

## Minutes of the Tallahassee Duplicate Bridge Club's Board of Directors Meeting on April 15, 2026

Members present were Roy Forman, President; Shelley Klein, Vice President; Joe Labat, Club Treasurer; David Thistle, Club Secretary; Shelly Brimacombe; and Paul Boisvert. Nancy Ross (Club Manager) and Judy Donohue attended. Debbi Solo (Novice Representative) could not attend.

President Roy Forman called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm at the church.

The board approved the February minutes.

### President's Remarks

Roy explained that the board meeting had to be moved to April 15 because too few members could attend the regularly scheduled meeting on April 16.

### Club Manager's Report (Nancy Ross)

- Table count continues to be good. We had 182 tables in March.
- One disturbing trend is that, on the last 5 of 6 Fridays (March 6 to April 10), we have not had enough participants in the 199er game to have a separate game. These players had to be folded into the open game, which may have caused some of the 199ers to stop playing on Fridays. The board discussed this issue and voted to raise the Friday game to a 299er game for one month in hopes that attendance would improve.

Rank advancements as of March 31 are as follows.

Club Master	Laurie Brown
Club Master	Shirley Cambell
Club Master	Joann McGonagill
Club Master	Steve Sarbeck
Club Master	Linda Trammell
Bronze Life Master	Debbie Dodd

### Treasurer's Report (Joe Labat)

- The club made a few hundred dollars in March.
- The club's current accounting program will be phased out this month. The new program will be cheaper, and its output will be easier to understand.

Education Committee's Report (Shelley Klein and Debbie Dodd (Cochairs), Shelley Brimacombe, Nancy Ross, and Joyce Stillwell)

No report, but note that Shelley Klein and Shelley Brimacombe are teaching an informal course for beginning bridge players.

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

No report

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

No report

New Business

Nancy Ross made a motion to prohibit non-club related solicitation (petitions, donations, items for sale) at club events. The board approved it unanimously. The board also approved a motion made by David Thistle to refer the matter to the Bylaws Committee, which will report at the next Board of Director's meeting.

Shelley Klein reported on a suggestion from a club member to create an opportunity for the most advanced players to have a session within a game to themselves from time to time. Some discussion ensued. In the end, the board decided to contact potentially interested parties and return to the matter at the next meeting.

Judy Donahue gave an update on planning for the next bridge cruise. The board voted unanimously to approve the cruise. Nancy Ross is in the process of getting the cruise sanctioned and approved by ACBL. When this occurs, the date of the cruise will be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectively submitted, David Thistle