

## ADBC BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2018

President Steve Kornegay called the meeting to order at 4pm. Melody Gann, Sue Gilbreath, Helen Nelson, Mickey Tryon (a little late) and Dorothy Moore (leaving at 5pm) were present with Theresa Brantley absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**SPECIAL EVENTS AND POTLUCK:** Helen reports that she needs volunteers to cook since Melanie Gibson is no longer able to cook for the Friday dinners and Grace Daddario will be out with surgery at the end of November. Dorothy Moore volunteered to be available next year. Melody reminded Dorothy had agreed to prepare tacos in the next few weeks at the last board meeting after Steve asked why we never have tacos, and Melody responded that is one of Dorothy's specialties. She agreed to prepare tacos for a Friday in Dec.

Steve noted there was a lack of food at the Veterans Day Game and reiterated his suggestion of charging more for those who don't bring food.

Helen is buying Turkey breasts for the Christmas Party. Melody asked if they were bone-in because she thinks they taste better, and Steve said he liked dark meat. Dorothy said we often have a ham as well. Helen agreed to consider these requests in her shopping.

**PARTIES:** Sue reports that we'll be having a party for John Robbins and Dwight Hill. Melody asked that we have more fun events like parties for holidays (possibly with prizes) as we used to do. Sue said she'd love to do that.

**ADBC SECTIONAL AT GRAPEVINE:** We compared CERA (site for the last FW sectional) and Grapevine Convention Center as locations for the 2020 ADBC tournament. While CERA was slightly less expensive and had a kitchen available, Grapevine was chosen because of its ease of access (particularly for Dallas participants), popularity with players, plenty of free parking and many fine places convenient for dining. Dorothy and Steve will study the strats for various events and have a recommendation available by the December board meeting.

**DIRECTOR ISSUES:** Dorothy reports the only current problem is needing more directors.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Theresa was absent. We noted that her email flyers probably contributed to the success of October Jane Johnson Club appreciation events, but that physical posters at the club are a good idea.

**DECORATIONS:** Many kudos to Kim Newman for the outstanding Halloween décor. She asked Dorothy to inform the board that her plans for Christmas decorating are over the top and will have a really WOW factor. Melody suggested purchasing a new Christmas tree, possibly a pop-up one that will not require so much storage area. Steve asked her and Sue to research the options and make a decision. Mickey volunteered to donate ornaments if needed.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Finally, Mickey had a detailed financial report. He credited George Morey with having been very helpful and invaluable to the process. With all the financial challenges we've faced the last few years and operating at a loss of about \$15000 this year, we still have a balance of

\$53,910.69 at the end of October. Dorothy noted the loss was approximately equal to the loss of revenue due to free plays. However, many free plays are purchased, and these have not been distinguished in the game receipts. Nor have the ones awarded for service or membership fees. Steve is going to discuss this with Mary Ellen who was able to separate some of these when we previously discussed the impact of awarding more free plays. **[After the meeting, Steve contacted Mary Ellen who did a study of the different kinds of free plays for 2018 so far and she has compiled that info. However, she has not been able to find the game receipts for 2017 and will not have time to study them until next year.]**

PARTNERSHIP: Tabled due to absence of Theresa.

NLM: Scheduled for Jan 19-20, 2019

SUNDAY LESSONS FOR NEW PLAYERS: Dorothy reports that 16 different people have participated, and they want to start having a game in January. They will have an end of lessons game Dec. 16.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

CALENDAR: No changes to the Nov. or Dec. calendars except for minor typo corrections. Both are posted on the web. Several Membership games are scheduled where both partners must be ACBL members to win points. Major happenings in December:

- **THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DEC. 8 WITH TURKEY AND DRESSING PROVIDED BY THE CLUB; MEMBERS (WHO PLAY FREE) ARE ASKED TO BRING SIDES AND DESSERTS. THE PARTY STARTS AT NOON AND UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT 1PM. DOOR PRIZES!**
- STaC WEEK: DEC. 10-16 WITH STaC SWISS SUNDAY DEC. 16 AT 2PM; DESSERT PROVIDED, BRING SNACKS!
- **AND NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY DEC.31. This unit championship game starts at 8pm with participants asked to bring snacks and desserts; black-eyed peas provided!**

[The week after the meeting Dorothy Moore declared a hiatus on the Tue. evening limited game until after the holidays.]

January is Jr. Fund Month. All ADBC games will be extra pts! The club will be closed for the Richardson sectional January 11-13.

- The Saturday game will be Jan. 5 with entrée provided at noon, Jr. Fund game at 1pm.
- Sunday, Jan 27, Dessert Bridge will be Swiss Teams at 2pm.
- ADBC NLM SCHEDULED JANUARY 19-20 (SEE POSTER OR WEB FOR DETAILS.)

Melody noted she will begin working on next year's schedule and would appreciate info on when not to schedule swiss games.

GOOGLE DRIVE AUTHORIZATIONS: Tom Moore is working on this.

GAMES: Melody suggested allowing game directors who are currently compensated up to \$6 per game for bringing food to ask someone else to bring food and compensating that player with a free play. Steve thought this would set a bad precedent and result in players who bring food asking for free plays. Most agreed with Steve.

## **FUTURE BUSINESS**

FINANCIAL CONCERNS: George Morey (who continues to do the table count each month) noted that October was the highest monthly table count in the last three years. The consensus was that this is due to the good advertising done by Theresa and the many team events scheduled because of the extra points with touch of gold for Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Swiss games. However, several members commented on why so many Swiss games in one month. So, more Swiss games need to be scheduled throughout the year. Melody has contacted Paul Cuneo, District 16 president, about getting the club appreciation designation for Swiss games allowed throughout the year like the membership games which can be scheduled anytime during the year but only one per sanction.

Several ideas were discussed to improve ADBC finances including:

- More team games
- Increase in Table Fees
- Increase fee for games where food provided
- Additional fee for those not bringing food
- Reduction in free play awards for 2-4 tables
- Membership fee increase

Steve encouraged board to be thinking about these along with others introduced by brainstorming with a goal of making some decisions by the meetings in Dec. and Jan.

The meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Gann, Secretary ADBC