

**Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association  
Minutes – Regular Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, July 15, 2008 – Valley Ranch Grill & BBQ**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by President Ronnie Raspberry.

The minutes from the TGBCA Regular Membership Meeting held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, were published in the Meeting Notice. A motion was made by Lon Babcock and seconded by Kenny Maggard to accept the minutes as published. The motion passed.

Secretary Charlynn Sharry read the minutes from the Board Meeting that was held on Friday, June 8, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new Cooker of the Year point system.

President Ronnie Raspberry recognized guests – Jeffrey Hiner and Roger Koepe.

Helen Halbison-Treasurer - gave a report to the members present. All bills are paid. We will be selling raffle tickets at the Invitational for the pit that was donated by Gator Pit.

The Membership Committee (Kenny Maggard, Muriel Wyland, Roycie Raspberry, and Helen Halbison) reported that TGBCA signed up six new members this week. The current membership is at 218 members.

Craig Sharry-Vice President – reported that the TGBCA website got a facelift. It has been completely redesigned. He encouraged everyone to take a look and to please take pictures at cook-offs. The website will be kept updated. The Cooker of the Year point system will be posted on the website.

Ritch Robin – Vice President – reported that he is working on getting another cook-off sanctioned for TGBCA.

**General Business**

Roycie Raspberry is handling the information regarding new cook-offs now that Sandy Babcock is retired. Sandy's name has been taken off the website as the contact for new cook-offs.

Head Judges will need to get their containers from Ronnie Raspberry.

A question was asked about how sanctioning works. The time period for sanctioning should be at least 30 days, with the preference being 90 days. Promoters need to look at available weekends, keeping in mind that the further out the date is, the greater potential for a larger number of teams participating.

The information for the Promoter Packets is on the TGBCA website.

Craig Sharry reported that there are items with the TGBCA logo on them that are for sale on CafePress. The fee has been paid for one year. Please check out what is available. The whole purpose of this endeavor is to raise money for the organization, which can be used for more payout at the Invitational or another page in the National BBQ News. Also, TGBCA has a sponsor page on its website. There are currently four businesses on it. This is available to all members. It is \$25.00 per month. If you are interested, send your logo and a write-up to Craig and he will get it posted. In addition, you can advertise on the TGBCA page in the National BBQ News for \$75.00.

**New Business**

There is a need for a Head Judging Class. A possible date is August 9<sup>th</sup> and possible locations are Valley Ranch or the VFW in Conroe. As plans are confirmed, they will be posted on the TGBCA website.

The next regular membership meeting is Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at Valley Ranch Grill & BBQ.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlynn Sharry, Secretary  
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