

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

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

Club Manager Nancy Ross participated.

Judy Donohue was a guest speaker.

President Roy Forman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm at the church.

The board unanimously approved the June minutes.

President's Remarks

Roy reported that the new senior center will not be available before October 1. Roy's best guess is that we will be able to meet there on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.

The club has begun planning for our annual party, which will be on Dec 12 at the church.

Club Manager's Report

- Attendance at our games remained good in June. In fact, every month in 2026 has had a higher table count than the comparable month in 2025.
- Nancy led a discussion about the August calendar. In particular, the club dinner will be on Friday, August 7 at Carrabba's. A pro-am team game will occur on Thursday, August 13.
- Casual bridge and the next board meeting will be on August 20.

Rank Advancements during April

Sectional Master Christina Harrison
Sectional Master Robert Campbell
Silver Life Master Judy Parker

Treasurer's Report (Joe Labat)

- The club had a small loss for the month of June because we bought a cart to support the games at Westminster Oaks.
- The club is still in profit for the year.

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

No report from the committee, but note that Shelley Klein and Shelley Brimacombe continue to teach a non-club-sponsored course on Wednesdays at Shelley Klein's home. Shelley Klein is also teaching a club-sponsored course before the Monday game.

Joe Labat discovered that there is a middle-school bridge club in Pensacola. Nancy and Debbie will contact them to learn more about it when school resumes.

Novices Report (Debbi Solo)

Debbi reported that a player who wished to play in the open game was told by the director that he/she could not. The clear consensus of the board was that a player can play in the game she/he prefers.

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)

No report.

Old Business

Guest Speaker Judy Donahue gave an update on the next bridge cruise, which will be in April of 2027. The cruise is completely booked. Judy anticipates that a bus will be hired to take folks to the ship and back. Note that the organizers have begun work on a cruise in spring of 2028.

New Business

Nancy polled Sunday players and found that a majority preferred a 1:30 p.m. starting time. The board voted unanimously to keep the start time unchanged.

The board discussed the possibility of creating a system of mentors with the aim of helping less-experienced players to progress. As a first step, Nancy will prepare a list of experienced players who are willing to be mentors.

Shelley Klein suggested that the board make clear its policy regarding cell phones at club games. The board agreed that cell phones must be set so they do not ring. The phone of a player anticipating an important call may remain on, but it would be a courtesy for the player to tell the director before the beginning of the game. Cell phones should not be on the table or used during play.

Guest Speaker Judy Donahue proposed that the board consider a novice game on Tuesday in parallel to the open game. The board decided not to pursue this idea.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Thistle, Club Secretary