

ADBC BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY JULY 11, 2022

President George Morey called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm. Larz Smith was absent; Dorothy Moore attended via zoom due to covid; Melody Gann, Wayne Corbett and new members Nancy Peterson and Judy Floyd were at the studio. Mary Ellen Stanton, club manager, attended via zoom as a guest.

The agenda and minutes of June meeting were approved.

Nancy and Judy were welcomed as new members. With all that we've been handling and need to discuss, officer positions will be delayed until the next meeting.

REVIEW OF ADBC SECTIONAL AT GRAPEVINE: We lost money but not as much as if we'd not held the tournament—mainly because of poor attendance. The FW studio did not close. George will draft letter to Unit 183 President Cynthia Benton to express concerns and to D16 to encourage district promotion of district club tournaments. George noted an anonymous contribution to help cover expenses and a \$20 cash contribution.

CALENDAR: The July calendar is set. The July 4 watermelon social was well received, and decorations by Kim Newman were outstanding as always. Life Master parties for Sharon Stewart and Harriet Motter are in the works for either late July or sometime in August. NAP games will continue through August; Melody and Dorothy will work on other event scheduling. The club will be closed starting Wednesday Aug 31 until Labor Day September 5 to support the Dallas Labor Day Regional.

DIRECTOR & GAME ISSUES:

- Tom Moore has been ill with covid but now back; Dorothy Moore now has covid; Steve Kornegay has been ill; and Doug Berke is on vacation. Kimmel has been filling in during these absences.
- We approved a \$10 playing fee effective August 1, 2022, for all club games with no upcharge except for any very special ACBL-WIDE games (of which there haven't been any since the Covid outbreak in 2020.)
- Dorothy received a request from Tracy Stanley to resume the Tuesday am limited f2f game. There have also been requests for a nighttime game. With the club in somewhat of a flux with plans to move and uncertainty of the date we decided to postpone these decisions until we move to our new facility-- similarly for the Jack Muzzio sponsored game to honor Bill White.
- The online games have been decreasing in participation though not consistently. We decided to cancel the Thursday 9:30 am online game but 10 am Thursday online will continue.
- Since our June STaC games were all messed up and didn't count in overall awards, we will try to recover some of the money we spent to participate.

COMMUNICATIONS: Dorothy has been unable to finish the communications update. George will continue.

RANDOL MILL UPDATE: The latest we have from the contractor regarding the RM facility is that work is progressing, and he estimates mid-August for it to be ready. Even when their work is done, it will take some time for us to do our part in making it a welcoming studio for playing bridge.

STRATEGIES TO GROW GAMES: George compiled a list of suggestions from the ADBC Annual Member Meeting for us to consider:

- **Night games**
- **Promotions**
- **Expanded Schedule**
- **Education**
- **Phone Tree**
- **Partnership Desk**
- **Special Games**

In addition, Melody reminded of Tracy Stanley's suggestion to advertise on facebook and wondered how much it would cost. Dorothy said her daughter uses fb, and she will ask her about cost. Nancy would like to see a night game with a bridge book club connection where attendees take turns reviewing chapters. Melody said she'd like to help. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

We adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Gann, ADBC Secretary