

**Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association
Minutes – Regular Membership Meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 2009 – Valley Ranch Grill & BBQ**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Glenn Jarrett.

The minutes from the TGBCA Regular Membership Meeting held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, were published in the Meeting Notice. A motion was made by Buelle Hill and seconded by Craig Sharry to accept the minutes as published. The motion passed.

General Business

The invitational:

- Helen Halbison gave the treasurers report and indicated that the handling of the money during the invitational went well. The promotional weekend price this year was \$50.00 for the two nights and two of the buildings were free. No one at all complained about site costs this year.
- Further discussion included:
 - Robin White asked about the cost for setups...
 - All members need to check on spots/cabins for next year to be sure there is a location held for them... talk to Jodie to determine what the price of your particular spot will be... John Stone mentioned that he already has his reservation for next year...

New Business

Upcoming Cookoffs:

- Someone said no rules were posted as yet for the cookoff at the end of July... Bobby & Jill Blankenship said they would probably act as judges for this one...
- Sandy said a cookoff in East Montgomery is coming up... other upcoming events mentioned were the Knights of Columbus, the Harris County Fair and the Elks in Huntsville...
- Ronnie Raspberry again said we need more people to be head judges if we're going to sanction more BBQ events. Sandy & Lon said there would be a judging class scheduled if the interest is there.
 - Ann Lutringer & Buelle Hill are to send out emails checking to see if anyone is interested in taking the judging class. Ann to send to TGBCA members and Buelle to send to 1200 other people. Lon will write 'Judging Basics' to give to them for distribution.

TGBCA address list:

- Ann Lutringer mentioned that when mailing out the reminder for the meeting, about 30 emails were returned as undeliverable... while only one notice mailed out had come back... Jill Blankenship offered to help clean up the email addresses.
- Bobby Blankenship then said the membership list ought to be split for notifications, one for email and one for mailing... those on the email list would not be notified via a mail out, therefore, saving the cost of postage, paper and envelopes... Buelle agreed. Helen said this had been tried before and that if we wanted an indicator could be put on the membership renewal form...

Powder Puff Cookoff:

Bobby Blankenship asked about the results from this cookoff... he'd heard that there were 13 teams. Jared Burns confirmed that this was true. Jared's wife Ronnie cooked.

Membership:

- Craig Sharry brought up the idea offering classes and get guest speakers to draw people in... Glenn Jarrett agreed saying he thought it might encourage more people to join TGBCA...
- Craig further said he thought there should be 2 or 3 people 'teaching' each class so the work could be split up, Buelle felt there should be handouts and possibly a charge to attend...
- Lon Babcock said we could approach places like Academy and Bass Pro Shops to see if they would like to 'co-sponsor' an event like this...

- Glenn, Craig, Robin White and Tom Engel will come up with a plan to present to the organization.

State Championships:

- Tom Engel wanted to know why other BBQ associations have state championship cookoffs and we don't...
 - According to Sandy this needs to be initiated by a cookoff's promoter and most won't bother with it as the governor needs to proclaim it a state championship...
 - If a cookoff qualifies for a state championship, then it should be mentioned in the promoter's packet...
 - Jill Blankenship looked into it last year and will re-visit it to see what more may need to be done to get a cookoff qualified...
 - Tom and Ronnie Raspberry are willing to write letters if necessary to get some of our cookoffs set up as state championships.
 - Winners of 'state championship' cookoffs are invited to Jack Daniels, etc.; Jack Daniels, etc. are notified by Helen Halbison.

Website:

- **Updates**
 - Craig has updated the website with pictures from the Humble cookoff
 - He has also started to work on a photo gallery that TGBCA members can update on their own...
 - Buelle said that ability should only be available to TGBCA members or maybe members should send their pictures in to a committee for approval before they get posted...
 - There should be a limit to the number of pictures that can be posted at one time or by one member at a time...
- **Pictures**
 - Roycie mentioned that the cooker of the year picture impressed quite a few people and maybe it should be left on the site until the next cooker of the year is awarded.
 - Other pictures could be set up to be rotated.

With no other business to discuss, Lon moved and Buelle seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next regular membership meeting is Tuesday, Oct.6th, at 7:00 pm at Valley Ranch Grill & BBQ.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lutringer, Secretary
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