

ACBL BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

Call to order: President called the meeting to order at 10:32. Larz Smith, Kate Wickham, Diana Clive, Karen Cook and Wilma Hill were present. Mary Ellen Stanton and Doug Berke attended by zoom.

Minutes of June 10, 2026 board meeting: Karen presented the minutes from the June board meeting. Larz motioned to approve, seconded by Wilma. All approved.

Financial Report for June: Projections continue to change due to table count. We must consider table count in the decision making of renewing the lease.

Regional tournament earned a total of \$14,375. Arlington club received \$4,792 of those funds.

Arlington club earned \$1,401 from the June Sectional tournament. Per Doug Arlington club will receive an additional \$400 from lunches.

Calendar and Special Events: Wilma has corrected the August calendar reflecting the STAC game.

Jimmy Justice and Alan Copeland would like to give a pizza party to the Arlington club to celebrate the success of the Arlington Sectional Tournament. In addition to pizza, Kate will provide ice cream. Date for pizza party is as follows:

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2026

Time: Lunch 12:30 p.m. / Game 1:00 p.m.

September calendar to show closing dates for Dallas Regional Tournament. Larz has verified dates are 9/2/2026 – 9/7/2026. This will be added to September calendar.

Wilma has volunteered to be the Arlington Special Party Coordinator for future special parties that Arlington club will host.

Update of donations to club using PayPal: All current donations through PayPal has been received by club. Diana has tested the cancellation of the recurring donations. She can cancel the recurring donation, but only through an individual PayPal account. She has removed the recurring donation button from the Arlington club website until this process is presented to the Arlington club members.

Board update on donations to Club: Karen Caton presented to the board that the Arlington Club does meet the 501c3 requirements for state and federal regulations through charity donations and education. She has given us the steps to apply to IRS for Arlington club to have 501c3 status. The steps we will take are as follows:

Step one: Karen will review the Arlington Bylaws to see if any amendment to language is necessary.

Step two: Karen will provide to the board any amendments she has made to the Bylaws.

Step three: Once board has approved amended Bylaws, we will present to the members for a vote of approval. We must have 2/3 approval from the members who attend the special membership meeting.

Step four: Once approved by members, Karen will file proper paperwork to IRS for the Arlington Bridge Club to obtain 501c3 status.

It is necessary the board meet and approve amended Bylaws 10 days prior to presenting to the club. Meeting date and time is as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m.

It is also required that the board give a two week notice to the members prior to presentation and voting. Information in regards to this change will be posted on the website for the members. This will be presented to the board at the August 8, 2026 special membership meeting.

Old Business: Diana to amend donation button on website showing donations are currently not tax deductible.

August board meeting as follows:

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Larz at 12:05 p.m.