

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

August 21, 2025

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

President Roy Forman called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

The board approved the July minutes.

President's Remarks

The Board of Directors welcomes nominations, including self nominations, of club members who would like to serve on the board. The election will be held during the club holiday party, which will take place on Saturday, December 6, at the church.

The Board is exploring the possibility of offering a course for advanced players, but no instructor has yet been identified.

The Board will not meet during September unless something urgent arises.

I would like to acknowledge the following people for their excellent work in support of the club. Lee Stillwell maintains the club's webpage. (You can access it by searching for TDBC.) Amy Reznik administers the club Facebook page. She took the initiative years ago to start the page and does a great job keeping us informed on member activities. Judy Donahue and Nancy Ross have been working hard to make a club bridge cruise a possibility. Shelley Klein organizes the monthly club dinners. Finally, I want to acknowledge the terrific work that Nancy Ross has done as our club manager.

Club Manager's Report (Nancy Ross)

- Game attendance in July was good (163.5 tables versus 161.3 in 2024).
- The board approved the purchase of six Bridgemates.
- The club manager will explore the possibility of housing some of the materials for our Sunday games in the Westminster Oaks pool house.
- September's special game will be an open team game on Sept 25. You may assemble your team without restrictions.
- The following club members reached a new status during June.

Sectional Master – Ramsay Carswell

Sectional Master – Debbi Solo

Treasurer's Report (Joe Labat)

- The club lost \$135 during July, which is not of concern because our income varies plus or minus a few hundred dollars month to month.
- The club's costs for the two bridge courses that will occur in the fall (see below) are not yet known.

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

- Shelley Klein reported that no progress has yet been made on reinitiating the mentor program for less experienced players.
- The committee has reached out to the Rickards High School IB Program about forming a bridge club. Nancy Ross has sent them materials explaining how the club might work. The committee is waiting to see whether a member of the Rickards faculty will agree to sponsor the club, which is a requirement.
- The club will offer two courses in the fall.
 - Joyce Stillwell will teach Bridge Review on Thursdays from Sept 4 to Oct 16 from 1 to 4 p.m.
 - Pattie Wallace will teach Beginning Bridge on Fridays from Oct 10 to Nov 21 from 6 to 9 p.m.
 - The classes are being advertised in the *Tallahassee Democrat* and on Facebook.
 - For more information, go to bridgewebs.com/tdbc/.

Novice Representative's Report (Wendy Rutter)

- Nothing to report from Wendy, but Shelley Brimacombe said that the novices enjoyed the pro-am team game and the pro-am pairs game and look forward to more such events.

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

- Nothing to report.

Membership Committee's Report (Shelley Brimacombe, chair)

- Nothing to report.

Other Business

- Shelley Klein reported on the possibility of the club's acquiring a club house. The board asked her to present more details at its next meeting.
- Roy Forman added this thought.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 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.

A message from Nancy Ross (Club Manager)

Did you know that you can check your bridge scores in several ways during and after a game?

If you are the person entering the score into the Bridgемate, make sure you enter the correct board number, bid, declarer, and result. If you are the person approving the information in the Bridgемate, read the entries to yourself or out loud. Are the board number, the bid, the declarer, and the result correct? If not, correct any errors before you push the accept button. Do not just assume that the person who entered the score did everything correctly; we all make mistakes. If you are unsure whether a result was entered or approved correctly, press the button on the Bridgемate directly below the word "scores" on the Bridgемate screen. Doing so will reveal all of the scores that have been entered during the current round. If you find errors, call the director.

After you finish playing a game, ask the director for a summary of your results. (The game does not have to be completely over before you get your summary.) Compare the scores you recorded on your score sheet to those that appear on the summary. If you see any errors, notify the director. It is easiest to correct errors while the players affected are present.

We want all of our results to be accurate. An error in one of your results does not just affect you. It can affect the scores of all players who played that board.