

**JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
MAY 21, 2026**

President Emmy Peters called the meeting to order at 3:25pm. Board members present: Mark Franzoni, Judy Harhai, Paul Herron, Ellen Lockamy, Tracy Miller, Bill Page, Michael Palmer, Emmy Peters and Nancy Whitmire. Also present: Jeanne Harlan.

A motion was made by Michael Palmer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Franzoni.

Emmy Peters asked for President's Privilege to address the board on a number of concerns and observations based on her one year tenure as President: "In order to insure a smooth transition after a president ends his/her tenure several things need to be in place":

1. An understanding of past history and practices of the club.
2. A written description of duties of the President and Officers.
3. A written description of all board appointed committees and their duties
4. A written description of the Club Administrator and duties.
5. An updating of Bylaws last updated 2011. Nancy Whitmire volunteered to chair a committee to review the bylaws and suggest revisions. After approval by the board the revisions will be presented to the members for a vote. A two-thirds majority is required for implementation
6. A move toward technological bill pay and club membership
7. An understanding of cash flow and the need for a contingency fund to meet unexpected expenses. The Board is responsible for being good stewards of the club's finances.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The club is earning \$5000+ per month. There is \$150,000 in the bank with a large portion in CD's monitored for renewal rates. A portion of this increase in income is due to a large number of students in bridge classes at the club.

OLD BUSINESS:

Facility Update:

Paul Herron and Bill Page reported that the facility inspection found no major issues requiring attention in the near future. Numerous small repairs and painting have been delegated to our handyman to keep the club clean and in good shape.

Technology Update:

At the bookkeeper's request, a dedicated email was created for receiving bills from vendors.

Pro-Am Day:

The Pro-Am event cost the club approximately \$1,000. Many members expressed appreciation to our President and the Board for free play and lunch that day.

Education Committee:

Ellen Lockamy resigned as Chair of the Education Committee. A search for her replacement is underway.

Bulletin Board and Plaque Update:

Judy Harhai reported that the plaques have been updated with current information. The President thanked Judy for her seasonal and encouraging bulletin boards.

Alzheimer's Fundraiser:

Tracy Miller reported that she has 15 people committed for the auction. The Longest Day will be June 19, 2026. There will be free pizza, salad and cake for the players.

Phone Update:

Emmy Peters made a motion to have Michael Palmer contact AT&T to have our phone removed from Carol Shotwell's account and placed in a JSOB account. The motion was seconded by Tracy Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information from Other Clubs regarding Credit Cards:

Bill Fagan sent his report from Europe! It detailed a description of the Naples Club which uses "coupons" for payment. The Board decided it was cumbersome and of no use to the directors. The board will continue to pursue other methods of payment.

Wish List – The following items were submitted for board consideration:

- Purchase sets of new Boards: Ellen Lockamy made a motion to purchase 10 new sets of
- boards. Nancy Whitmire seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- New tables and chairs: Rejected. Current tables and chairs are in good condition. Any damaged items will be replaced.
- Bridge Mates: Approved. Ellen Lockamy made a motion to purchase 10 Bridgemate III's together with a charging box and server. Judy Harhai seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Alta Tanner will be asked to place the order.
- Baffles for sound abatement: Tabled. Will be revisited at a later date.
- Security system: Bids and data will be provided at July meeting for review.
- Irrigation System: Paul Herron obtained bids for an irrigation system for the front yard and extending south across the driveway to the azalea bed. Tracy Miller made a motion to proceed with installation at a cost of approximately \$6000. Michael Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed with eight votes for and three votes against. Installation will move forward.
- New paint job: Overall paint is not needed at this time. Spot touchups occur as needed.
- Upgrade Sound System: Approved. Michael Palmer will obtain information for next meeting.

- Position of Club Administrator: Job description will be prepared.
- Donation to Jump Start Bridge: Judy Harhai made a motion to donate \$500 to JumpStart Bridge. Tracy Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Donation to Eleven Twenty-Two: Currently our partnership is satisfactory.

NEW BUSINESS:

Master Calendar:

Ellen Lockamy feels a master calendar is needed in addition to the one available on the website. She made a motion to have Tracy Miller set up a Google calendar. All postings to the calendar will be entered by Tracy after approval, if necessary, has been obtained. Mark Franzoni seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Date for cleaning scorers:

BridgeMate scorers will be cleaned after the game on Thursday, June 25th. Volunteers are needed.

ACBL Regulations:

Ellen Lockamy made a motion to assure that all club games are conducted in compliance with ACBL sanctions/regulations. Judy Harhai seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jack Carter Memorial:

Jack Carter's widow has requested that a Sectional Tournament be named in his honor. She will provide the food for the event. Her request comes too late for the July Sectional. The January 2027 tournament will be targeted.

Installation of Planter by Back Door:

A planter has been placed adjacent to the traffic bump across from the back door. There have been numerous falls and this will prevent anyone from tripping over the traffic bump.

Bookkeeper Handout:

A handout prepared by Alice Kenyon, bookkeeper, was handed out to the members. Members were asked to review and bring questions and comments to the July meeting.

UPCOMING DATES:

2027 Dates: January 15-17 Sectional- approved.

June 18-20 Sectional – approved.

NLM Sectional October 14-15 – **Not approved.** New dates of Oct 21/22 will be requested.

Upcoming classes – Ru Terajewicz:

BB1 – 6 classes – 9/16, 9/23/ 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21

BB2 – 6 classes – 12/9, 12/16. 2027: 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

BB3 – 6 classes – 2027: 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14

Upcoming Classes – Sharon Carter:

Play of the Hand -- 6 classes – 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/23, 10/6, 10/13
Defense 1, Advanced Defense-- 2027 TBD

Two-Over-One Class – TBD

Alzheimer Charity Game – June 19, 2026

Next Board Meeting – July 9, 2026

Summer Sectional – July 17-19, 2026

NLM Tournament – October 22-23, 2026

Mentor/Mentee Game-- December 7, 2026

Bill Page made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary