

**JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 15, 2025**

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

Minutes of the previous meeting approved. Mark Franzoni moved that the reading of the minutes be waived. Seconded by Jan Madsen. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mark Franzoni reported that net profit for April 2025 is \$2500. JSOB has \$80,000 in funds. The club has enough in reserve to replace the roof, whenever that becomes necessary. There are no other large expenditures pending.

**Pro-Am Tournament:**

President Emmy Peters thanked Michael Palmer for his good work on the Pro-Am Tournament. When the next Pro-Am is planned, the Board will consider which day of the week would be optimum.

**Landscaping Expenditures:**

To date, \$800 has been spent on landscaping. New controls for watering would cost \$375. Volunteers are currently turning the water on and off manually. This practice will be monitored to see if it is adequate without any further expenditure.

**Homeless Update:**

Homeless people are still using the property for sleeping periodically. Graffiti had to be removed by our handyman. President Emmy Peters visited the Sheriff's office and as a result did everything that could be done to deter trespass. Directors have a number to call if a homeless person is present and the sheriff's office now has the power to respond and deal with the problem.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Review 2025 Goals:**

The Board discussed goals of increasing table count and increasing membership growth.

Questions: 1. How many students from Ru's classes have become members of JSOB?

2. How many are playing at JSOB after becoming members?

Emmy Peters distributed a handout provided by bookkeeper Alice Kenyon of 2025 Table Counts for January-April. Counts were broken out by level of play: Open, 0-50, 0-299, etc. Table counts are now being tracked along with financial data and a summary report can be produced at any time with no manual data manipulation. Having readily accessible stratified table counts over time is seen as a boon to those tasked with evaluating club growth and assessing whether an adequate number of newer players are "in the pipeline". This is important information for the Board.

### **Membership Committee:**

A committee has been formed to find ways to improve procedures for dues collection, tracking membership demographics, and data collection.

### **Swiss Games:**

A request was made for a Swiss Game once a month with tables to be stratified or picked at random. Members need to sign up only as partnerships, not as four-person tables. Tracy Miller volunteered to informally poll members to determine interest in a Swiss game. She will report back at the next board meeting.

### **Longest Day:**

Michael Smalline and Carol Shotwell will be in charge of the Longest Day which is to be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Ru's Class: Better Bridge 3 – May 6 – June 17

Ru's Class: Two over One – June 24, July 1

Longest Day: June 20<sup>th</sup>

Summer Sectional: July 25-27 (conflicts with Nationals)

Saturday Games: June 21, July 19, August 30, September 27, November 23, December 20

Next Board Meeting: July 17

### **Stump:**

A vehicle ran over the stump where the dead tree was removed. No damage but the stump is a problem. The church has a member who has a stump grinder. The stump will be removed.

**House Players:**

A suggestion was made to have “house players” on hand for people who come to the club without a partner or whose partner fails to appear. The house player would play for free if they were needed. No decision was reached.

Mark Franzoni moved that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary

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