

ACBL BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

Call to Order: President, Larz Smith, called the meeting to order 10:03. Larz Smith, Kate Wickham, Diana Clive, Karen Cook, Doug Berke, Wilma Hill, and George Morey were present. Mary Ellen Stanton attended by zoom.

Minutes of July 22, 2026 board meeting, Special Board Meeting: Karen Cook presented the minutes from July 22, 2026. Doug Berke approved, seconded by Wilma Hill. All approved.

Financial update: George Morey reviewed the July financial report which showed a decline in table counts and online club games. This is impacting fees and overall revenue. Projections indicate concerns such the declining game participation and future revenue sharing from section and regional tournaments. The July financial report currently shows a bank balance of \$34,892.42.

Calendars and Special Events: Wilma will remove the IF on September 26, 2026. Also, Wilma has confirmed a September 12, 2026 for Linda Neal's celebration. Linda will provide lunch and we will request members to bring snacks.

There will be a few corrections made to the October calendar. Board will contact Steve Shirey regarding unit championship games for 2026. We will apply for additional ones as needed. October calendar needs to show club will be closed October 1, 2, and 3rd for Denton Sectional tournament.

Update on Air Conditioner issue: The A/C technician recommended setting the temperature on 78 degrees in the evening and 75-76 during game days. Directors will be advised to set the temperature any higher then 78 when they leave for the day.

Discussion of Future of Club and Planning for Membership Meeting: ADBC continues to profit from lunch donations at unit tournaments. In addition to more donations, Doug is also needing additional volunteers to help with tournament lunches. Also, ACBL rebate is changing from 11% of ADBC membership dues to 5/5/5 split. Hopefully with this change the rebate amount will stay close to the same. Other ideas are promoting the Sunday and Tuesday games which are members with limited points (not open games). Other ideas to increase revenue is to increase game fee but not annual membership dues.

In regards to the special membership meeting Larz will open the meeting, Karen will determine if we have a quorum, and George will have July financial reports and projections printed for distribution to members. Once he has reviewed with members, Larz will introduce Karen Caton to present the changes to Articles and ByLaws for a change to a 501c3 (we are currently a 501c4 status.) Once changes have been presented to members, a hand vote will be taken for approval. A required two-thirds vote is required for approval to any change to Articles and ByLaws. Once this is complete George will review the financial along with 2027 and 2028 projections with the members. He will review the parameters of the new lease agreement. Once he has presented to the members a hand vote will be taken. Majority vote is required. If time is available Diana will advise members that a button has been added to the website for donation through PayPal. Also, Doug will let members know volunteers are needed and how to let him know either by signing sheet on white board or using QR code.

Set date for September Board meeting: Meeting set for September 9, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by George at 11:30 a.m.