

ADBC VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 6, 2020

President Steve Kornegay began the meeting about 4:40pm, Wednesday, May 6 after Dorothy Moore, Melody Gann, Theresa Brantley, Tracy Stanley, George Morey, Helen Nelson and guest Mary Ellen Stanton were logged in on ZOOM. Mary Ellen attended to report on ADBC June tournament scheduled at Grapevine Convention Center and as club manager. Many thanks to George Morey for filling in as treasurer and Helen Nelson (who had decided not to seek another term) for continuing to serve on the board. Since the membership meeting scheduled in March was cancelled because of Covid 19 health requirements for social isolation, these positions have not been filled. Dorothy Moore and Theresa Brantley who are seeking re-election also continue to serve.

OLD BUSINESS

GRAPEVINE SECTIONAL: Mary Ellen reports that Scott Humphrey and Carolyn Pinto need to know if the ADBC tournament will be held June 26-28, 2020 as scheduled at the Grapevine Convention Center. We asked Mary Ellen to determine if we could hold the tournament on a later date. Mary Ellen said not at GCC. She will check with GCC to see if there's any option where we won't lose our \$1950 deposit. [She subsequently reported that GCC could credit our deposit for next year since circumstances prevent our holding it as scheduled.]

FINANCE REPORT: George reports we're holding even through March thanks to memorial contributions for Bill White and Mickey Tryon. Without BBO receipts hard to determine revenue yet from the online games that Steve has so successfully fostered. [Subsequently, Mary Ellen reported a check for \$3295 from ACBL, BBO virtual games for ADBC.] George also suggested that Tom Moore and Mary Ellen Stanton should have their monthly stipend restored to \$30 per month since they are easily doing the same amount of work as before the Covid health shutdown with all the behind the scenes effort required. The board agreed.

George also volunteered to manage finding details of the District \$500 donation to a Go Fund Me account for unit clubs and determining if feasible for us to pursue as our unit agreed that it only made sense for ADBC and Denton have any realistic chance of utilization. We agreed to let George handle this.

George also mentioned writing checks versus etf for director fees. Dorothy said to keep her check. George will handle this.

COMMUNICATIONS: Theresa is receiving positive feedback on emails to members who are expressing interest in being informed of ADBC events and virtual game schedules.

NEW BUSINESS

BBO ONLINE GAMES: To help clubs sidelined by Covid-19, ACBL has used BBO to allow clubs to set up online games where ACBL receives a table fee while the club receives the remainder of the entry fee. Guidelines were set by ACBL to maintain fairness. Steve has worked within these guidelines and received permission from many area games for their regular players to participate in ADBC games which

have become quite successful. Since these are currently our only source of revenue, we would like to maximize participation. Tracy suggested having more limited games scheduled. We will attempt this with starting another limited game on Saturday morning. Mary Ellen agreed to direct this game. Dorothy suggested reaching out to members who have not been playing online. Tracy volunteered to help players get set up for online play (in limited numbers at ADBC studio.) Theresa will send mailer to inform members of this service and ask for them to let her know if interested. She will pass the names of those who respond to Tracy who will then contact them to set up a time.

George noted he had trouble getting on. There has been some trouble when large number try to play at same time. BBO is working on this, and Steve said it is important to register 10 minutes before game time.

Theresa inquired about the possibility of team games. Steve said they are not available at this time.

The club will participate in the Silver Linings Tournament scheduled by ACBL for virtual clubs May 25-31, 2020. Triple silver points will be awarded, and table fees will be increased. The schedule for the week will be adjusted to accommodate greater participation, and the cost determined after investigating what others are charging. Hopefully, this will help our revenue.

MICKEY TRYON'S ESTATE SALE: Via email during past month the board has discussed dealing with the problem of Mickey's estate sale (with proceeds donated to ADBC) being postponed because of covid 19. His daughter wants to put the house on the market by June, 2020; also Jeanette McDonald who has spearheaded the estate sale plans on returning to work. Theresa Brantley informed that Bill Gibson said there are buyers who give one price for the whole lot. We are investigating that and will decide what to do shortly after obtaining estimates. Steve will handle this.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: On hold for time being.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS: On hold for time being.

NEXT MEETING: Steve received request from Tracy to poll members on their wishes for when to return to the club, paying rent, alternatives for financial assistance and other concerns. Tracy asked these items be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting which was to be finished in 40 minutes since done via ZOOM adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Gann, Secretary ADBC