

ADBC BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2019

President Steve Kornegay called the meeting to order at 3:15pm after the ACBL-wide afternoon game. Dorothy Moore, Melody Gann, Helen Nelson and Tracy Stanley were present; Mickey Tryon and Theresa Brantley were absent.

OLD BUSINESS

SPECIAL EVENTS; POTLUCK: Helen reports we still need more cooks or volunteers for the Friday evening meal.

PARTIES: We will have our annual New Year's Eve Game and Party. Helen will bring Hopping John, and participants are asked to bring snacks. The game will start at 8pm.

Since 2020 is a leap year, we will have a special leap year game February 29. Dorothy will contact Kim Newman to see if she'd like to coordinate this party.

We want to have a fare thee well party for Dee Berg who will be moving to Austin. Dorothy will contact Dee to schedule a date.

DIRECTOR ISSUES: We need more directors, especially since Dee will be leaving after January.

FINANCE REPORT: Since Mickey was absent, the report is delayed to the next meeting. We have lost \$7000 as of October 31 and may need to increase game entry fees. Steve will contact George Morey (who set up the methods we use to generate the monthly report) to coordinate a meeting for an in-depth of review of our finances and how we account for various items.

COMMUNICATIONS: Theresa was absent but continues to send twice monthly emails informing of upcoming events.

DECORATIONS: Kim Newman went over the top in decorating for the holidays; we really appreciate the great creations she's provided. She is also interested in helping with more fun events and her input will be sought.

NLM: The ADBC 2020 NLM tournaments are scheduled for March 7&8 and August 22&23. Dorothy and Tom Moore are handling these.

INTRODUCTORY BRIDGE LESSONS: Dorothy's Tuesday evening lessons will change to supervised play after the first of the year, and the Sunday afternoon supervised play will continue.

GAME SANCTIONS: Mary Ellen Stanton has completed renewal of our game sanctions.

NEW BUSINESS

CALENDAR: Melody is working on the 2020 calendar. She works with David Pearlman to coordinate Unit 183 Championship Games with Fort Worth and Denton. Arlington is allocated eight.

January is Junior Fund month which means all games in January will cost \$1 more and provide extra masterpoints. **January 24 will be an ACBL-wide Jr. Fund game Friday morning.**

February is Education Foundation Fund Month. All games will cost \$1 more and provide extra points. **February 1 will be an ACBL-wide INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME** Saturday afternoon; potluck at noon. **ADBC will hold a special LEAP YEAR EIGHT'S ENOUGH February 29, Saturday afternoon.** More details on these events will be posted at the club and online.

The January and February calendars are posted online and at the club.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A date needs to be set for the ADBC membership meeting. There are no completely open Saturdays in March—the month set in the ADBC by-laws for the annual meeting. March 1 is the only open Sunday. The board decided to set the meeting for March 21, the first Saturday of the Spring NABC in Ohio, and make it a membership meeting which will pay lots of extra points but with no extra fee since this is a free game for ADBC members. Melody suggested we might want to amend the by-laws to change the requirement to have the meeting in March. This would require membership approval with advance notice. This will be discussed at the next board meeting in January. Another suggestion is to amend the by-laws so that the board can set dues. We think this may need to be discussed by the members. Also, we need a nominating committee to find candidates for the election of officers at this meeting. Tracy Stanley will be the board member heading up this committee.

MEMORIAL WALL: Some members have suggested a board to post memorial photos of deceased members. The board approves proceeding with this project and placing it opposite to the Hall of Fame.

2020 GAME FEES: The table count is down by 240 tables so far this year. We will need to consider raising game fees, reviewing the free play policies, finding ways to increase table count, cost-cutting measures and review of financial accounting. Team games seem to be very popular. Consequently, we aim to have more team games. We may also increase fees when food is provided and prominently place the donation basket when we have potluck events. Tracy is working on an email list to facilitate communications to and between members of ADBC.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm. The next meeting is scheduled Wednesday afternoon January 22.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Gann, Secretary ADBC