



Monthly Society Board Meeting

Tuesday July 11th

“OPEN” Board Meeting Minutes

**Legends Sports Bar & Grill
Marshalltown, IA**

Time: 6:30 PM

I. Attendance:

Present Board Members: Christine D, Francis D, Ray R, Jay R, Jeff A, Dan R, Lyn B & Chris R

Present Board Members By Phone: Steve C

Absent Board Members: NONE

Others Members In Attendance: Judy B & Joe O

II. Secretaries Report

The BBQ Society filed our biannual report with the Secretary of States office on June 20, 2017. This is a requirement in order to keep our corporation up to date. No cost was incurred to file. Also I was able to find our “Original” Articles of incorporation and our “Original” filing of the Articles of Amendment that shows our 501 (c) (3) status as an organization.

Secretary’s report was approved from the June Meeting

Motion to approve: 1st by Jeff A, 2nd by Chris D, Motion Carried

III. Treasurer’s Report:

We currently have \$ **15675.17** in our account at this time.

We currently have \$ **338.70** in our PayPal Account at this time.

See Handout: All information on spreadsheet
(Paid Taxes of \$283.37 & Insurance Payment of \$1474.60 as well as Resolving the Department of Revenue issue).

Motion to approve: 1st by Chris R, 2nd by Dan R, Motion Carried

IV. Monthly/Yearly BBQ Board Meeting Schedule

SET THE REST OF THE YEARS MEETING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER: Des Moines

OCTOBER: Marshalltown

NOVEMBER: Des Moines

DECEMBER: Marshalltown

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V. BOARD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

All the business below will stem from the questions Ray sent out to the board via email. Here are those original questions:

- 1. What are the duties of a board member***
- 2. What are the time commitments for board members***
- 3. What are the duties of the President***
- 4. What are the duties of the Vice-President***
- 5. What are the duties of the Secretary***
- 6. What are the duties of the Treasurer***

*****All of the duties for the above mentioned questions can be answered by looking at the Iowa BBQ Society By-Laws*****

7. What does the BBQ Society Do?

Discussion was held about this particular question. Things that were discussed were:

1. The board chooses places to hold meetings and invites Society members via FACEBOOK and email to our meetings where all can be comfortable and involved when attending.
2. The board sends our notices via FACEBOOK and email to members, once a year, when new members are needed to take over positions when positions are vacated or when board terms are up/fulfilled.
3. The board sends out notices via FACEBOOK and email once a year asking our membership for possible inductees to the BBQ Hall of Fame.
4. The board executes the following events every year:
 - a. Yearly Membership Drive
 - b. Zoo-B-Que
 - c. Iowa BBQ Society Cares
 - d. Backyard BBQ Competition Sanctioning
 - e. Annual Banquet & Awards Dinner

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WHAT WOULD WE LIKE TO DO IN THE FUTURE?

- i. Add an extra position to the board: **Membership Director**. This person would be in charge of the following:
 - a. Start a membership calling campaign in February right after the Annual Banquet.
 - b. Keep an accurate spreadsheet of all current members.
 - c. Sending out membership cards, stickers and pins
 - d. Update the board monthly on both paid & non-renewed membership numbers
 - e. Devise a calling schedule where all board members will call past members who have not renewed for the current year.
- ii. Provide members “Pins” like we used to do along with a paid membership, members who volunteer at our yearly events or come to the Annual Banquet.
- iii. Program meetings directed and dedicated to members (Special Speakers).
- iv. Revitalize the “Spring Training Camp”:
 - v. One directly for members interested in Backyard cooking
 - vi. One directly focusing on Backyard BBQ Competitions and KCBS Competitions
- vii. change our monthly meeting formats to a “Quarterly” meeting format:
- viii. This would mean changing the By-Laws to reflect the new format
- ix. Change the Tri-Fold Flyer to a “Front & Back” type of handout with a detachable membership card so if a person signs up they get their card right away
- x. The board would like to a possible “Face to Face” exchange with people who are no longer members in order to find out what we can do to improve the Society as a whole and have them come back to help make us stronger and better.

