

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday July 11, 2016

Minutes

Members Present:

Melody Gann, Sue Gilbreath, Dorothy Moore, George Morey, Mike Peiffer, Sue Kay Reeder, Anne Ward Williams

Attending at Boards Invitation: Mary Ellen Stanton

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by George Morey at 5:08 PM.

Review of July-August Calendar for Updates

July

- Thursday 7/14 - This special game previously added at 2PM Thursday is International Fund game #2. While already on the calendar, a special email blast will be sent to members promoting this game as well as the light dinner which follows.
- Tuesday 7/19 - This game description was updated to show as a Charity game.

August

The August calendar was revisited for discussion with no required changes noted.

Setting of September Calendar

An initial calendar for September was distributed for review and comment. Noteworthy on this calendar is the following:

- ADBC will be closed 9/1-9/5 due to the Dallas Labor Day Regional in Richardson.
- Our Saturday games will be held as follows:
 - 9/17 at 1:00 PM - Unit Championship Pairs. Entrée provided, Sides and Desserts requested. (Lunch begins at noon).

- 9/24 at 1:00 PM – International Fund game. Potluck dinner at noon.
- Sunday 9/18 at 2:00 PM – Will be our only Sunday game in September. Desserts provided. Snacks requested.
- Wednesday 9/21 at 7:00 PM - Will be our Mentoring game.
- Tuesday 9/27 – Is Birthday Tuesday. Members with September birthdays play free.
- ADBC will be closed on 9/30 for the Fort Western (Unit 183) Election Sectional in Fort Worth.

ACBL Issue – New Fee Structure

Sue Kay and George will compare several months under the old and new fee structures to determine the cost impact on the club. They will report their findings to the board at the August meeting.

Director Issues

- Dorothy Moore announced that we now have arranged adequate director coverage for the entire month of July. This was accomplished with Kimmel Jones' agreement to direct additional games as may be required, and Carol Keller's expected return in the latter part of the month.
- Doug Berke has now submitted his notice of departure effective 8/3/16. He has stated that he would be agreeable to directing on some future Saturdays as may be required.
- Sheri Wolkenstein and Sue Gilbreath are currently gearing up to take the directors exam in the near future.

Proposed Bridge Workshop – October 22, 2016

A 2/1 workshop will be conducted by Chuck Burke and Caron Peck on Saturday October 22nd. We will allow the presenters until August 1st to finalize course content and materials so that we can have two months to promote the workshop. The fee for the workshop will be \$40 for ADBC members (\$50 for non-members) for all enrollees signed up by October 8th. An additional \$5 will apply to all participants signing up after that date. Attendance will be limited to 48 participants.

Arlington Sectional

The board reviewed the results of our recently conducted Arlington Sectional. Attendance as measured by table fees was down a disappointing 26%. The board suspects that principle among the reasons for this significant decline was the unfortunate confluence of ACBL events with ADBC's own STaC occurring the week of 6/13-6/19, ADBC's sectional held on 6/24-6/26, and the Austin Regional that began on 6/27 running through 7/3, and finally the Tyler Sectional which was held 7/8-7/10.

A second possible cause is suspected to have been the scheduling of Compact Knockouts Friday afternoon and the decision of "knocked out" teams to skip the Single Session Swiss event that evening.

These potential factors will be considered by the board in determining how attendance at next year's sectional might be improved.

The board agreed to the following...

- Next year's Sectional will be held June 23-25, 2017 at the Grapevine Sectional.
- The cost of all Friday and Saturday games will be increased from \$12 to \$13 per session. EZ Bridge will be \$10 per session (per person).
- The format for Swiss and KO games are subject to change.
- The charge for the Sunday game and lunch will be the same.

Sue Gilbreath, the new Tournament Chair, will review the schedule of games with the Director in Charge and propose other revisions in the coming months.

The board thanks Mary Ellen Stanton for her several years of leadership of the Arlington Sectional.

Facilities

- In response to member input that perhaps we need to upgrade our cleaning service, the board plans to obtain a few bids from alternative services. We will look at both 1) a different service and 2) cleaning more frequently. Sue will provide a quote from an acquaintance. We will also solicit a quote from our current service.
- The board is also in the process of scheduling our annual HVAC check-up.

Facilities Committee Update

The facilities committee is moving forward with its evaluation of member input regarding facilities improvements. It has met once and has a follow-up meeting scheduled next week in its efforts to assemble a final proposal to be presented to the membership at large.

Bridge Education Plan 2016

Lauren Brown has proposed to conduct a “Bridge in a Day” (BIAD) session at the ADBC studio in the near future. This session would be free to attendees with expenses reimbursed by the unit. The Board believes such a session could result in bringing in some new (currently social) bridge players into the fold, and as such should be pursued. Dorothy expressed her view that such a session would be most effective if we had three or four follow-up sessions at the ready in order to keep attendees at the initial session engaged. The board agreed that Lauren may conduct a BIAD session on Saturday, October 8, 2016.

Transfer of Webmaster Responsibilities

Bill White has agreed to resume responsibility for maintaining ADBC’s website effective immediately. Bill possesses substantial expertise in performing this function as most long time users of our website are well aware. The Board is most grateful to Bill for his willingness to take this responsibility back on. The July stipend of \$30 will be paid to Bill.

The board would also like to express its gratitude to Tom Moore for taking on this additional responsibility under emergency circumstances and keeping it up and running over the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Addendum A: Treasurer's Report

FINANCIAL RECAP

June, 2016

(Pending Receipt)