# Minutes of the Tallahassee Duplicate Bridge Club's Board of Directors Meeting on October 22, 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.

Club Manager Nancy Ross and club members Judy Donohue and John Laney participated.

Club members Sabrina M. Allen and Paul Frank attended.

President Roy Forman called the meeting to order at 3:28 pm at Fellowship Presbyterian Church.

The board unanimously approved the September minutes.

President's Remarks

The annual party will be on Saturday, December 12, at Fellowship Presbyterian Church. See the report of the Social Committee (below) for more information.

Club Manager's Report (Nancy Ross)

- Attendance at our games during September (169.5 tables) was a bit lower than that in August (180.0 tables), but the difference is not big enough to be of concern.
- Nancy led a discussion about the November calendar. For the dates of Casual Bridge, the club dinner, a pro-am team game, and the next board meeting, please see the November calendar.
- Nancy will purchase a wooden cabinet for the club office and a clock for the card room in the new Senior Center.

Rank Advancements during September

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| Junior Master | Mary Diallo |
| Junior Master | Roy Verbrugge |
| Junior Master | Sharon Wynn |
| Junior Master | Gail Beitzell |
| Junior Master | Sharon Fuller |
| Club Master | Sharon Fuller |

Treasurer's Report (Joe Labat)

- The club had a small loss (~$100) for the month of September.
- The club is in profit for the year (~$100).

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

The committee did not meet.

Shelley Klein announced that Shelley Brimacombe will be teaching a beginners' course in her home. Note that the club is not officially involved in this activity, so Shelley B. sets the rules.

Shelley Klein announced that her novice class is progressing well.

Nancy Ross announced that Pattie Wallace will offer a beginners' course beginning in January.

Novices Report (Debbi Solo)

Debbi and John Laney feel that, when a director approaches a table during play, asks to see a score card, or inquires about a suspicious score, the declarer can be distracted. They asked the board whether anything can be done to eliminate or minimized such disturbances. Among those joining the discussion were the club's Chief of Directors and three other active directors. Clearly the director must approach a table to check on a suspicious score. Everyone agreed that these visits should be as discrete as possible. Also, if the director needs to ask a question, she/he will wait until the hand in play is finished. The board also pointed out that a player who feels distracted by a director's visit can fold his/her cards and wait until the director has left the table to continue play.

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)

Committee includes Sabrina M. Allen, Bunny Boisvert, Shelley Brimacombe, Judy Donahue, Pam Finney, Marcia Labat, Nancy Ross, Debbi Solo, and Linda Tramell.

As has been the case in the recent past, the club will purchase the meat for the annual party. Attendees will be asked to contribute, for example, a side dish or a dessert. A sign-up sheet will be available at our games.

The club will award several door prizes.

David Thistle will supervise the decorations. We have some from past years; additional decorations would be welcome.

In contrast to last year, we will play a game in the morning, eat lunch, have the annual meeting, and elect members to the vacant places on the board. In the afternoon, we will play a second game.

Old Business

Judy Donohue presented information about the bridge cruise in April 2027.

- The cruise is completely booked, but in the past, some people have dropped out, so ask Judy if you would like to come.
- The bus to the ship and back will cost $170 per person round trip. Thirty-one of thirty-four seats have been reserved.
- Note that each player must pay the bridge fee even if she/he plays only one game.
- Trip insurance and drinks packages are available; talk to Judy for more information.
- Fresh water will be available to fill personal water bottles.

Roy reminded the board that the election of board members for terms beginning in 2027 will occur at the annual meeting. Club members who wish to stand for election should contact Roy.

New Business

The board approved a suggestion by Judy Donohue that the club commission a large thank-you card to be signed by the membership and then presented to the Senior Center administration to express our appreciation for the new card room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Thistle, Club Secretary