

**Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association
Minutes – Regular Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 16, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ronnie Raspberry at 7:13 P.M. There were 15 present which included the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Lon Babcock and seconded by Walt Stiefer to approve the minutes that were published in the meeting notice.

Chairman of the Board, Bobby Blankenship, talked about the recent cook off at Weiser Air Park, our annual meeting, and suggestions for cook offs.

Helen Halbison gave the treasurer report. A motion was made to approve the report and seconded. All bills are paid. The membership renewal notices have gone out. The dues must be received by January 15, 2008.

Vice President Craig Sharry reported that the Cooker of the Year race is heating up. He is in the process of updating the Cooker of the Year points with results from the most recent cook offs. Please call him directly regarding changes or corrections to the TGBCA website.

Vice President Ritch Robin reported that the Weiser Airport cook off was successful. They are looking at doing the event twice a year. It is a nice place for a cook off. The next cook off is tentative scheduled for April 2008.

There was a discussion regarding the cookers having the ability to watch the judging. It is not against the rules. However, the cooks need to be quiet and should not cause any type of interference.

Vice President Sandy Babcock talked about the upcoming TGBCA Annual Meeting in December. We are tentatively looking at December 7th and 8th at Haven's Landing. The meeting would be held on Saturday and we are looking for suggestions for activities at the meeting, such as some type of demonstration and/or guest speaker(s).

During the board meeting, Vice President Sandy Babcock brought up the need for head judges to be timely in getting their results sent to Craig for posting on the website and to Helen for record keeping purposes. A motion was made and passed during the meeting that results should be sent to Craig and Helen within two (2) business days after the cook off.

Sandy Babcock reported that pork is being added as a meat category at the TGBCA Invitational.

Also during the board meeting, there was a discussion about TGBCA becoming an associate member of the Texas Association of Fairs. The fee is \$100 per year. A motion was made and passed during the board meeting for TGBCA to become a member of the Texas Association of Fairs.

The Harris County Fair BBQ Cook off is October 26th and 27th at the Houston Farm & Ranch Club.

President Ronnie Raspberry reported that he still needs to write a letter to the TGBCA members on the subject of being members of multiple organizations. He also discussed our articles that appear in the National BBQ News. Jan Canterbury has been writing articles for our organization.

There was a discussion regarding the deadline for rule changes for the annual meeting. Two items submitted were the change of officer terms and the election of officers. Lon Babcock will write up what needs to appear in the meeting notice regarding the proposed rule changes. The meeting notice needs to be sent out two weeks prior to the meeting date.

A motion was made by Bobby Blankenship and seconded by Craig Sharry to send out the member notification of the proposed by law/rule change fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the annual meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlynn Sharry, Secretary
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