

**Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association  
Minutes – Regular Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, July 6, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jill Blankenship at 7:00 pm. There were 20 members present.

A motion was made by Sandy Babcock and seconded by Lon Babcock 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 July 5, 2011, there were 121 paid members. Two years ago, we had over 200 paid members. A motion was made by Lon Babcock and seconded by Ann Lutringer to approve the report.

**Old Business:**

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of changing rule about turning in two (2) chicken halves at every cook-off, no matter the number of cook-off teams. Several members made comments. It was noted that if the members wanted to change the current process, a rule change would need to be submitted for review to the Board of Directors. A motion was made by Jill Blankenship and seconded by Teresa Muniz to leave the rule as it currently stands – turn in two (2) chicken halves, no matter the number of cook-off teams.

**Cook-Off Updates:**

Fishin Fiesta – The number of teams increased from 39 last year to 61 this year. They paid awards up to 10 places. It was hot, but the fireworks were beautiful.

Champions Kids Camp - It was a good turn out and everyone had a great time.

New Horizons – Baytown – This is possibly a new event. It would be limited to 20 teams. Roycie is still talking with them.

Texas Gulf Coast Waterfowl BBQ Cook-off – It is the weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pasadena Fairgrounds.

Texas Toyota Bass Classic – They have cancelled the cook-off. The decision was made by the Toyota lawyers to not have the BBQ cook-off as an event.

Roycie reported she has a member on July 7<sup>th</sup> with a group in Katy regarding the possibility of TGBCA judging their event.

Roycie reminded members present about the Labor Day cook-off at the Pasadena Fairgrounds over Labor Day weekend. If you want your same spot, you need to have your entry mailed in by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have two new head judges – Ed & Robin Myers. They will be doing the East Montgomery County Fair cook-off.

**General Discussion:**

Robin found membership cards and will be sending them out.

The question was raised “What does a person get if they become a member?”...

Responses include:

- Supporting TGBCA sanctioned events
- Have a say/a vote in business and rules related issues
- Subscription to the National BBQ News
- Earning points towards Cooker of the Year

The Board of Directors are always open for suggestions.

Sandy Babcock – we need to order Judging Official badges for the following Head Judges....Lon Babcock, Sandy Babcock, Mary Lynn Gammill, Charlynn Sharry, Ed Myers, and Robin Myers.

Lang Chapman – have we thought about offering TGBCA T-shirts. According to Sandy Babcock, she had sent information regarding t-shirts to Craig about two or three months ago. Additionally, Lon Babcock reported that Cheryl Ater has the logo and can do shirts for the Head Judges. If someone would like to volunteer to gather information regarding the possibility of offering shirts, please let a board member know. Brandy Chapman volunteered to do this.

Don Canterbury – Craig Sharry had intended to form a committee to look at improving our current scoring system. Don has volunteered and is already started to work on it. They are looking for a more judge and cooker friendly system. The committee hopes to have something for the next meeting.

Glenn Jarrett – reported that the Lone Star Barbecue Society has started using computerized scoring. We could possibly have laptops – we need to think about moving forward.

Ronnie Raspberry – asked about having a yearly Head Judges' school that can be for new judges; as well as, serve as a refresher course for the current judges. There should be consistency among all of the head judges and this school would provide them an opportunity to talk about new things and go over any issues encountered during the cook-offs they handled throughout the year.

With no other business to conduct, a motion was made by Don Canterbury and seconded by Ronnie Raspberry to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlynn Sharry, Secretary  
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