

ADBC BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025

Call to Order: President Larz Smith called the meeting to order at 10:30AM. Larz Smith, George Morey, Melody Gann, Wayne Corbett, Kate Wickham, and Diana Clive were all in attendance at the ADBC. Doug Berke and Mary Ellen Stanton attended by Zoom.

Minutes of June 11, 2025 Board Meeting: The minutes were presented by Secretary of record Diana Clive. Wayne moved for approval, seconded by Larz. All voted to approve the minutes.

Financial Report: George reported that we lost \$800 last month, but the large donation we received is masking our loss, limiting it to about \$200/month. Our Donation Day was a limited success with 5 tables in the morning and 6 tables in the afternoon. No players from the morning left without playing in the afternoon session as well. After expenses, including director fees but not including approximately \$15 ACBL table fees, we netted \$568. However, this does not reflect what we would normally gain in a single Saturday session.

Despite this effort, we haven't been able to turn our bottom line black. We have large fixed monthly costs, including \$2700 in rent, plus internet and utilities, adding up to approximately \$3400/month.

Discussion of Double Play Donation Days for the Future: Once per quarter was an agreed interval. However, we need to increase the participation by the membership. Considerable discussion arose about the timing of the double sessions at 10 and 2. It was concluded that these times are the most optimum to increase the total table count for the day, and that lunchtime was sufficient for those players who remained onsite from the morning session.

Another Double Play Donation Day at \$15/person/session will be held on August 9, then held quarterly going forward. Aug 9 will also be designated as a Club Championship day.

Calendar and Special Events: There is a Unit Championship here on Saturday July 12. We should be publicizing these more aggressively to our members and to the other clubs to encourage them to come. There is another Unit Championship sanctioned for Aug 23.

An 8 is Enuf game will be scheduled for Sat. Aug 16. Our last one had 11 tables, so this seems to be a good draw.

NAP games are scheduled for Sat. Aug 2, Mon. Aug 4, Thurs. Aug 7, Fri. Aug. 8, and Wed. Aug. 13.

Discussion About Club Closure During Dallas Regional: Larz reported that all of our Arlington game directors are planning on playing at the regional for its entire length. Therefore, directors for our day games at our club will be difficult or impossible to find. The Dallas unit has already indicated that they are willing to reimburse us for our closure during their regional sessions. If we vote to close on our smaller Sunday and Monday games, Larz will request that our total reimbursement be raised to \$350.

Final schedule: We will be closed from Wed. Aug 27 thru Mon. Sept 1.

Mary Ellen has offered to act as director for our online evening games during the week, excepting Wed. She will check on that day as well.

Charity games will be held (Charity Week) on Aug. 18, 20, 21, and 22. Charity game funds are alternated between local and ACBL charities for each sanction. These charity games on Aug. 18, 21 and 22 will be designated as local. Wed. will be an ACBL charity game. However, this does not have to be reflected on the calendar

September Calendar (Preliminary): We will be closed on Sept. 1. September will include Club Championships, Charities, and International Fund games.

Revenue Sharing: Doug has nothing new to report. Larz reports that revenue sharing will begin January 2026. The Fort Worth Sectional in October will be directed by Doug, and Ken and Consie Javor.

Our plan to hold an Arlington NLM Sectional in November as a contributor to the revenue to be shared among all the clubs depends on the endorsement of teachers at the various clubs. Several teachers polled at more distant clubs were doubtful if many of their NLM beginners will travel to Arlington. But we need to give it our best shot to hold 4 of these in this next year to generate our fair share of revenues.

July next year will be our "fish or cut bait" month before deciding if we renew our lease on our location. Or find a new location to meet only 2 or 3 times per week. Our landlord will give us plenty of time to make this decision before our lease expires Oct 2026.

Our FW Regional will be May 2026.

Calendars are Important: George pointed out that the calendars are important to our directors, so that they can determine what kind of game to set up and plan for ahead of time. We need to be more consistent on determining that our directors receive the most recent finalized ones.

Old Business: The Double Play Donation day lunch will consist of sandwiches and chips. The 8 is Enuf day will be a Salad Day. The Unit Championship will include Watermelon (Melody will plan) and Ice Cream (Kate will plan) lunch.

Director Compensation: The directors last got a raise in April of 2024. Up to \$60 for a 2.5 table base game, with \$1 per table after the minimum. Our directors do travel a considerable distance. Doug suggests simplifying the pay structure to \$5 increments. George recommends keeping the pay schedule in regard to table number, but to start at \$62. Perhaps create a defined month of the year to reevaluate the pay such as September, to take effect on January of the following year. A big asset of our club is the number of our directors. We need to be fair to them. Further discussion will be held on the topic in August.

Date for August Meeting: Larz as President will be gone. Doug as Vice President will chair the August meeting, to be held at 10:30 on Aug 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Clive
ADBC Secretary