

MEETING MINUTES FOR SADDLEBROOKE ONE BRIDGE CLUB

MEETING DETAILS:

Date: Monday February 2, 2026
Time: 4:05pm
Location: Saddlebrooke One Activity Center

ATTENDEES:

PRESIDENT	Judy Landeck
VICE-PRESIDENT	Jean Peverell
SECRETARY	Susan Love
TREASURER	Sue Hagerty
MEMBER @ LARGE	Andrea Dresch
MEMBER @ LARGE	Stewart Dresch

ABSENCES: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- ▶ Treasurer Hagerty made a motion to *approve general board meeting minutes* from 12-01-25. All approved.
- ▶ Pres Landeck suggested a *party schedule* of one in the spring and one in November. All agreed.
- ▶ Treasurer Hagerty reported that the *treasury balance* is \$1,100+, noting that the Fall party was costly and that we should consider more economical options for future events.
- ▶ Two Monday bridge players have offered to provide wine from their collection for a *Spring 2026 bridge party* after play. Member @ Large A Dresch suggested purchasing cheese and crackers from Costco, and she will contact this party to confirm a date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ▶ Director Newton expressed her desire to *both play in and direct Monday bridge*. A concern was raised to a board member regarding this arrangement; however, after discussion, the board unanimously agreed that Newton should be allowed to play and direct at the same time. Newton does not pay an entry fee to play, and does not receive prize money when awarded.
- ▶ A concern was also raised to a board member regarding Director Newton's *choice of partner*. As part of her role as Director of SB1 Bridge Club, Director Newton arranges partnerships for other players, a task that can be quite time-consuming on some days e.g., cancellations, health issues. The board agreed unanimously that both her choice of partner and when she plays, are at her discretion.
- ▶ Director Newton will have an *upcoming absence* spring 2026 and has contacted Al Geelhaar and Jim Wolf about serving as acting director. Geelhaar indicated that he would prefer to split the director duties with Wolf rather than cover all four dates himself.

- ▶ Director Newton will be returning to Africa for three months, within the upcoming year.
- ▶ The *preparation of boards* for weekly play was discussed. Geelhaar and Pres Landeck volunteered to handle the task during Director Newton's absence, however, more people need to know how to do this as well. Several members have volunteered to learn, with a training session planned in the near future, possibly led by Director Newton after her upcoming Spring vaca. Pres Landeck offered to teach these volunteers: Andrea Dresch, Sharon Wyles, and Loren Charlton.
- ▶ Director Newton's *beginner bridge players* are currently playing in a separate bridge group at the same time as our regular Monday bridge players; they use the previous week's boards so they can evaluate their play as they go. Director Newton wants to continue this format for an indefinite period. She consulted ACBL, which recommends that new players not play in OPEN games unless they can complete a playing board in 10 minutes. Director Newton believes there are enough new bridge players to form three bridge tables, noting that space limitations restrict the beginner group to no more than four tables.
- ▶ Director Newton was adamant that *bridge players should not be split into two tiered groups on a regular basis*. She noted that without opportunities to play against stronger players, beginners may remain in the beginner group indefinitely, limiting their growth. She suggested keeping beginners in a separate group for now, and when a beginner team is determined to be the winners of the day, they receive a free-play card to use in the OPEN game. The board agreed to continue with this two-group format for now, and reassess this arrangement in the future.
- ▶ The board agreed to *charge beginners \$2 per person to play*.
- ▶ The topic of the "*Sunshine Person*" was discussed. This role involves sending get-well cards and keeping the group informed about members' health, birthdays, and other news. Although Fay Steele has done an amazing job in this role, she will not be able to continue. Consequently, the board decided to eliminate the position.
- ▶ Pres Landeck suggested a *cookie day*; Treasurer Hagerty recommended not pursuing that idea.
- ▶ Treasurer Hagerty suggested presenting Melanie Cohen with a *token of appreciation* for her years of service to Saddlebrooke One Bridge Club, which has included recruiting, organizing parties, and serving in officer positions. Member @ Large S Dresch proposed a \$50 gift card, which the board approved. Member @ Large A Dresch suggested presenting the gift at an upcoming wine and cheese party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Landeck at 4:55 p.m.
Submitted by:

Susan Love, Secretary 2026