8. Does the BBQ Society have a clear “Focus/Direction”

Great discussion was held about this particular question. Things that were discussed were:

We need to start thinking “**Out of the Box**” on how to keep the Society going and becoming better and stronger for the future. When we have this type of discussion we have many great ideas thrown out on the table about how to change or focus our Society; but we have realized that most if not all the time our follow through is very poor. It never really takes off and we eventually carve a new path or start a new way of doing things.

We must find a very direct and clear path while always focusing on the membership as a whole. No more can we go back to: “That is always the way it has been done” or reverting back to that way of thinking. We need to devise a very direct way of talking to our membership and finding out what would get them more involved in the events we currently hold and what other events they would like to see us create. This issue will continue to be discussed at our next board meeting in September.



9. Membership (Currently):

- i. What do our members get for their membership?
 1. Membership Card
 2. Membership Sticker
 3. “Free” meal at the Annual Banquet

- ii. What do our members want from the Society?
- iii. How to gain more member participation at monthly meetings, etc?
- iv. BBQ Society Presence: How do we have a bigger presence state wide

Questions 3, 4 & 5 will be bettered answered and defined when we set our “***Out of the Box***” focus strategy at the next board meeting.



OLD BUSINESS

NONE AT THIS TIME!!

V. Committee Reports

A. Charitable Events/IBS Grant Application Committee (Ray R, Steve C, & Dan R):

IBS Grant Application: Ray to update Application

No applications received at this time

IBS Scholarship Application: Ray to update Application

No applications received at this time

ZOO –B – Que (Steve C): Usually A November Date.

Ray & Steve will make contact with the Zoo and the Urban Family Movement people to set a date ASAP. Tentative date is Saturday November 4th.

Iowa BBQ Society Cares: Usually A Date Between September to December

B. Membership/Member Partner/KCBS Grant Application Committee: (Francis D):

Current Membership: 160

The KCBS Philanthropy Committee sent a letter dated June 21, 2017 and the BBQ Society will not be receiving any grant this year.

C. BBQ Contests/Team of the Year (TOY) Committee (Ray R & Chris R):

KCBS Sanctioned Contests

BBQ'Loo & Blues Too (Waterloo) July 14 & 15
Up in Smoke Bash (Mason City) July 21 & 22
SAMS Club (Des Moines) July 28 & 29
Smoke the Town (Leon) September 1 & 2
Tri-City BBQ Fest (Denison) September 22 & 23

Backyard Contests

Smokin' Main Street August 19
Smoke on the Water August 26



D. Back Yard BBQ Competition & Sanctioning Committee (Jay R & Jeff Arment):

There have been people contact Jay who might like to possibly have the BBQ Society Sanction their event or an event in their area:

1. Mike Davidson (Agency)
2. Randy Kern (Eldon)

E. Website Committee (Jay R & Francis D):

Website updates are on-going all the time with Chris the web designer. If you would like to see something added please let us know.

TOP 10 FACT'S Tab for the website: SEE HANDOUT

F. BBQ Judges School Committee: (Christine Dutton & Francis Dutton)

2018 CLASS FEE INCREASE

\$70.00: BBQ Judges Class (KCBS Member Fee)

\$115.00: BBQ Judges Class (Non KCBS Member Fee & 1 Year KCBS Membership)

\$60.00: Table Captain's Class (KCBS Member Fee)

G. Fund Raising & Public Relations Committee: (All Members)

Nothing at this time!

H. 2017 Annual Banquet Committee: (All Board Members & Member Volunteers)

JANUARY 13, 2018!

We have our first donations for the Silent Auction: Stainless Steel Cut Outs of CY & Herkey

I. Quarterly Newsletter Committee (Jay R):

No Newsletter due till June 2017!!

JULY 2017 Monthly Meeting:

Date: **AUGUST: We Take This Month "OFF"**

Place: September Meeting will be at Smokey D's

Motion to adjourn meeting: 1st by Jeff A, 2nd by Chris R, Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Francis Dutton
Executive Secretary