

ADBC BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Call to Order: President Larz Smith called the meeting to order at 10:05. Doug Berke, Larz Smith, George Morey, Kate Wickham, Melody Gann, and Diana Clive were in attendance at the ADBC. Mary Ellen Stanton attended by Zoom.

Minutes of November 19, 2025 Board Meeting: The minutes were presented by Diana Clive, Secretary. No further corrections were noted. Larz moved to accept them, seconded by George. All voted to approve.

Financial Report for October: George presented the reports as available to the membership. We had a number of dates during October when we were closed in support of sectionals in the area. We may have a difficult November, December, and January for table counts because of the holidays.

George reported that we have replaced our old refrigerator with a new working one that was fully funded by donations.

A request was made to remind members not to discard the water jug used by Nancy Kornegay for purified water.

The water leak seems to have been resolved. Our water bill is back in the normal range again. George will check if the Arlington utilities can give us any relief on the large bills we experienced.

Calendar and Special Events: The Dec 13 Christmas party will be a Pairs-Unit Championship. December 27 will be an 8 is Enuf Team event. Melody moved to change the point levels to increase the pools of available lower point players. Doug seconded the motion and it passed by majority vote. This results in raising the '1's point levels up to 1000, '2's will be 1001 to 2500, '3's will be '2501' plus. Dec 6 will be an open pairs Mbr game. StaC games will be held the second week of December, and Stardust games held the 3rd week. We will be closed on Christmas day and poll the regular Wednesday players on whether to hold a game on Dec 24. Denton has an I/N tournament on Dec 4-6, but we will not be closed.

Records show that we did not have a Jan 1 or 2 game at the beginning of 2025. New Years January 1, 2026 is on a Thurs. Mary Ellen will decide as usual if a Thurs game is viable.

We have earned a Golden Club Championship from ACBL to hold in 2026. This converts all points earned at the game to gold as well as snacks, advertising support, and gift certificates from ACBL. Feb 14 (Valentine's Day) was proposed as a day to hold this, to avoid conflicts with the Fort Worth Sectional and Nationals.

January games will be Junior Fund Games, and February 7 will include an ACBL wide Education Fund Game. This will be a \$12 game because of the large upcharge from ACBL to hold the game.

2026 Sanctions: We will keep all the current sanctions except for the Saturday double play and Friday evening game. There is no penalty to the annual sanction fee if we decide to add further sanctions during the year.

Selection of Nominating Committee Chairperson: One current director continuing for year 2026 must volunteer to be the Nominating Committee Chairperson. This Chairperson will recruit 4 other members to serve on the committee, who then act to recruit additional members to run for the Board. Ideally, 6 people should run for the 3 positions available on the upcoming board. George volunteered to take the lead.

Spring I/N Tournament: The successful I/N Tournament last month was held on a Sunday-Tues format. March 29-31 (also Sun-Tues) was proposed to hold another.

Setting Date for 2026 Membership Meeting: Larz proposed it be held on March 28.

Icemaker: There has been a lack of ice availability for several games recently. The icemaker in the new refrigerator would probably not have the capacity to make enough because it is sized for residential use. It would also require moving and installation of a waterline. We need to establish SOPs for directors to generate and store ice each day from the icemaker, the ice to be available for the following day. Backup bags of ice can be purchased for occasional need.

Report on I/N Tournament: Doug reported that our I/N tournament held in October was a success, raising \$1200 in profit. The director fees were our major expense. There were food expenses as well. The final spreadsheets of income and expenses will be reconciled with the bank deposits as they will be made by Dorothy.

2026 Revenue Sharing: All three clubs will be revenue sharing the 5:5:5 funds that will be distributed by ACBL in 2026. We also can hold 5 local sectional tournaments, and unlimited I/N tournaments starting in 2026. Larz proposed we hold an I/N tournament again on March 29-31. It was also proposed that a local Sectional be held in June over three days on Thurs, June 25 to Sat, June 27. We can request a sanction for these dates. However, we still need a facility with sufficient space for a minimum of 14 tables (which has been the turnout for both Denton and FW recently). We should be able to use the FW Unit 183 facility because it will be closed as a club in solidarity with our tournament. There may be a fee assessed for its use, which can be inquired of them. George wants to inquire about the new Arlington senior center as another possibility.

2026 Membership Dues: An increase in membership dues for 2026 was suggested. George motioned that dues be raised to \$50. Doug seconded the motion, and all directors present approved.

Sidewalk Sign: Kate brought in a sandwich sign on casters that could be easily modified to advertise bridge at our club. Directors would be responsible for putting it on the sidewalk before each game and returning it to the inside at the end of each game. We will have to poll our directors on their willingness to do this, as well as talk with our landlord for permission.

Old Business: Diana has identified several possible software platforms that can be used for directed and repeated donations to our club. Zeffy is one such that can be used by small nonprofits at no cost. She will investigate creating a webpage for us and present it to the membership at large at our meeting in March.

Mildred Walker Party: We will communicate with her which day in December will be best for her.

Setting Date for December Meeting: The meeting will be held at 10AM on Dec 10.

Adjournment: Larz adjourned the meeting at 11:54.