

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

March 20, 2025

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

President Roy Forman called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

The board approved the February minutes.

## President's Remarks

- The next board meeting will be at 3:30 on April 17.
- The club will have a table at the Senior Center Open House to advertise our existence and to describe what we do.
- The 499er game will continue through April. The board will decide whether to continue it at its April meeting.

## Club Manager's Report (Nancy Ross)

- Game attendance in February was modestly less than that in January or in February of 2024.
- The following club members reached a new status during February.
  - Shirley Capps — Junior Master
  - Doug Wussler — Junior Master
  - Lorraine Henman — Club Master
  - Kathryn Scott — Club Master
  - Kathy Ricker — Sectional Master
  - Phylliss Causseaux — Regional Master
  - Nancy Ross — Advanced NABC Master

## Treasurer's Report (Joe Labat)

- The club broke even during February.

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

- ACBL will give the club materials and money for teachers if the club is able to attract high school students to classes in bridge.

#### Novice Representative's Report (Wendy Rutter)

- The novices enjoyed the pro-am team game on March 13 and expressed their gratitude to Paul Boisvert for organizing it. They encourage the club to have another such game in the next month or two.

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

- The committee presented revised bylaws, which the board approved unanimously. The committee will send them to the club webmaster to be posted as soon as possible.

#### 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.

#### New Business

- Shelley Klein presented some ideas from Paul Boisvert, who missed the meeting because of injury. He suggests that the club have a pro/am team game and a regular pro/am game each month. These games would be held on Thursday. The board unanimously gave a Shout Out to Paul for his efforts in this area and decided to offer him the position of Team Coordinator.
- The board asks the membership to refrain from bringing popcorn to games because the crumbs get everywhere and are hard to clean up. Sticky snacks are also to be avoided because the stickiness gets on the cards.
- The language on discipline in the bylaws will be examined for ways it might be improved.

The meeting ended at 4:15 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 it is your turn to bid, do not touch the bidding box or its contents until you are ready because touching it and then removing your hand and then touching it again suggests to your partner that you have a marginal hand. Giving information to your partner in this way is, of course, against ACBL rules.