

**Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association
Annual Members Meeting
December 4, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ronnie Raspberry at 7:05 pm announcing this meeting was the annual meeting for the election of officers for 2008. There were 26 present which included 7 Board of Directors and 2 guests.

Lon Babcock made a motion to re-elect Sandy Babcock as one of the Vice Presidents. Ronnie Raspberry stated that nominations would not be accepted at that point. He said that he would like to make a change and revise the By-Law that was passed last year regarding the election of officers and their terms of office. Ronnie's suggestion was to have an election of officers once a year as been done in the past due to the lack of member participation in the election at the TGC Invitational that was held in May. Lon Babcock made the motion and was seconded by Bill Cannon. The motion was passed. At this time, Ronnie accepted nominations for all positions. Your Officers and Board of Directors for 2008 are:

President	Ronnie Raspberry
Chairman of the Board	Bobby Blankenship
Vice Presidents	Sandy Babcock Ritchey Robin Craig Sharry
Secretary	Charlynn Sharry
Treasurer	Helen Halbison
Board of Directors	Don Canterbury Bill Cannon Lon Babcock (Past President) Jack Sanchez (Past President)

Walt Stiefer asked why the members were not notified sooner about the meeting. He stated that it was voted on at the October meeting that meeting notices would be sent out two weeks prior to the meeting. He made a motion to delete the statement from the prior minutes, seconded by Lon Babcock. It was put to a vote and passed. He also wanted to know why the meeting place for the annual meeting had been changed without the vote of the members. Sandy Babcock explained that we were unable to book space at Havens Landing and Valley Lodge was booked tentatively in case we need the space.

Ronnie asked for Board of Directors Reports.

A motion was made by Lon Babcock and seconded by Don Canterbury to approve the minutes that were published, except for the change discussed earlier concerning when the meeting notice would be sent out.

Helen Halbison gave the treasurer report. A motion was made to approve the report and seconded. All bills are paid. Helen also stated that she is getting a great response from the members renewing their membership.

Craig Sharry announced that TGC now has a new server for the website and hopes that this will alleviate the problems he and Buelle Hill had been having. The website is up and running and all information was up to date, including Cooker of the Year points.

Ritchey Robin discussed the Masons wanting to have another cookoff at Weiser Airport. The representatives are trying to have two cookoffs per year, one in March or April and the other in October.

Don Canterbury discussed the cookoff in Douglas and what a great time he and Jan had. Said he would like to see more Texas Teams next year.

Sandy and Lon Babcock also discussed the cookoff in Douglas and how great the Texas teams did in the standings. Out of 6 teams, 5 teams got a bell. Sandy also announced that there would be special guests at the Hold'em and Hit'em cookoff in January and that Kell Phelps of the National BBQ News was planning to cook. Carlene and Joe Phelps will be joining him on the trip from Georgia.

Ronnie Raspberry stated that he and Roycie had a wonderful time in Douglas and hope they get to go back next year. Fun time had by all.

Ronnie took this opportunity to welcome the new members that were present and had them introduce themselves.

Walt Stiefer asked why pork butt would be included at the Invitational this year. He felt this was not something that should be put into the points standing at the last cookoff of the year (for points). He felt that if pork butt was going to be included that it should be in an Open category. Craig Sharry made a motion to include the pork butt as one of the meat categories, to be counted in the points for Grand Champion and points for Cooker of the Year. Mark Busey seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

There was a discussion regarding the election of officers and it was asked if the nominations could be made and voted on through the TGC website. This way more members could get involved and their votes would count. As it stands now, a member must be present to vote. Craig Sharry said he would look into it before the next election.

Door prizes were given throughout the meeting. Everyone present received a prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Halbison, Treasurer