The Board meeting was called to order by President Sally Blewett. E. W. Sweeney, Hugh Smith, Phyllis Ryan, Patsy Pierce, Kris Cherry, Pat Bell, Liz Karnicki, Barney Hammer, and John Smalley were all in attendance. The members that were absent were Jack Evans, Norma Crane, Juinez Moss, Martha Sigler, and Bobbi Robinson.

The minutes of the Feb. 13 meeting were approved. John presented the financial reports for the months of February, March and the Spindletop Sectional Tournament. The Lufkin club reported that Bobbi Robinson had reached Silver Life Master. Congratulations, Bobbi!

In Unfinished Business, John reported that the plumbing issues were over. He also said that the leak in the ceiling in the back room was being addressed. Barney gave the membership report. We set a goal of 7 new members and have already reached 9 new members. Liz stated that the plans are underway for the special game to introduce Duplicate Bridge to new players. The May 17th game will begin with a lunch at 12:00 and sign up sheets will be out soon. Plans are going fine for the October Regional. The discussion continued about liability and drinking at games. Sally talked to Marilyn Adams and John reviewed our policy with the insurance adjuster. The Bridge Studio is not selling or providing liquor so, concerns about liability are diminished. The discussion was tabled and no action was taken.

In New Business, Betty Poindexter will be the chairman for the Neches River Festival King's Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 27th. The Nominating Committee will consist of Patsy Pierce (Chairman), Hugh Smith, and E. W. Sweeney. Pat moved to compensate Patsy with a dozen free plays each year for writing for the Scorecard. Barney seconded the motion and it passed. Liz moved to have Sally and Patsy purchase an appropriate gift not to exceed \$50.00 to give to Pat Bell in recognition of her being first in the District and 4th in the ACBL Minnie McKinney race. Barney seconded the motion and it passed. There was a discussion about getting a director's chair and it was decided to let the director's pick out the chair they want. There was a discussion about complaints about late plays during games. In the open games, the usual time limit is 7 minutes a board. Picking up boards and giving no plays is at the discretion of the Director for the game.

The hostesses for Liz Karnicki's Life Master Party on April 28th are Juinez and Don Moss, Pat Bell, Gretchen Glass, Ann Montgomery, Norma Crane,

and Betty Kirwin. A 1950's theme (wear appropriate attire) and hamburger cookout are planned. Also, don't forget to write something in the Book for Liz. The Life Master Party for Earl Johnson is being planned for June 16th. The Life Master Party for Frankie Hall is not scheduled yet.

We will have Silver Point Games the week of May 14th through May 20th. The membership meeting will be Monday, June 4th.

Pat moved and Barney seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Cherry, Secretary