



# TGCBCA

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## Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association Minutes – Regular Membership Meeting Tuesday, January 5, 2010 – Valley Ranch Grill & BBQ

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Craig Sharry. He thanked everyone for coming after introducing himself to those attending the meeting. He then had the Board members introduce themselves.

### General Business

The minutes from the TGCBCA Regular Membership Meeting held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, were published in the Meeting Notice and on the TGCBCA website. A motion was made by Sandy Babcock and seconded by Lang Chapman to accept the minutes as published. The motion passed.

Helen Halbison gave the treasurer's report. Ritch Robin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read, Gordon Bevil seconded the motion. The motion passed.

She then went on to say the only 84 members had renewed their dues for 2010. Members dues need to be in by January 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be eligible to cook in the Invitational in May. Dues also need to be in to continue receiving the National BBQ news. She also reminded the members that Hold'em & Hit'em was coming up the weekend of January 15<sup>th</sup>. Dues are \$25./person and \$40./couple.

Craig gave the president's report:

- He feels that this organization has not reached it's potential... we should be able to handle more cookoffs, but in order to take on more cookoffs we need to expand our judging base... he encourages people to talk to the current judges to find out what judging entails... not all people need to be Judging Officials... being willing and available to help would be a blessing to the TGCBCA Judging Officials!
- This organization belongs to all of us, in order to get what we want out of it, we must put more of ourselves into it. There have been insinuations that things within the organization aren't fair... in order to grow we need to put this type of issue to rest. If a member needs to complain, he/she needs to call Craig. If a member feels something is wrong at an event, they need to bring it to the head judging official's attention right away instead of telling the cooker next to them or waiting until the awards ceremony to complain.
- Our number one and most important goal for this year is to get everyone talking to one another not back biting.
- Our website has a place to post pictures, either send them to Craig or post them yourselves.
- He's heard that the cooker of the year point system isn't fair... trust the board to work on this to make sure they are.
- If you have an issue for the board, call a board member to make sure it is discussed at a board meeting.

### Old Business

- Craig mentioned that Roycie has removed the Ladies Softball cookoff in Spring from the schedule... he had no idea why it was removed, but the cookoff for the kidney foundation in Spring is still on.
- Sandy Babcock mentioned that the Grimes County cookoff was coming up at the end of January. This is a Go Texan event. Counties outside of the Houston metro area (Harris county and the 7 surrounding counties) hold events to decide who will represent them at the HLSR BBQ held prior to the rodeo each year.
- Jill Blankenship reminded everyone that the Sour Lake BBQ is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of April.

## **New Business**

- Jarid Brown wanted to thank the people that came out to the Harris County Youth Fair to help him even though they didn't get enough teams to have their BBQ sanctioned. He and his buddies are going to start advertising earlier this year.
- Gordon Bevil suggested that we try to get everyone's email address so that 'thank you notes for participating' could be sent to cooks after a cookoff. It was further suggested that maybe this idea should be included in the promoter's packets as it is the promoter that would be sending them out.
- Sandy Babcock and Dolo Patterson agreed that adding 'sanctioned' to a promotion flyer up front would help bring in more cooks for a cookoff. They suggested that an email to members to find out what items the promoter, judging officials, etc. would like to have them do might be beneficial. Craig volunteered to take this on.
- Craig said that a Facebook site has been created as a tool to help facilitate reminders about cookoffs, etc. when Jill Blankenship approached him about setting one up. He is also asking her to check into Twitter for the same reason.
- Cherlynn Engel asked about privacy issues dealing with Facebook and Twitter... Jill said she would discuss this with her after the meeting.
- Craig wants to add two more meetings to the calendar this year with the idea in mind of using a couple of new locations for these meetings. This idea has been brought up numerous times, but never seems to get off the ground. He suggested a meeting in March and one in September. These meetings would be held at the American Legion Hall across from Ellington Field on Highway 3 in March and at the VFW Hall on Waverly in April. Then in July we would meet at Valley Ranch again... SRO's was brought up as a possible meeting place... Craig feels it is hard to conduct a business meeting in a bar... Robin Myers said they have a meeting room so business would not be conducted in the bar proper. Gordon Bevil felt we ought to give it a try.
- Glenn Jarrett asked that we have a Directors meeting before the next regular meeting either the week of January 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. He will email the board members about this.
- Bobby Blankenship said that cooks need to get their checks in for the Humble Rodeo Cook-off as they are close to being full.
- Lang Chapman asked if there were a way to pay for cook-offs online. The answer to this is no because each cookoff is conducted by a different entity and they are the ones that collect entry fees for their own cookoffs.
- Bobby Blankenship also mentioned that notes from the past two years indicated that TGCBCA would pay the entry fee for a team for several cookoffs ie. Hold'em & Hit'em, the Invitational, etc. Only one entry fee was given away since this rule(?) was made. And that was for the Invitational last year in 2009. Craig said this would be addressed at the next board meeting.
- Tickets were drawn for the door prizes.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Dolo Patterson and seconded by Ritch Robin, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next regular membership meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd, at 7:00 pm at The American Legion Hall on Highway 3 off of I-45 South.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lutringer, Secretary  
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