

**JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

President Emmy Peters called the meeting to order at 3:38pm. Board members present: Bunny George, Judy Harhai, Jan Madsen, Tracy Miller, Michael Palmer, Michael Smalline, Emmy Peters, Carol Shotwell and Nancy Whitmire. Absent: Craig Hemphill, Mark Franzoni. Also present: Bill Fagan, Jeanne Harlan and Ellen Lockamy.

Emmy Peters thanked the outgoing board members for their service and welcomed the incoming board members. 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 Michael Smalline. The motion carried unanimously.

Ellen Lockamy presented data accumulated 12/4/24 through 11/12/25. The data shows that BB1, BB2 and BB3 do not impact the number of players in our limited game and Chat Bridge.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Total in bank through October 2025 - \$122,000.

Total income through October 2025 - \$49,106.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NLM Tournament:**

The NLM Tournament participation level for October 2026 will change from 0-500 to 0-750.

**Update from Membership Committee:**

Nancy Whitmire reported that the volunteers on the membership desk are doing a good job and have collected approximately 150 memberships for 2026. We have a long way to go and encourage members to renew promptly to avoid a late fee which will be effective January 1, 2026. Members are reminded that the membership desk closes promptly at 11:45 am so that reconciliation and paperwork can be completed by the volunteers prior to the start of the game.

**Purchase of Bridgemates and Bidding Boxes:**

A number of Bridgemates are either very sticky or completely inoperative. Volunteers from the board (Michael Palmer, Judy Harhai, Jan Madsen, Tracy Miller, and Emmy Peters) will clean the Bridgemates to improve their function. A motion was made by Michael Palmer to purchase 20 new Bridgemates at a cost of \$160 each (\$3200 total). Nancy Whitmire seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The blue bidding boxes the club last purchased are on back order and it was decided to postpone purchase of additional boxes until they become available.

**Christmas Bonus for Directors/Others:**

Bunny George made a motion to give directors a \$300 bonus, the police officer who monitors our property \$100, and the cleaning crew supervisor \$100. An appreciation bonus of \$300 is being awarded to Lynne Gheene in recognition of her contributions to stocking supplies and overseeing kitchen operations. Michael Smallline seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Request for a 0-50 Game:**

The request was denied. The game will remain 0-99.

**Table Etiquette:**

Directors are reminded to enforce a zero-tolerance game.

**Utilization of Monitor behind Director's Desk:**

A tech task force will be formed to initiate usage of the monitor for announcements, etc.

**Water Filter for Kitchen Sink:**

It was determined that there is no need for a filtration system for the kitchen sink. Cost and upkeep are substantial. Bottled water is available for those who desire "filtered" water.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Status of Roof and Roof Estimates:**

Emmy Peters met with three roof contractors. In addition to the cost of the new roof there is a substantial additional amount required to remove the air conditioning equipment on the roof and reinstall it after the new roof is put on. The new board will appoint a committee to investigate this and reach an informed decision before proceeding.

**New Requirements for Mentor/Mentee Program:**

Charlie Schubiger provided a handout listing mentee requirements for program participation. The program is available to participants for up to three years.

**Projector for Education:**

The club requires a projector to be used for the various educational programs. Bill Fagan volunteered to head up a technical committee to research options and recommend the best projector going forward.

**Upcoming Dates:**

November and December: Volunteers are still needed for membership desk.

Holiday Party: December 12, 2025 – Party begins at 11am.

Decorating of Club: Saturday, November 29 – volunteers needed.

Mentor/Mentee Game: December 3, 2025

St. Augustine Sectional Tournament – December 5-7, 2025

Bridge Basic 2 – Ru Terejewicz – December 3, 10, 17 – Jan 7, 14

Meeting for Election of Officers – December 18, 2025

Next Board Meeting – January 16, 2025  
Winter Sectional – January 23-25, 2026  
Saturday Games – February 28, March 28, April 25, 2026  
Pro-Am Games – April and October, 2026

Bunny George made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary