

ADBC BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

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

Minutes of May 14, 2025 Board Meeting: The minutes presented by Melody Gann were approved with all corrections submitted by board members.

Financial Report: George presented an update on our current financial status. Things are going somewhat better subsequent to the generous donation of \$5000 from a member at the annual membership meeting. We have also received \$450 from Units 176 and 183 as reimbursements for our closures during their recent Sectionals. We won't have any idea what the consistent income coming from BBO Clubhouse games will be, but it has been approximately \$250/month this year. And summer table counts are more variable because of vacations among our membership. Unfortunately, we still have a net revenue loss of about \$920 per month for the first 5 months of 2025. Our current lease expires on Oct 31, 2026.

Update on Vacuum Cleaner: Doug has purchased a new one from Amazon. He will be reimbursed by George.

Calendars and Special Events: Kate presented preliminary calendars for July and August. July is NAP month, with one NAP event per sanction allowed. We will set NAP games for Saturday, July 5, Monday July 7, Wed. July 9, Thurs. July 10, and Friday July 18. These avoid most conflicts with the San Antonio Regional running June 30-July 6. A POP UP game will be held on Saturday July 19. A Hot Diggity Dog game will be included with the NAP game on July 5.

NABC fundraiser games online will also be held in early July. Online games special events planning is generally deferred to the Directors of those games.

A Unit Championship game will be held on July 12. Up to 24 per year are allowed per Unit and cost us very little extra to ACBL. Club Championships can be scheduled 2X per quarter per sanction. These will be held July 2, 3, 11, and 14.

Revisions/Additions to the June calendar include a Longest Day for Alzheimer's on June 18. Director fees for this game have been donated in the past. George will publicize the availability of a link (set up by Dorothy with ACBL) for additional anonymous donations, with an additional anonymous match from another donor. June 21 will be a Double Play Donation Day.

August calendar will include a POP UP on Saturday Aug 30, and a Unit Championship game on Aug 23.

September will be International Fund month.

Old Business: Doug reported that Unit representatives from clubs that maintain a commercial establishment did meet. The Unit Board of Directors has approved a revenue sharing requirement

among the 3 clubs to begin in June 2025, Denton pointed out that revenue sharing from Sectionals will decrease their income. They generally hold 2 Sectionals per year, and Fort Worth hold 2 as well. Revenue sharing decreases their share of the pie. Neither club is volunteering to release one of these prerogative sectionals to us. Can we identify a location to hold a Unit wide Sectional that will be larger, and create a larger income stream to divide among the 3 different clubs? Denton requests that the revenue sharing not be implemented until 2026 after mechanisms to fairly raise the funds among all three clubs have been identified. Could Arlington hold 2 NLM Sectionals in 2026 as our contribution to increase the total income to the overall shared 'pot'? They cost much less to fund the directors and logistics. We will need to find a way to contribute approximately \$3000 to promote equity among all three clubs. With additional revenue shared from Sectionals and Regionals in our unit, we may be more viable in the long term. It is a current unknown how many NLMs will participate given that ACBL members are largely already LMs. A table limit of 25 tables will unlikely be a problem. These NLM Sectionals will need to be well promoted in the other clubs as well.

Pursuant to this, we should hold a NLM Sectional in 2025 as a trial to assess the potential of such an approach. It must be scheduled around all the other tournaments already on the calendars. It can be over 1-3 days. Probably on a Saturday, Sunday and Monday to mitigate effects on our regular larger games. This has been a successful approach used by FW. Doug, Steve, Tom and Dorothy will need to conference on potential dates to apply for a sanction for such an event from Scott.

The upcoming Regional in 2026 for Unit 183 (every other year) will be at the DFW Hyatt.

Additional New Business: None raised.

July Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held at 10:30 on Wednesday, July 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Clive
ADBC Secretary