

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Emmy Peters at 3:27pm. Board members present: Bunny George, Mark Franzoni, Judy Harhai, Craig Hemphill, Jan Madsen, Tracy Miller, Michael Palmer, Michael Smalline, Carol Shotwell, Emmy Peters and Nancy Whitmire. Also present: Jeanne Harlan.

Minutes of July 25, 2025 meeting were approved. Michael Smalline moved that reading of the minutes be waived. Mark Franzoni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year-to-date profit through August 2025, is \$40,000. The club has \$104,000 in the bank of which \$96,900 is in a money market account. The table count continues to grow with new members and increased participation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Monitor and Computer:

A monitor was purchased with donation money from Wally Higginbotham in memory of Peggy Higginbotham. A new computer and accessories were furnished by George Felts. Volunteers worked to install software and get the devices up and running.

Membership Committee:

Nancy Whitmire reported that the Membership Committee has prepared a form which all new and renewing members will fill out when 2026 dues are paid. This form will update demographic information. Dues collection will begin on November 10th. The dues collection desk will be open from 11:15am to 11:45am. Please consider volunteering to help at the desk. Two people will be needed each day. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

Security of Building:

Our "neighbor" police officer continues to voluntarily monitor the club premises.

Cleanliness:

The supervisor of the cleaning facility agreed to do a "deep clean" once a month. Bunny George will monitor the results. Bunny George made a motion to allocate \$550 to have the flooring professionally cleaned and all embedded debris removed. Nancy Whitmire seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Swiss Team Survey:

A survey conducted by Tracy Miller indicated that the membership is in favor of a Swiss Team game. Bunny George made a motion that a Swiss Team game be scheduled once a month on a Saturday. Tracy Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Tracy Miller will conduct a new survey to determine what time of day (noon or later) is preferred.

No Scent Club:

We have members who have serious scent allergies. This condition can be life threatening. The Board cautions all members to be aware of not only cologne and after shave but also less obvious scents such as dryer sheets, deodorant, shampoo, body lotion and clothing that might contain residue cologne. Members are urged to do their part to prevent unintentional problems.

NEW BUSINESS:**Nominating Committee:**

Mark Franzoni is collecting nominations from those who wish to run for open board positions in 2026. All persons interested in serving on the board please contact Mark.

NLM Tournament:

Tracy Miller reported that all plans are in place for the NLM Tournament which will be held on October 16th and 17th. All those eligible are encouraged to participate.

Request to Reward Mentors for Their Service:

Michael Palmer made a motion that Mentors play free when playing with their Mentees, up to a total of ten times (one play a month) during the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026. Tracy Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Details will follow.

Recognition for 299er Achievements:

Ellen Lockamy requested that 299er achievements be recognized. The Board will have results of Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs races, in all categories, be posted.

Request to Change 0-50 Game to 0-99:

Effective immediately, the 0-50 game is changed to include those with 0-99 points.

Water Filter for Kitchen Sink:

Nancy Whitmire requested that a water filter be installed in the kitchen sink to improve the taste of the tap water. Bunny George will investigate choices and report back to the Board before a decision is reached.

Holiday Gifts:

The Board agreed that gift certificates for our neighbor police officer, the cleaning crew, and John the handyman will be given as a bonus.

Upcoming Events:

- Annual Meeting and Election of Officers: October 23, 2025 – 11:00am. Pizza will be served.
- 2026 Membership Drive: Beginning November 10, 2025 – volunteers needed for Membership table.
- Basic Bridge I: Ru Terajewicz – Sept. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, Oct. 1.
- Daytona Regional Tournament: November 3-9, 2025.
- Next Board Meeting: November 20, 2025

- NLM 499er Tournament: October 16th and 17th 2025
- Saturday Games: September 27, November 22, December 20, 2025.

Jan Madsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whimire, Secretary