

ADBC BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Call to Order: President Larz Smith called the meeting to order at 10:40. Larz Smith, Dorothy Moore, Melody Gann, Wayne Corbett and Diana Clive were present at the studio. Mary Ellen Stanton and Judy Floyd attended by Facetime video and audio.

Minutes of February 12, 2025: The minutes of the meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously as amended.

Financial Report: The Board postponed a review of the February financial report until George Morey returns from his travel. He will present them to the membership at large at the Annual Meeting to be held March 29, 2025.

Calendar and Special Events: The March calendar will include St. Patrick's Day game, Melody will arrange for corned beef and cabbage as a snack for the game play.

Going forward from March, Thurs and Friday game communications will include emails from both Mary Ellen and Melody to clarify game statuses for those days.

April Calendar: Diana Clive will be recognized at her Life Master party on April 2. Cake will be provided by the ADBC, and food will be offered at 12:00 with game play to begin at 12:30. The club will also hold an 8 is Enuf tournament on April 19.

Closing for Dallas Sectional: There was considerable discussion on whether to close the ADBC for the upcoming Dallas Sectional in April, and request reimbursement from their unit of \$250 as compensation for our closure. George had presented an analysis estimating that we would be foregoing a potential profit of over \$300. Larz had a differing analysis given that we would lose at least two tables of players because of the tournament, and that directors will be hard to find if we remain open. Larz proposed we close but request \$300. We would accept \$250 if necessary. All approved the motion. Subsequent to this meeting, Dallas did agree to \$300.

Limited opportunities for holding Local Sectionals have created questions on fairness across the Unit 183 clubs. We will approach the Board of District 16 to perhaps not limit us to only 4 Sectionals per year per Unit.

Presentation by Doug Berke: Doug presented ideas for mitigating the continuing deficit the ADBC is experiencing. All of been under discussion for some time. The financial status of the ADBC will be raised at the Annual Membership Meeting. The current lease ends Oct 26, 2026 with an option for renewal. Unfortunately, with the losses to the ADBC each month, this is also the time frame when our bank funds will be exhausted.

One idea presented is to hold a fund raiser game, taking reservations for table seats.

Preparation for Annual Membership Meeting: Mary Ellen will send Diana a list of 2025 paid members eligible for voting at the meeting. Diana will bring a cash box, and create a form from the list to check in members as they arrive, and capture the personal information of additional members who pay on site. Melody will create an In Memoria list of members who have passed in 2024 since our last Annual Meeting, similar to one created by her for last year's meeting.

Dorothy needs biographies from Board candidates to post on our ACBL website to inform our members on candidate backgrounds. She will also create ballot forms for the Board elections, as well as ballot forms for electing charities we will be contributing to. These charity forms should be put in the suggestion box by our members by the April 7 Board meeting. The nomination committee will be responsible for counting Board election votes at the meeting.

A topic for discussion at the Annual Meeting will include asking our members whether we should prioritize points per session or be more simply play driven. Or in other words, should we charge more for special games with more expensive table costs, or continue to try and absorb those costs?

Old Business: None

New Business: Dorothy has continued her Sunday and Tuesday teaching games. They are lightly attended, but breaking even financially for the club. More importantly, we are gaining new members from her efforts.

Subsequent to that, Larz proposed we hold a Mentor/Mentee game once a month wherer Mentors will not be expected to pay to play. Do we need to change our ACBL sanction for a Sunday Pro-Am? Perhaps we can opt to begin this one Sunday in April.

April Board Meeting: The April Board Meeting will be held on Monday April 7 to facilitate participation later in the week at the Longview, TX regional tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Clive, ADBC Secretary