

JSOB Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2026

President Emmy Peters called the meeting to order at 3:45. All board members were present with the exception of Nancy Whitmire who was absent due to a family medical issue.

The following motions were made and either failed or passed as indicated below:

1. Motion: Approve the minutes from the prior meeting. **APPROVED.**
2. Motion: Moving forward, the dues are \$30 per member per year. Anyone paying their membership fees prior to December 31 of any given year will receive a five dollar discount. Membership dues paid between January 1 and June 30 of any given year will be \$30 (no discount). Dues paid on or after July 1 of any given year will be \$15 for new memberships. **APPROVED.**
3. Motion: Take the 299 game off of the schedule on Thursdays for the time being until attendance can be built. **APPROVED.** There are simply not enough players and people who come to the club currently on Thursday to play in that game and seem disappointed when the 299 game is cancelled. The club sanctions allowing the game will remain.
4. Motion: Purchase a projector that can be ceiling mounted. **APPROVED.**
5. Motion: Reinstate the \$8.00 fee for Supervised Bridge. **FAILED**
Supervised Bridge will continue to be \$5.00.
6. Motion: All changes in pricing must be brought to the Board for approval. **APPROVED**
7. Motion: Allow Free Play in 2026 at the at the Pro/Am game, the Mentor/Mentee game and the Christmas party for members. **APPROVED.**
8. Motion: Remove the cap on Director pay per game. **APPROVED**

Mark Franzoni provided a Treasurer's Report. We have \$122,000 in the bank and earned \$4,000 in interest last year. In 2025, the Club earned \$60,000 more than our expenditures as compared to 2024.

With regard to the ceiling mount of projector, Mark Franzoni thought the installation fee was outrageous and will be seeking a second estimate. This will be an Action Item for the next meeting.

There was discussion about some vandalism on and around the club (a minor fire in the front on city property). As a result, the technology committee, headed by Bill Fagan will do some research regarding security cameras or a security system. Bill Fagan will reach out to Mike Siebenhaar who may be able to ask if the church would contribute to a security system or cameras. This will be an Action Item for the next meeting.

ACBL protocols in terms of not discussing hands, being kind to other players, etc., and mild intervention, including announcements will be initiated the week of January 19, 2026. Judy Harhai will assist Emmy in this effort by highlighting specific protocols on the bulletin board.

There was much discussion about player education and player development. Ellen Lockamy has an education committee and will be looking into various matters including:

A. How to pair C players looking to improve with an A or B player.

B. Whether SurveyMonkey could be used to survey players effectively regarding education, classes, etc.

Ellen will give us more information at the next board meeting about those issues from her committee. This will be an Action Item for the next meeting.

There was discussion about ways to improve the acoustics and the fact that people continue to trip on the parking blocks. The building committee, headed by Paul Herron and Bill Page will be looking into both of those things and giving us a report at the next meeting. This will be an Action Item for the next meeting.

There was discussion about the club's use of technology going forward. Bill Fagan will reach out to clubs of similar size to get information and report back to the board.

Board Member Responsibilities 2026 – Posted
Volunteer Responsibilities 2026 - Posted

Upcoming game dates/special events were scheduled:

- Pro/AM Game: April 20, 2026
- **Do What You Love: June 14-21, 2026
- Summer Sectional: July 17-19,2026
- Nonlife Master Tournament – October 22-23,2026

- Mentor/Mentee Game: December 7, 2026 (tentative subject to any other specific or special things ACBL may announce)

**The Longest Day - the Alzheimer's fund raiser - has been rebranded as "Do What You Love"

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Miller