

Minutes of the Tallahassee Duplicate Bridge Club's Board of Directors Meeting on August 20, 2026

Board members present were Roy Forman, President; Shelley Klein, Vice President; Joe Labat, Club Treasurer; David Thistle, Club Secretary; Debbi Solo, Novice Representative; and Paul Boisvert. Shelly Brimacombe participated by telephone.

Club Manager Nancy Ross participated.

Club member Sabrina M. Allen attended.

President Roy Forman called the meeting to order at 3:25 pm at the Senior Center.

The board unanimously approved the July minutes.

President's Remarks

Roy reported that the date on which the new senior center will be open to the club is uncertain but will not be before October 1. Roy's best guess is that we will be able to play there on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. He will visit the center next week to gather information about the space that will be available to the club.

Bob Soni reached Gold Life Master during July. The club will celebrate his achievement with a trophy and a cake before a game (date to be announced.)

The club has begun planning for the annual party, which will be on December 12 at the church. An open game will follow the annual meeting.

Roy reminded the board that only five events are officially celebrated by the club:

The annual meeting

The achievement of the rank of Life Master

The achievement of the rank of Gold Life Master

The achievement of the rank of Diamond Life Master

The achievement of 100 years of age

Club Manager's Report (Nancy Ross)

- Attendance at our games during July (190.5 tables) was higher than during any month since at least January of 2024.

- Nancy led a discussion about the September calendar. In particular, the club dinner will be on Friday, September 11, at Little Paris. For the dates of Casual Bridge and the next board meeting, please see the September calendar.
- During the last month, Nancy took the next step in the establishment of a mentoring program. She polled club members with more than 500 points and found five volunteer mentors. If the program is established, a mentor will play with a mentee during an open game, and the mentee will receive help with his/her play. Each mentor will receive a free play for each mentor-mentee game up to a total of two each month. How mentors and mentees will be paired has not been determined. The board anticipates that mentees will have no more than 299 masters points.

Rank Advancements during July

Junior Master	Shelley Bertels
Club Master	Carol deJarnette
Sectional Master	John Laney
Gold Life Master	Bob Soni

Treasurer's Report (Joe Labat)

- The club had a small loss (~\$200) for the month of July because Joe purchased a new printer and several smaller items.
- The club is in profit for the year (\$319).
- The club received an anonymous donation from a club member for which we are very grateful.

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

The committee did not meet.

Nancy Ross announced that Pattie Wallace will offer a beginner's course in the fall.

Novices Report (Debby Solo)

No report.

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.

Social Committee Report (Shelley Klein, Chair)

The committee has these new members:

Sabrina M. Allen
 Bunny Boisvert
 Shelley Brimacomb
 Judy Donahue
 Pam Finney
 Marcia Labat
 Nancy Ross
 Debbi Solo
 Linda Tramell

Shelley Klein reported on the planning for the annual meeting and party. Pam Finney is the main organizer; she will choose someone to be her primary aide. The committee is discussing the possibility of having at least some of the food catered. Paul pointed out that Veronique Tolliver knows about catering and could be consulted.

Old Business

On behalf of Judy Donahue, Roy presented information about the next bridge cruise, which will be in April of 2027.

- The cruise is completely booked, but in the past, some people have dropped out and others taken their places, so ask Judy D. if you would like to come.
- The bus to the ship and back has been arranged. The cost is \$170 per person round trip. Thirty-two of thirty-four seats have been reserved.
- Note that each player must pay the bridge fee even if she/he plays only one game.
- Judy D. is investigating trip insurance.

New Business

Several Sunday players have pointed out that the chairs make too much noise when they are moved along the floor as people get up. David asked his contact in the Westminster Oaks administration to consider changing the fixtures on the bottom of the chair legs to something that will make less noise.

Roy advised the board that it is time to begin considering the next election of board members. Club members who wish to stand for election should contact Roy.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Thistle, Club Secretary