

**JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 17, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 3:20pm by President Emmy Peters. Board members present: Mark Franzoni, Bunny George, Judy Harhai, Jan Madsen, Tracy Miller, Emmy Peters, Michael Smalline, Carol Shotwell, and Nancy Whitmire. Absent without permission: Craig Hemphill. Also present: Jeanne Harlan and Anne Landry.

Minutes of the May 15, 2025 meeting were approved. Tracy Miller moved that the reading of the previous minutes be waived. Jan Madsen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

JSOB's bank balance is \$95,000. This is \$8,000 higher than the previous month.

Longest Day:

Michael Smalline reported that the club collected a total of \$8,030 donation for Alzheimer's research. This is a new total for the club. Congratulations to all who participated in this successful effort.

Landscaping:

Jan Madsen moved to hire a plumber to install new controls for outside watering at a cost of \$375. Mark Franzoni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ongoing expenses will be for periodic maintenance supplies such as mulch and weed killer.

Membership Committee Report:

Nancy Whitmire reported that a "batch ticket" will be utilized to record all dues money received, plus donations if applicable. The person completing the batch ticket will fill out a bank deposit slip. The batch ticket, deposit slip and money will be given to the director who will make the deposit. New members or those renewing will fill out a membership form which will be used to record member information as necessary. Batch tickets will be scanned for financial data collection. This will result in accurate accounting of money received and make the yearly renewal process easier for all.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee:

Mark Franzoni volunteered to head the Nominating Committee for new board members for 2026.

299er Game:

A Thursday 299er game is scheduled to begin in September, 2025. Full details will be announced as the date nears.

Summer Sectional:

Tracy Miller reported that planning for the upcoming tournament is going well. She would welcome additional volunteers for kitchen duty or additional snacks/desserts.

Holiday Decorations:

Kathy Converse will be the new committee head for decorating the club for the holidays. A motion was made by Mark Franzoni to approve \$150 to upgrade the current decorations. Michael Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Eating at Tables:

Eating at tables will continue to be allowed. Members are asked to eat lunch prior to the start of the game when possible and to exercise care when consuming food during play to keep the bidding boxes, cards and tables clean.

Parking Barrier:

The parking barrier by the rear door will not be removed. Pedestrians are asked to use caution when walking near the barrier to prevent tripping.

List of Free Play Eligibility:

Michael Palmer volunteered to create a list of those eligible for free play, which will be provided to the directors.

Cleanliness of Club:

The Board is exploring options to provide more thorough and/or more frequent cleaning of the club.

Donation in Peggy Higginbotham's Memory:

Wally Higginbotham is donating \$500 to the club. It was decided that a monitor to replace the one stolen during Covid would be very useful for a number of purposes. A plaque will be donated. Michael Smalline will donate an additional \$500. The board will be contacting local "techs" to advise on the purchase and to look at our existing computer equipment for possible upgrades. Wally will be attending the first day of the tournament (Friday morning, July 25th) to address the club.

New Form for New Members and Renewals:

Beginning with 2026 memberships, all persons will be asked to fill out a membership form which will be used to document receipt of dues and accumulate/update demographic information.

Upcoming Events:

Bridge Basic I: 9/16, 9/17, 9/23, 9/24, 9/30, and 10/1.

Next Board Meeting: September 18th

Summer Sectional: July 25th – July 27th

Saturday games: Posted

Jan Madsen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire

