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### Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association Minutes – Regular Membership Meeting Tuesday, July 6, 2010 – Valley Ranch Grill & BBQ

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Craig Sharry. He thanked everyone for coming, and, asked everyone to introduce themselves giving their team name and/or status within the organization.

#### General Business:

Helen Halbison gave the treasurer's report. Charlynn Sharry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read, Sandy Babcock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### President's report:

- Because the number of attendees for the last meeting held at the VFW on Waverly, Craig would like to have the next regular membership meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> held there... Bobby Blankenship verified that this date was available.
- Craig then mentioned that there was prior discussion about the Annual meeting in December being held on a Saturday instead of on a Tuesday as it has been for the past several years. Cookoffs (Cut & Shoot and Jimmy Walker Memorial were mentioned) being held in December are beginning to preclude the possibility of scheduling it on a Saturday. It could possibly be moved to January because only Hold'em & Hit'em is scheduled at the beginning of the year... but at this point, the Annual meeting will be held at Ranch Grill & BBQ on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Many thanks to Jill for organizing the potluck supper held on Friday evening at our Invitational held in Conroe in May.

#### Old Business

- Cookoffs held lately:
  - Craig asked how the cookoff in Huntsville went the previous weekend... Ann Lutringer reported that there weren't enough teams to sanction the event, but she and Curtis helped them with the judging anyway... the only cost to the organization were the containers which were paid for by the American Legion.
  - He then mentioned that we'd had several good cookoffs since our last meeting, The Invitational (in Conroe), the Hardin County MusicFest BBQ (in Kountze) and Napa Auto Parts (in Houston) were held in May to name a few...
    - Napa, held the weekend before Memorial Day, had about 25 teams, but probably has room for 50.
  - Charlynn Sharry reported, as Official Judge, that Harold & Muriel Wyland did a great job organizing the Rusty Rooster Cookoff in May, there were 38 teams.
  - Mary Lynn Gammill was the Official Judge for the cookoff in Bandera. They had 12 teams, \$10. Was charged for electricity and the entry fee included tickets to their professional rodeo. This group is working on more things for the kids to do during their cookoff for next year.
  - The Texas Paralyzed Vets was a State Championship and raised about \$2800.
  - Glenn Jarrett mentioned the cookoff held in Freeport... Russell Coleman lobbied for it to be held in conjunction with Freeport's big fishing event. Free steaks, for the open category, as well as free ice was provided for the cookers. They have room for another 20 – 30 teams at this event.
  - Bobby Blankenship said that the attendance for the Lyon's Club State Championship Cookoff was down this year (he felt that he didn't advertise it enough), but this would probably be the last year this event would be held.

## **New Business**

- Upcoming cookoffs:
  - The 40&8 Cookoff is now scheduled for August in Wills, TX
  - Because The Linda Lorrelle Cookoff promoters wanted to get containers, judging, etc. all for free... it was decided that we would not sanction this event, it has been picked up by IBCA, and we have removed it from our calendar.
  - The Texas State Championship in Pasadena on Labor Day weekend, VFW in Conroe, ShertzFest in Shertz, etc. are coming up in September.
  - Weiser Air Park, Harris County Fair, Youth Expo of Harris County, etc. are in October.
  - Harris County Fair at Farm & Ranch is in October.
  - Diamonds & Dollars is in November.
  - Cut & Shoot as well as Jimmy Wells are in December.
- Lon Babcock brought up the about changing the organization's calendar year to coincide with our Invitational... this will probably mean an increase in yearly dues, etc.
- We always need more Official Judges... cooks should help with the judging to get a better idea of how their products are being judged, and, to allow them to see if they'd like to take on judging and cookoff or two a year... this would help the organization tremendously.
- A question on where a team placed in a cookoff was asked by one of the members. Bobby Blankenship said that normally for this to be tracked beyond the final table, the Official Judge needs to know ahead of time so they can prepare to keep track of where each entry placed. For large cookoffs this is not recommended as the Official Judges do not have the time needed to do this tracking.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Sandy Babcock and seconded by Brent Rosson, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular membership meeting is Tuesday, September 7th, at 7:00 pm at The VFW Post 10352 16035 Waverly Drive Houston, TX.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lutringer, Secretary  
Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association