximately \$5,000.

**Education Committee Update:**

Committee Chair Ellen Lockamy requested and was granted permission to schedule concurrent classes when feasible. Approval of concurrent class will be obtained from the President to avoid possible conflicts in schedules.

**Cleanliness of Facility:**

Emmy Peters obtained a quote from another cleaning company which was substantially higher than our current cost. She met with our present cleaning company and obtained a quote to increase cleaning of the restrooms to twice a week. Bill Fagan moved to move forward with this, which will increase the cleaning fee from \$79/week to \$98/week. The motion passed unanimously.

**Noise Abatement:**

Michael Palmer volunteered to investigate eco-green wall baffles as a possible means of decreasing the noise level.

**AT&T Internet Account:**

Michael Palmer will investigate updating the account to avoid increase in fees.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Request from Bookkeeper:**

Alice Kenyon will create an email address to be used solely for bookkeeping purposes and enable use of Bill Pay. A scanner will be used for transmitting information.

**Other Clubs' Practice re Credit Cards:**

Bill Fagan will contact three other clubs to gather information about their use of credit cards.

**Communication with Members:**

Henceforth, the President/Vice President will be the sole conduits to Judy Miller with regard to addition or deletion of items from the JSOB website.

**Request for 11:30 Start Time:**

Request was denied. An earlier start time would interfere with class schedules.

**Masks:**

Masks will be available at the director's desk for anyone who wishes to wear one. Members who are coughing will be encouraged to make use of a mask.

**Charity Game Fees:**

There will be no additional fee required for any member at this time.

**Swiss/Evening/Saturday Games:**

The Board will continue to look for opportunities for weekend, Swiss and possibly evening games in the future.

**Formal Complaint:**

A formal complaint was received by Emmy Peters regarding unacceptable behavior. A letter will be sent to the offender stating future issues will result in penalties and/or suspension. Directors will act on any observed violations of behavior by members and use their authority to assess penalties for zero tolerance violations.

**New Position:**

Craig Hemphill has agreed to act as Liaison/Club Reporter to the ACBL in the event of egregious violations of behavior.

**Upcoming Dates:**

BB3: Ru Terajewicz – March 11, 18, 15 and April 1,8, 15, 22

Defense Class: Sharon Carter – April 21 – May 26

Next Board Meeting: May 21

Summer Sectional: July 17-19

Non-Life Master Sectional Tournament: October 22-23

Saturday Games: March 28, April 25

Mentor/Mentee Game: December 7

Pro-Am Game: April 20

Grounds Cleanup Day: March 21

Bill Fagan made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary