

ADBC BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Call to Order: President Larz Smith called the meeting to order at 10:30. Dorothy Moore, Melody Gann, Wayne Corbett, Larz Smith, George Morey and Diana Clive were present in the studio. Judy Floyd and Mary Ellen Stanton attended by Zoom video and audio.

Minutes of January 8, 2025 Board Meeting: The minutes of the meeting were reviewed as presented by Diana Clive. These included small changes as recommended by George Morey. Dorothy moved to approve them as amended, Wayne seconded the motion, and they were approved unanimously.

Financial Reports: A report showing very poor financials for the end of 2024, and January 2025 was presented. Despite the inclusion of 54 individual membership dues for 2025 collected already, we suffered over a \$2000 loss in January. Unfortunately, current bank account reserves of \$28,000 will be insufficient to cover the remaining 21 months on our present lease. Table counts continue to decrease, with many games comprised of only 3 or 4 tables. Hopefully, additional membership dues of \$40 per member will be collected at the annual membership meeting in March.

Additional revenues including checks from the rodeo tickets and the Dallas sectional have been deposited to our bank account.

Baron Barclay Gift Card: We have received a Barclay gift card of \$100 from ACBL for paying our game sanction fees for 2025. Dorothy will use it for general club supplies as needed.

Calendar and Special Events: Due to the scheduled NABC in Memphis in mid-March, our next board meeting will be moved to March 5. If necessary, we will have an additional meeting on March 26 prior to the annual membership meeting.

Finalize March Calendar: March is full of club championships and charity games. We will not require an upcharge for play. We will be closed March 8 for the Denton sectional. We will hold an ACBL wide senior pairs game on Monday March 10. Saturday March 15 will be a Club Championship and a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Corned beef and cabbage will be provided, and Melody will coordinate with Steve and Nancy Kornegay. Leftovers will be part of the St. Pat's game held on Monday, March 17. Our Saturday March 29 annual membership meeting will be followed by an upgraded club championship with extra points available.

Friday games are always unreliable for player turnout. Calendars going forward will mark Melody Gann as the contact for these.

Preliminary April Calendar: GNT finals will be held in Houston on April 5. We will schedule an 8 Is Enuf tournament for local players on that day. All other regular games will be charity games without upcharge, with the exception of April 16. This will be an ACBL wide charity game requiring additional player fees. The Dallas sectional begins April 30.

Report from Nominating Committee: Dorothy reported that we have a number of members standing as nominees for election on March 29 including: Doug Berke, Bob Dove, Kate Wickham, George Morey,

Diana Clive, Kara Jean Hawthorne, and Mike Zhu.. Dorothy will follow up with each of these nominees for Bios to be presented to the membership at large. These should be up and available by March 10. Each person elected to the Board must receive a majority of the votes from the members present.

Report from Appendices Review Committee: George has worked extensively on reviewing the language and terms of the appendices. Final review of Free Plays will reflect that: a free play will be given to a game winner when 10 tables of players are present, an Honoree is present, or a first time player is present. Appendices B and C regarding the creation of standing and special committees by the Board of Directors have also been clarified.

A motion was made by President Larz Smith appointing Rosalee Hacker CPA to review our 2024 financial statements. All approved.

Table Fees Online: Online players have been charged \$6 per session, which includes credit card and facilitation fees charged by BBO. ACBL table fees were \$1.15 per table, and up to \$5.15 for upgrade games. The January fee schedule will be \$4.20/regular game (up from \$1.15). Our understanding is that clubs with less than 100 tables will be charged at the old prices, and we should see rebates returning from ACBL. George will wait a month to see how the BBO games will sift out.

Table Fees F2F: A discussion among the board members addressed whether too many upcharge games are being absorbed each month by the ADBC. This is contributing to our financial difficulties. However, we also need to understand our competition at clubs who charge less than us because of their lack of infrastructure costs. Another point of discussion is whether to prioritize either fees or points for our players. These questions should be presented and voted on by our members at the annual meeting.

Old Business: None presented at this meeting.

New Business: An announcement promoting the annual membership meeting should be made at least 2 weeks prior to March 29. A number of materials will need to be available, including:

- Financial Statements
- Minutes from the 2024 annual meeting
- Charities List/Options and ballots for them
- Food
- Agenda
- Bios and ballots for new board member elections

Schedule for March Board Meeting: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 5 at 10:30am.

The meeting was adjourned by President Larz Smith at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Clive, ADBC Secretary

