

**Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association
Minutes – Regular Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Sharry at 7:10 pm. There were 23 members present.

Everyone introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Sandy Babcock and seconded by Randy Francis to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and to approve them as published in the meeting notice/newsletter.

Robin Myers gave the Treasurer's report. All bills are paid. As of November 30, 2011, there were 138 paid members. Our newest member is Allan Freeman, who was present at the meeting. A motion was made by Lon Babcock and seconded by Don Canterbury to approve the report.

New Business

Nominating Committee:

President Craig Sharry reported that he failed to put together a Nominating Committee at the October meeting. He is going to pick the Nominating Committee at tonight's meeting. They will then bring a slate to the January meeting. Members present at the January meeting will have the ability to make nominations from the floor. A person does not have to be present to be nominated. The ballots will be mailed out at the end of February. The election results will be announced at the April meeting. The Nominating Committee members will be as follows:

Board Member – Robin Myers
Advisory Committee – Bobby Blankenship
General Membership – Don Canterbury

Please let a member of the Nominating Committee know if you are interested in running for an office.

Sanctioning Contact Person:

Roycie Raspberry has had to step down from this position for personal reasons. President Craig Sharry expressed a huge thank you on behalf of the members of TGBCA for taking care of these duties. We are now in need of someone to step and take over this position. This person or persons will be responsible for getting containers as well. The following people volunteered to take over the duties:

Ed & Robin Myers
Allan Freeman

By Laws & Rule Changes:

Any new rule changes would take effect at the first cook-off after the TGBCA Invitational that is held in May. Please submit any rule changes, that you feel would be beneficial, to any Board Member and they will bring it to the General Membership. The Board will be having a meeting in February or March and all suggested rules changes must be submitted before that meeting. The rule changes will then be in the April meeting notice. Members must be present at the April meeting in order to vote on the rule changes.

TGBCA Sanctioned Cook-Off Updates:

4th Annual American Legion – The rules that are currently on the TGBCA website are wrong. We are working on getting an updated copy. There is \$3000 in prize money, which is based on 35 teams competing. As of this meeting, there were 10 teams, could have as many as 24.

New Caney/Porter Ag Boosters – This event has changed dates. It is now scheduled for January 6th & 7th. Mary Lynn is the head judge.

Hold'Em & Hit'Em – The burn ban has been lifted, which means they can have more teams.

San Antonio Rodeo – The event is currently full with 256 teams.

Grimes County Go Texan – Terry Swanson has agreed to be the head judge.

Humble Rodeo – It is currently fully, with 90 teams. The entry fee was raised to \$200.

VFW 4709 – It was a fun event. There were not as many teams as they have had in the past. The burn ban was in effect, which resulted in changes to where they put the teams.

Harris County Fair – It went good. Everyone had a fun time. The ability to leave Saturday with an escort worked out fine.

Knights of Columbus – This was a great cook-off. They ended up taking 27 chickens to the finals. Unfortunately, there were seven de-queued chickens. There were 50 teams entered.

Firefest – This was a new event. The Grand Champion was Luke Mauro. There had to be one token firefighter on each team. It was well organized and there were 36 teams.

Meat Me in Bulverde – Mary Lynn Gammill judged this event. There was a rodeo on Saturday night. The cookers also had power.

3rd Annual Jimmy Wells Memorial BBQ Cookoff – The competitors had to turn in a turkey breast in order to qualify for Grand Champion. The event went well.

Diamonds & Dollars – They had a great turnout with 33 teams. The event was held at Papa's Ice House and they have great burgers.

Huntsville American Legion – There was only nine teams, so event was not sanctioned. Jill Blankenship was Grand Champion, winning two first places and one second place.

Lang Chapman is training to be a judging official.

Other Cook-Off Updates:

Best of the Best in Georgia – Howard Muniz was awarded a bell for winning second place brisket. They sang Happy Birthday to Don at the awards ceremony. Lon & Sandy Babcock were presented with the Ambassadors of BBQ award – the presentation was done by Rocky Danner.

American Royal in Kansas City – Glenn Jarrett represented TGBCA well.

Jack Daniels in Lynchburg – Craig Sharry won sixth place ribs.

Sam's Challenge – Glenn Jarrett went to Bentonville, AR, after winning Grand Champion at the Fort Worth regional event. They had a good time.

It has been a good year for TGBCA members that are cookers.

With no other business to conduct, a motion was made by Lon Babcock and seconded by Teresa Muniz to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The annual Christmas drawings were held after the adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlynn Sharry, Secretary
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