

ADBC BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

Call to Order: President Larz Smith called the meeting to order at 10:06. Larz Smith, George Morey, Kate Wickham, Melody Gann, and Diana Clive were present. Doug Berke and Mary Ellen Stanton attended by Zoom.

Minutes of February 11, 2026 Board Meeting: Diana presented the minutes from the February meeting. Larz motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by George. All voted to approve.

Financial Report for March: George noted that paid membership is down from last year. We have 70 paid members at this time compared to 84 last year. Our table count is also down significantly. Both F2F and online. Hopefully this will bounce back after a slow February. However this has created a need to modify our projections for the coming year to keep them aligned with the current numbers we are seeing.

Calendar and Special Events: Kate presented proposed calendars for April and May. Mary Ellen Stanton has received information that the days for Royal StaC in April have expanded. Dorothy noted that we will be closed for Easter Sunday April 5. Kamal Das will have his Life Master party on Saturday April 4. We are holding our Golden Club Championship Day on April 11, where all awarded points will be Gold. This will be posted on our website for all to see, but not promoted separately to Dallas. Saturday April 25 will be an Awards Day at the Fort Worth Studio. We will close that day. April 18 will be an 8 is Enuf game. Every day in April that doesn't have a different designation will now be listed as an ACBL Charity Game. However, the instructions from ACBL suggest that some of these funds raised can be directed to local charities.

The May and June calendar high points: There is a biennial Fort Western Regional tournament from May 11-17. We are holding a Platinum Life Master party for Pat Cassidy on Saturday May 2. June 6 will be a Diamond Life Master party for Margot Hirsch. Margo and Leif want to provide lunch for the club. We voted to provide a cake for the occasion (George motioned, Diana seconded).

Revenue Sharing: The revenue sharing from the Denton Sectional resulted in about \$1300 coming to our club. The Fort Worth Sectional is projected to provide about \$1000, after food and refreshment expenses were excluded. Going forward, the cost of food and snacks are the responsibility of the host club and cannot be included as a deduction in determining the profit split. The I/N Sectional that we will be hosting is grandfathered into the previous system where food costs that are reimbursed can be subtracted from the tournament revenues.

So far, the three clubs in our Unit 183 are cooperating, and have reached a compromise that each club can hold a single game during the time of each sectional being held in the Unit.

2026 ADBC Tournaments: Because of the I/N tournament in March, the usual Monday game held by Steve will be closed. Meals for sectionals in the future will have a separate charge for meals.

Carpet Cleaning: Diana volunteered to clean the club carpeting using her home machine. Drying overnight would be sufficient. George will help with the moving of the tables and chairs, and the two of them will schedule it together during one of the days the club is closed because of the Dallas Sectional.

Sign Update: Kate presented her design for a flyer to be placed in the wheeled sign. A QR code will be added to it. Diana generated a QR code that points to our website. It is a PNG file that can be copied, resized, and dropped as any graphic image can be.

Nominating Committee Report: George has identified 4 candidates who are willing to run for Board positions. There are three slots to be voted on. The candidates will be Larz Smith, Bob Dixon, Karen Cook, and Wilma Hill. They are all paid members.

Planning for Membership Meeting: We are required to have two weeks advance posted notice about the Membership Meeting. We have met this requirement. We usually provide a meal for the meeting. Melody will be the Chairperson for arranging this. Larz has a proposed agenda, based on the similar agenda used for last year's meeting. Mary Ellen will update the membership list by Thursday March 26, and send it to George, Larz, and Diana. We will announce it at the meeting if we have an attendance quorum (20%) for addressing club concerns and board voting.

The nominating committee will be tasked with counting the ballots after they are cast.

George will print all the documents necessary for the meeting. This includes the Agenda, the Minutes from last year's meeting, the financial reports, projections, and the ballots for the board and the charities the club will vote to support. George will note in his email blast to the members that the Minutes are available on our website.

Projections for Next Three Years: George believes that the overall revenues have held up with the small increases we have instituted, but the F2F attendance has dropped. The addition of Revenue Sharing is projected to mitigate much of the rapid losses we have experienced. However, there is no guarantee that the Revenue Sharing will be continued. We will have to have a special membership meeting in July to vote on whether to sign a renewal of our lease as a club.

The ACBL Nationals will be held for 10 days in Dallas in March 2027. We will close for them. But Diana noted that this raises the question of whether it replaces either or both of the Dallas Spring Sectional and the Dallas Labor Day Regional. If not, this creates an additional 4-8 days we may have to close our club, and could greatly affect our bottom line. Larz will reach out to the Dallas club for information.

Donation Program: We have voted as a Board to use PayPal as our Payment Provider. Doug will work with George for both creating the PayPal account, and connecting it to our bank account. We can have multiple people added as authorized and authenticated managers of the PayPal account as well. Larz motioned that George, Doug, and Diana be authorized as administrators of the account for donations. Kate seconded the motion, and all voted to approve. Once activated, a piece of HTML code can be generated and customized through PayPal to create a donation button that can be added to our website or our newsletters. Ideally, this will be ready to go live, and at least one test donation made before the membership meeting. In the future, PayPal will automatically notify us whenever, and also whoever makes a donation.

Board of Directors Pictures: We will take a group picture of the newly elected Board members at the first opportunity, and post it on the bulletin board. Diana will bring a tripod at the next board meeting.

We Need More Volunteers: George suggested that we should recruit more of our membership to contribute their skills to our club needs. The Board has for too long been spread too thin over all of the work necessary to keep the keel afloat. This extends to needed volunteerism at the Regional and Sectionals that we are counting on for Revenue Sharing. We need to all do our part with donated time and skill sets.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be April 15 at 10AM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Clive
Secretary