

Minutes of the Tallahassee Duplicate Bridge Club Board of Directors Meeting on

April 10, 2025

The members of the Board of Directors present were Roy Forman, President; Shelley Klein (by phone), Vice President; David Thistle, Club Secretary; Joe Labat, Treasurer; Shelly Brimacombe; Paul Boisvert; and Wendy Rutter, Novice Representative. Nancy Ross (Club Manager) attended.

President Roy Forman called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm.

The board approved the March minutes.

President's Remarks

Roy mentioned that the March Pro/Am team game was a great success. We had 10 tables on a Thursday(!), much higher than usual. The turnout was largely attributable to Paul, who called lots of potential Pros and Ams and persuaded them to play.

Club Manager's Report (Nancy Ross)

- Game attendance in March was modestly greater than that in February.
- The following club members reached a new status during February.
 - Pat Meredith — Junior Master
 - Bob Groves — Sectional Master
 - Veronique Tolliver — Regional Master
 - Nell Morse — NABC Master
 - Virginia Shore — NABC Master
 - Frank Faldetta – Bronze Life Master
- The club is short of directors. Anyone interested in becoming one should contact Nancy.
- Nancy noted that attendance at the 499er game has declined to the point that the club is losing money. The board discussed ways that attendance could be improved.

Treasurer's Report (Joe Labat)

- March was a good month. So far, the club has broken essentially even for the year.

Education Committee's Report (Shelley Klein (chair), Shelley Brimacombe, Gloria Ford, and Joyce Stillwell)

- Nothing to report.

Novice Representative's Report (Wendy Rutter)

- The novices remain interested in the 499er game and are working on ways to boost attendance.

Bylaws Committee's Report (David Thistle (Chair) and Paul Boisvert)

- The committee presented a proposed change to the bylaws suggested by Richard Polangin (see below) that the board approved unanimously. The committee will send the revised bylaws to the club webmaster to be posted as soon as possible.

"Each member of the Board of Directors shall abide by the current recommended duties of Care, Loyalty, and Obedience, and the language contained in the sample code of conduct published by the National Council of Nonprofits, which are hereby incorporated by reference: <https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/board-roles-and-responsibilities> and <https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/files/media/documents/2023/sample-board-code-of-conduct-2022-ncn.pdf>. "

Disciplinary Committee's (Paul Boisvert (Chair), Gloria Ford, Jim Lyle, and Marge Meeter)

- Nothing to report.

Membership Committee's Report (Shelley Brimacombe, Chair)

- Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Thistle, Club Secretary.

Board of Director's Notes on Bridge Rules and Bridge Etiquette

Each month the board will present a rule or a point of bridge etiquette to help standardize club play. If you think that a presentation is wrong or incomplete, please email your views to Roy Forman (rforman104@yahoo.com), and the board will do more research on the matter. Please include a copy of the rule or the point of etiquette in your email.

When the bidding is over and it is your turn to lead, you should do so before you fill out your score sheet. That way the dummy can come down and the declarer can be thinking about how to play the hand. This order of actions will speed up the game, which is a good thing.