

Minutes of the Tallahassee Duplicate Bridge Club's Board of Directors Meeting on May 14, 2026

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

Club Manager Nancy Ross attended.

Guest Speakers were Judy Donohue, Marcia Hengehold, and Jim Lyle.

President Roy Forman called the meeting to order at 3:24 pm at the Senior Center.

The board approved the April minutes.

President's Remarks

None.

Club Manager's Report (Nancy Ross)

- Table count continues to be good.
- So far, the change of the Friday restricted game to 299er game has not increased attendance.
- Nancy led a discussion about the June calendar. In particular, the club dinner will be on June 12.
- Nancy reported on her investigation of the All-Purpose Room (formerly known as the Theater) at Westminster Oaks as a venue for the Sunday game. She found that it was big enough for at least 10 tables, has a sink, has a walk-in closet in which to store our computer and printer, and has cabinets to hold our snacks and bridge supplies. She also proposed that the club buy a cart with wheels. The board approved motions to move the Sunday game to the All-Purpose Room and to buy the cart. David Thistle was charged with approaching the space manager at Westminster Oaks to make sure that the switch from the Pool House to the All-Purpose Room was acceptable to them and to find out when we can begin using it.

Rank advancements as of April 30 are as follows.

Club Master	Ernie Williams
Life Master	Nancy Ross

Treasurer's Report (Joe Labat)

- The club showed a small profit for the month of April.

- The certificate of deposit matured in April, earning about \$350 in interest. It was renewed for an additional 9-months.
- The club's new accounting program was brought online in May. Its output is much easier to understand.

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 are teaching a non-club-sponsored course on Wednesdays at Shelley Klein's home. The course is currently closed, but they will consider running it again if there is interest.

Novices Report (Debbi Solo)

Debbi asked the board to consider changing the Monday game from 199er to 299er. After discussion, the board decided not to do so.

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

The committee proposed the following motion.

Presentations of nonbridge or nonclub material (e.g., petitions, solicitations for donations, items for sale, any sort of political activity) are not permitted at club games, on the club's Facebook page, or on the club's website.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

No report.

Old Business

The board again expressed its gratitude to club webmaster Lee Stillwell for all his good work.

Guest Speaker Judy Donahue gave an update on planning for the next bridge cruise, which will be in April of 2027 on a Royal Caribbean ship. Games will be sanctioned by ACBL as a sectional tournament, so silver points will be available. Only 40 players can be accommodated, so Judy suggested designating an initial period when only club players can register for the cruise. If some places remain, then nonclub players will have the chance to register.

New Business

Shelley Klein asked the club to create a Social Committee, which will coordinate all the social activities of the club. The board unanimously approved a motion to that effect.

Guest Speakers

Marcia Hengehold and Jim Lyle made several suggestions. Their topics and the resulting actions are given below.

1. They suggested that the club offer more special games in which players can earn extra points. The Club Manger stated that she will schedule as many special games as possible.
2. They asked that Fernando Tesón's memo on unauthorized information be communicated to all club members. The President agreed to do so.
3. They noted that some players misunderstand basic rules of ACBL-sanctioned bridge. The board agreed to look into this problem.
4. They asked the board to remind all club members that the director must be called whenever an irregularity occurs during play. The board agreed to look into this problem.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, David Thistle, Club Secretary