President Sally Blewett called the meeting to order with the following Board Members in attendance: Phyllis Ryan, Norma Crane, Patsy Pierce, Barney Hammer, Pat Bell, Martha Sigler, Kris Cherry, Hugh Smith, Liz Karnicki, John Smalley and E.W. Sweeney. Absent members were Jack Evans, Bobbi Robinson, and Juinez Moss. The minutes from the December meeting were read and one correction was made. Liz Karnicki was added as one of the hosts for Connor Smith's Life Master Party. John Smalley presented the Board with financial reports from December, January, and the 2011 year. He also reported that the plumbing and parking lot projects are finished at this time. Phyllis gave the report from Orange. The attendance there is still low.

A report came from Bobbi that they are having regular games in Lufkin now.

Betty Poindexter sent a report to the Board that things are going well with the Sam Rayburn Club.

We also received a report that Agnes Sparks is the new club manager for the club in San Augustine.

In Unfinished Business, Membership Chair, Barney Hammer showed the Board a copy of the new ACBL brochure. He will be sending brochures to all the clubs in the unit. He will continue to work on revising a membership list for the unit. Also, in unfinished business, Liz reported on the progress of planning an Intro to Duplicate game for party bridge players. When the numbers increase, a date will be announced. Norma Crane gave a report on the upcoming Spindletop Tournament scheduled for Feb. 23-26. She stated that things are going well and food sign-up sheets are out now.

There was a discussion about paying a worker for the kitchen for all 4 days of the tournament. Pat moved that the Board hire a worker for the tournament. Martha seconded the motion and the Board gave their approval.

In New Business, the 499er Tournament dates were set as August 24-26, 2012. Kris Cherry and Donna McFerrin will co-

chair this tournament. Also, in new business, Patsy stated that things are going well with plans for the Regional Tournament. This tournament will be held at the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn on October 15-21, 2012.

There was a discussion about drinking at games. John stated that our insurance policy does not address the issue. Sally will consult with Marilyn Adams and Miriam Cooper about composing a policy statement on this matter for the club. There was a discussion about the possibility of changing the Wednesday morning game point limits from 300 to 500. John explained that we have games available for all levels. No action was taken.

A Life Master Party for Liz Karnicki is being planned for April 28. The people planning this party are Juinez and Don Moss, Pat Bell, Gretchen Glass, Ann Montgomery, Norma Crane, and Betty Kirwin.

Congratulations to Frankie Hall and Earl Johnson for receiving their Life Master points. Dates for their parties are to be arranged.

Barney moved to adjourn. Norma seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Cherry, Secretary