

# MEETING MINUTES FOR SADDLEBROOKE ONE BRIDGE CLUB (SB1BC)

## MEETING DETAILS:

Date: Monday April 20, 2026  
Time: 4:10pm  
Location: Saddlebrooke One Activity Center

## ATTENDEES:

PRESIDENT	Judy Landeck
SECRETARY	Susan Love
TREASURER	Sue Hagerty
MEMBER-@-LARGE	Andrea Dresch
MEMBER-@-LARGE	Stewart Dresch
GUEST	Jim Wolf

**ABSENCES:** VICE-PRESIDENT Jean Peverell

## OLD BUSINESS:

- ▶ President Landeck made a motion to *approve general board meeting minutes* from 02-02-2026. All approved.
- ▶ Treasurer Hagerty reported that the *treasury balance* is, “A lot.”
- ▶ The *preparation of boards* for weekly play was discussed. President Landeck recently trained Director Geelhaar and Member-@-Large A-Dresch on how to use the bridge dealing machine, which uses software to sort random deals into bridge boards. Director Newton has been managing the \$5,000+ machine at her home, and it is unknown whether she wants to continue to be the sole responsible one to prepare weekly bridge boards or not. President Landeck was adamant that other club members learn how to use this duplicating machine. However, the equipment—roughly the size of a laser printer—is housed in a large, handle-less case, making it somewhat cumbersome to transport. Because of its size, President Landeck suggested *rotating the equipment monthly* among trained volunteers. President Landeck stated it takes about 1.5-hours to prepare 24 bridge boards for the week ahead. Member-@-Large A-Dresch requested one additional training session before the new rotation begins. Secretary Love asked if anyone knew the service requirements or schedule for the machine? No one knew. NOTE: These volunteers offered in the past to learn how to use this duplicating machine: S Wyles and L Charlton.
- ▶ The recent *Spring 2026 bridge wine party* on March 23 was a success. Bob & Maddy Kleinman donated 12+ grape vessels from their home wine collection. Member-@-Large A Dresch donated sliced cheese platter with crackers. A good time was had by all.
- ▶ Director Newton’s beginner bridge players continue to play in a separate bridge group at the same time and location as our regular Monday bridge players; they use the previous week’s

boards. This *two-group format* will continue for an indefinite period, and the SB1BC board will continue to reassess this arrangement. Newton's beginners pay \$2 per person to play.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- ▶ A concern was raised during today's play by Director Wolf regarding today's latecomers, cancellations, and no shows. Therefore, Director Wolf attended today's board meeting to request *SB1BC use player IDs* to automate the scoring process, ensure accuracy, but most importantly, *to greatly reduce the Director's workload* when managing last-minute changes such as no-shows, health issues, cancellations, or latecomers who show up one minutes after game time. He stressed that the physical notebook at the Activity Center would continue to be used for sign-ups; this addresses a point of contention for several players who have expressed a refusal to play if online registration were to become mandatory.

And, Director Wolf suggested open seating - seats will no longer be assigned and players would be free to choose their own tables and directions upon arrival; at the start of the game, players use their player IDs to sign in on the BridgeMates.

After the board meeting, Director Geelhaar emailed all board members and reminded us that 1) he proposed the same thing last summer, 2) at that time Director Murray also supported the idea, and 3) last summer Director Geelhaar assigned player IDs, using phone numbers (and a "1" or "2" for male or female). Therefore, most players already have assigned ID numbers. The only ones who still need them are those who started playing after summer 2025. Director Geelhaar also stated that a benefit of having player IDs is that it will show the player names each round on the BridgeMates which is very helpful when playing a Howell movement, which we will if we have 5 tables or less for any game.

To sum up, the board agreed to let Director Newton have the last say whether to use player ID #s for Monday bridge play or not.

- ▶ President Landeck stated we need someone to volunteer to organize our *2026 Fall party*.
  - Member-@-Large A-Dresch wants the party no earlier than Nov 1 so Snowbirds don't miss out.
  - Treasurer Love proposed sticking with a pizza party similar to the one a year ago, because of it's simplicity to organize.
  - Member-@-Large A-Dresch volunteered to head up the 2026 fall party.
  - President Landeck requested Member-@-Large A-Dresch talk to Kelly Evans, Director of Food & Beverage at Road Runner Grill, about all the logistics.
  - Treasurer Hagerty confirmed that the club's finances are healthy, and the budget can easily cover a pizza dinner for 40 bridge players.
  - Everyone is invited who plays Monday Bridge on a regular or semi regular basis, whether they play that specific day or not.
  - The Board agreed no spouses or partners or plus ones are invited.
- ▶ Treasurer Love suggested granting Monday bridge players one free session during their birthday month. This *free birthday play* can be redeemed on any Monday of your choice within that month - it does not have to be on his or her actual birthday. Snowbirds with summer birthdays are unfortunately out of luck. The board unanimously agreed for this new perk. This new policy is effective immediately.

- ▶ President Landeck asked if anyone was interested in *heading the committee to search for the 2027 SB1BC officers*. Treasurer Hagerty suggested reaching out to M Cohen, noting her excellent work in this role previously. SB1BC's two Members-@-Large were the only current board members to express interest in remaining on the board for the 2027 term. President Landeck reminded the board of the upcoming election timeline:
  - October: Post the list of board candidates/considerations.
  - November: Keep the posting active for 2–3 weeks to ensure all members are informed.
  - Early December: Voting will be held in person for members attending play that day.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ▶ Treasurer Hagerty stated that a bridge member recently asked her if the *Activity Center was reserved for the 2027 year?* President Landeck stated she reserved the room for 2026 and has not reserved the location for 2027. No one volunteered to reserve the room for 2027.
- ▶ A proposal to *eliminate the \$5.00 one-time membership fee* was omitted from today's discussion. This by-law has not been enforced for the past 5+ years, and the board needs to formally address its removal or determine whose job is it to enforce it?
- ▶ Director Geelhaar emailed all board members after this board meeting, to suggest that everyone who will be directing or using the dealing machine should have *a key to the cabinets in the Activity Center*. Director Newton then emailed that the key on the computer/dealing machine bag should work for the cabinets ... she feels the machine should not be traveling ... and there is potential for danger when there are too many keys floating around. Therefore, the SB1BC board must decide whether the dealing machine can rotate between private residences or should remain at the Activity Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Landeck at 4:50 pm.  
Submitted by:

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Susan Love, Secretary 2026