

Minutes of TBCD Board Meeting

September 2026

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM. In attendance were Debbie Soto, Shelley Klein, Shelley Brimacombe, Roy Forman, Nancy Ross, Joe Labat. Judy Donahoe was a guest. Absent were David Thistle (excused) and Paul Boisvert.
2. Minutes from August meeting were formally approved.
3. Treasurer Report. Joe Labat. The club lost \$89 last month but is up \$230 for the year. Potential expenses pending the move to the new senior center.
4. Manager Report. Nancy Ross. We had 180 tables last month, which is comparable to last year table count. There were multiple rank advancements including Matthew Reichenbach, Suzanne Smith and Carla Richardson to Junior Master, Matthew Reichenbach also to Club Master, Cathy Shoulz to Sectional Master, Vicki Bertoch to Sectional Master, Wendy Rutter to Regional Master and Judie and Paul Frank to Ruby Life Master. Congratulations to all of the above. The mentoring program will begin in September. We currently have six pairs signed up. The mentor will have a free play for up to two games per month. If anyone else would like to be a mentor or mentee, please contact Nancy Ross. Mentors must be life masters or have at least 600 masterpoints. Club membership for next year will remain at \$30 dollars. We will begin collecting dues in the next month. We encourage people to pay their dues early. Remember that if you are a paid member there is no charge for attending the end of the year party or playing in the game (we are likely going to hold two games during that day).
5. Novice Report. Debbie Soto. Debbie reported that one of the novices was approached by another club member and it was insinuated that the novices were not getting their fair allotment of master points. A lengthy discussion ensued. There are three acting directors on the board. They all assured us that they all work hard to try to set stratifications to ensure the maximum amount of points. They noted that there has to be at least three pairs in C category for any points to be awarded to C. In addition, the club is playing only championship games which pay more points despite the extra cost to the club. If anyone believes they can do better, they should present a written solution/suggestion to the board. A reminder that everybody is welcome to run for the board and/or become a director.
6. Bylaws committee. No report.
7. Disciplinary committee. No report.

8. Social Committee. Shelley Klein. Shelley reports that she has 12 volunteers for her committee. They are currently working on the end of the year party and other potential social events. No date has been set yet for the next club dinner.

9. Cruise update. Judy Donahoe. There are currently 27 people signed up to ride the bus (max of 34). There was a zoom meeting this morning. A bullet point memo will be drafted and circulated to those going on the bridge cruise. Judy recommends holding off on booking excursions until later. They often go on sale (discounted) during the holidays and closer to the cruise date. Each cabin is permitted to bring up to two bottles of wine on the cruise. The group will be eating dinner at the 500 PM seating. That will leave plenty of time to attend the early show. Lastly, Judy recommends downloading the Royal Caribbean app.

10. Patti Wallace will be teaching a beginner class starting in January. Date and time TBD

11. I want to thank Joyce Stillwell for teaching on Wednesdays during my absences. Also, thanks to her husband for his work on our website (to access the website you can simply google TDBC)

12. The next board meeting will be October 23. As always, it is an open meeting, and everyone is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Roy Forman