

ADBC BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

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

Minutes of December 11, 2024: The minutes of the meeting were reviewed as presented by Diana Clive. Dorothy Moore moved to approve them as amended. Wayne seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

December Financial Report: Generally poor numbers were presented by George Morey for December 2024. However, this was expected due to the holiday season as well as increases in common fees. There is also a \$72 higher rent per month going forward.

Calendar and Special Events: We have a tentative commitment from Unit 173 to reimburse us \$50.00 per day for ADBC closings during the Dallas sectional taking place Jan 29-Feb 1. There was discussion about whether to keep the Wednesday afternoon and evening games. However, a potential 3 table game doesn't generate this much positive cash balance after overhead costs of \$62 director payments plus \$15 food and board setup allowance. If Dallas agrees to reimburse us for all days Wednesday-Saturday, Dorothy proposed we remain closed all 4 days.

February Calendar: February 8 is International Fund Day, with a player cost of \$12/person due to ACBL wide game costs of \$7.50/table. The Fort Worth Local Sectional dates have been changed to Friday February 28-Sunday March 2. We will be reimbursed by them at \$50 per day for closing of the ACBL during these dates, for 4 sessions total or \$200.00. Our special event for the month will be Wednesday February 12th as a Valentine Party. Steve Kornegay has achieved another milestone of Platinum Life Master. Dorothy will ask him when he would like to have a party held in his honor. This can stand as another special event to be held in the month of February.

March Calendar: March 10 has been designated as an ACBL wide Senior Pairs event. Denton will be holding a local sectional Thursday March 6-Saturday March 8. We will be closed in support of them on Saturday March 8.

The spring NABC will be held in Memphis from March 12-March 23. Several of our members will be attending during these days, and game directors may be difficult to find. Our annual member meeting will be held on Saturday March 29th to avoid time conflicts with the NABC.

Confirming Nominating Committee: We have 4 members who have accepted roles on this committee, including Cathy Tolliver, Karen Cook, Bob Dixon, and Marlene Round. Dorothy Moore is the Chairperson.

Set 2025 Game Fees: Mary Ellen has confirmed that our fees will remain the same for 2025. Melody proposed a "Leap Day" extra charge perhaps quarterly to help assist our financials. We should have a discussion on upcharge fees at the upcoming membership meeting.

BBO games will be set going forward at \$6.00 minimum . Assuming no loss of participation, this will be beneficial as well.

Mary Ellen will add all board members and game directors to email lists for direct receipt of email from ACBL . Doug Berke will also be added as a director.

Auction Fundraiser: Two tickets for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo including parking have been donated to ACBL. We will have a silent auction as a fundraiser. The Board expressed its appreciation to the donor.

Discussion of Unit and Sectionals: There was some discussion on whether ADBC would like to host a sectional in the future. Each Unit is allowed 4 sectionals/year. These have already been optioned for 2025 by both the Denton and Fort Worth Bridge Studios. We moved to not request one for 2025, but to reserve the option to do so for 2026.

Old Business: Unit 176 deserves a big thank you for lending us a card dealing machine for December. Larz will send a note of thanks to our contact person. Ours has been repaired now.

New Business: George is handling door lock issues with our locksmith. We need a new one, but he will need to provide pictures of our current one to the locksmith to determine the best option.

Melody initiated a discussion of potential mechanisms for inviting young people to our club, perhaps by holding a games night. Investigating our state 401(c) nonprofit license would be necessary first.

In response to an inquiry from a different club, Larz opened a discussion on whether a revenue sharing system between clubs could be created. Can regional and sectional revenues within the Unit be distributed in some proportionate way? Regional tournaments involve many units, and the workload involved would require considerable volunteer efforts from ADBC.

Schedule February Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on February 12 at 10:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Clive, ADBC Secretary