

ADBC BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

Call to Order: President Larz Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Doug Berke, Larz Smith, George Morey, Kate Wickham, Melody Gann, Wayne Corbett, and Diana Clive were in attendance at the ADBC. Mary Ellen Stanton attended by Zoom.

Minutes of December 10, 2025 Board Meeting: Diana presented the minutes from the November Board Meeting. No corrections were noted. Larz moved to accept them, seconded by Doug. All voted to approve.

Financial Report for December: George presented a preliminary end of year financial report. He noted that we were still waiting for the funds from online games to be fully accounted for. However, we ended up the year in pretty good shape. This reflects a large \$5000 donation we received as, well as revenue increases gained by increasing game fees and stabilized table counts. He wishes to wait until the end of January before making forward projections for the next 2 years.

Playing Fees for Special ACBL Games: We have recently raised our standard game fee by \$1. We have in the past charged an additional amount for special ACBL games that have a higher fee. Larz proposed we raise our fee for these games by \$1. For example, StaC games will go from \$12 to \$13. Larz motioned, Doug seconded, all approved. The proposed playing fees are outlined in the Schedule at the end of the minutes.

Waiver of \$1 non-member charge: Some games will be designated as special games without a non-member charge. These will be noted on the club calendar as exceptions. Considerable discussion was held on whether the additional \$1 for non-members would be a deterrent to visitors from other clubs. A decision was made to revisit the question after a couple of months of potential feedback.

Future Games Requiring ACBL Registrations: ACBL wide games must be Open games and require advance preregistration with them. We will preregister for: April 30 Charity game, Longest Day game in June, Senior Pairs in September, and the Instant Match Game in October.

We will preregister our Golden Club Championship, requesting our first choice as Saturday April 11 with a backup of April 18. We will have no extra charge for non-members at this event.

Special Rank Parties: We will provide a LM party for Kamal Das to include a cake and a free play. The board approved one for Pat Cassidy as well. Joyce Anderson and Melba Clark wish to celebrate their Ruby LMs by throwing their own party with Pizza and a cake for the club, to be held on March 14.

The Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday March 28, with 2 weeks advance notice to the membership. It's going to be an important year for many reasons, and we need as much input as possible by everyone.

Local Sectional: We are awaiting a sanction for a local Sectional to be hosted by the ADBC on June 25-27. The sectional is anticipated being held at the Fort Worth Studio, but potential charges to us from the Unit for its use must be clarified.

Calendar and Special Events: Kate presented a finalized calendar for February, as well as preliminary calendars for March and April. Many of the dates in March and April have already been described.

Update on Nominating Committee: George had no update on the committee yet. Both Wayne and Melody have indicated that they will not run for board positions and will cycle off the board.

Update on 2026 ADBC Tournaments: Doug will be the Director for the I/N tournament held in March at the ADBC. The sanction has been approved. We anticipate having Swiss Teams on Sunday, and pairs on Monday and

Tues. Dorothy Moore has agreed to act as Director for the Local Sectional we will be hosting in June. We are still awaiting that sanction. We need additional volunteers for all of those.

Update on Sidewalk Sign: George hasn't approached our landlord. He will do so, but questions the value it will provide for drawing attention to our club.

Wall of Fame Guidelines: Steve and Nancy Kornegay have taken on management of the W of F. They will take member photos as needed, and post them appropriately. Going forward, only paid members of the ADBC will be found pinned there. The title of the wall should reflect that it is the ADBC Member Wall of Fame.

The Wall of Fame should also have a group photo of the current serving Board members so that others know who to come to for information and to ask questions. This will be put into action starting in March following the election.

Old and New Business: Diana opened a discussion of the club's need for a technology reboot. Tom Moore has served as our Webmaster for several years now, but no one else can pick up his 'mantle' in an emergency since our website is custom designed by him. We will need a more easily maintainable website that others can contribute to as well. Many clubs in the United States (including Fort Worth and Denton Studios) use a software package called BridgeWebs that is designed specifically for the needs of duplicate bridge clubs. It can be customized to an extent to the requirements of each club. It would cost approximately \$65/yr.

Many other clubs have designed their own websites using hosting software such as that available by Wix, WordPress, GoDaddy etc. And many of these other clubs (including those using BridgeWebs) have donation buttons clearly set on their front website home page. Diana, Doug, and possibly Karen Caton will explore our options.

Next Board Meeting (February): The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday February 4 at 10:00am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Clive, Secretary