

**Texas Gulf Coast BBQ Cookers Association
Minutes – Regular Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Sharry at 7:05 pm. There were 19 members present.

A motion was made by Sandy Babcock and seconded by Jill Blankenship 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 October 5, 2011, there were 132 paid members. A motion was made by Sandy Babcock and seconded by Lon Babcock to approve the report.

Craig Sharry thanked Jill Blankenship and Glenn Jarrett for handling the July meeting.

Cook-Off Updates:

Hold Em & Hit Em – If we do not get rain, they may have to limit the number of teams that can enter. Robert Chambers has asked that you get your entry forms mailed in. Lon stated that all fires must be 30 feet from grass, which has resulted in the loss of some space. Folks should have fully functioning fire extinguishers and fire pads.

Conroe VFW 4709 – It is this weekend. There are to be no pits in the park as they are currently under a burn ban. They have seven teams paid, but are expecting more.

Harris County Fair – They current have 51 teams.

Knights of Columbus – Bobby is the head judge and they are expecting 50-55 teams.

Firefest – This is a new cookoff brought to us by Luke Mauro. Ed and Robin Myers will be judging.

Meat Me in Bulverde – Mary Lynn Gammill is judging this.

New Horizons – Baytown – This event will be held in the parking lot of San Jacinto Mall in Baytown. It would be limited to 20 teams.

3rd Annual Jimmy Wells Memorial BBQ Cookoff and Diamonds & Dollars are being held on Saturday, November 12th.

Huntsville American Legion is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd.

The New Caney/Porter Ag Booster BBQ Cookoff is scheduled for January, 2012.

Ronald McDonald House – They continue to express an interest in having TGBCBA sanction their cookoff. They had a representative at Frontier Fiesta. Currently their entry fee is \$250 and they expect each team to cook enough to feed 50 people. Also, it is primarily corporate teams. It would be in April and held at the Bayou Events Center.

Hotter than Hell at Katy Elks Lodge – TGBCBA previously had this cookoff, but due to issues, a decision was made to no longer sanction it. They now have a new promoter and have expressed an interest in getting their cookoff sanctioned. The promoter has attended some of our recent cook offs as a judge and also as a cooker. The members are onboard with giving them a second chance.

Humble Rodeo – The entry forms are now available on the website. The entry fee has been increased to \$200.

2nd Annual Gulf Coast Waterfowl Festival & Expo – There were 21 teams. Everyone had a good time. They have expressed a desire to have another cook off.

Forty & Eight – They had 23 teams. All went good and there were plenty of judges. It is a great place to have a cook off with lots of shade.

East Montgomery Fair – There were 92 teams. We had lots of help. The judging area is nice. They need to consider having two hour turn in times.

Pasadena Labor Day – There were 118 teams. The event raised \$40,000.

SchertzFest 3rd Annual Bar-B-Q Cookoff – This is the third year for the event. They had 40 teams. It is a good cook off and has improved each year.

Waller County Fair Cookoff – They had 28 teams and this is the first year that is has been sanctioned by TGBCA. It was previously sanctioned by Lone Star. The promoter loved us. Howard Muniz was Grand Champion. It was very hot.

5th Annual Weiser Air Park BBQ Cookoff – There were 28 teams. Friday evening was very quiet. They have room for expansion.

General Discussion:

Scoring System – Craig and Don are still looking into various options. The change is not going to happen anytime soon. They hope to have more information at the December meeting. No decision will be made without the involvement of the head judges and the membership.

Yearly Head Judges School – It could serve as a refresher; as well as, provide the judges the opportunity to discuss how they handle the judging process. Also, folks who are interested in becoming head judges would attend.

Cooker of the Year Points – These need to be updated on the website. For all web related issue, please contact Craig.

Robin Myers stated that she received a call from Kay with the Meridian cook off regarding a large number of invitations being returned due to bad addresses.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th at Valley Ranch BBQ. Charlynn Sharry will contact them to see if the room is available.

Glenn Jarrett won the Sam' Challenge in Fort Worth and will be going to Bentonville, AR. Additionally, Glenn also placed 27th out of 400 teams at the American Royal.

Good Luck to Craig Sharry, who will be going to the Jack Daniels.

Good Luck to the Canterburys, Raspberrys, and all other TGBCA members who will be going to the Best of the Best.

With no other business to conduct, a motion was made by Lon Babcock and seconded by Sandy Babcock to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlynn Sharry, Secretary
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