

Brazos Valley API Minutes

March 14, 2017 Minutes

The March meeting of the Brazos Valley API was held at the Wings-N-More party room on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by 2017 BVAPI President Shane Lesikar. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Shane's daughter gave our dinner prayer.

Shane welcomed all to the meeting. Shane then asked for new members who stood and introduced themselves.

Shane thanked Nalco-Champion for sponsoring the March meeting. Shane asked for sponsors for the April meeting. Nalco-Champion volunteered to sponsor the April meeting. Shane spoke that we are a charity organization that helps the community thru donations, benevolence and scholarships and that sponsorship is helping with that.

The treasurer's report was given by Alan Christensen. A motion was made to accept the report. The report was accepted. The minutes of the January meeting were posted online. Shane asked for comments. Harrold spoke that membership forms were online and if you are not getting the email notices. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were accepted.

Dinner was served.

The **Roping/BBQ committee** set the date for this year's event as April 21st and 22nd. They need sponsors and cooks. The roping is invitational. The entry and sponsorship forms are online. It's a fun time and a family event. They are also looking for committee people to help out. Balon and Nalco Champion will be cooking. The roping is invitational.

The **Golf Tournament** committee set the date for this year's event as June 2nd and 3rd. Balon will be cooking Friday night at the pre-party. Golf is Saturday only. The entry and sponsorship forms are online. Lots of interest.

The **Dove Warm Up** committee has a date of August 26, 2017 set.

The **Bass Fishing** Tournament committee stated the 2017 event will be held on September 15th and 16th. The event is a cosponsored event with the Austin Chalk API. We need more BVAPI members to come out and help. The event is held at the Overlook Park on Lake Somerville.

There was no Benevolence.

In the old business, the board is asking for ways to increase the membership and get more people involved in the committees. Shane listed some that they had come up with as sending out flyers to businesses for them to post saying what the organization does and notifying them of meetings. He would like to have the Logo of the company that is sponsoring the meeting to be included in the notices. You can send the logo to Shane or Harrold. Shane suggested that we solicit scholarship donations to help give more scholarships. He wants to do a raffle for the companies that sponsor meetings. Something that would be given out in November and will be given to the individual that donates the most. He is challenging everyone to come up with ideas to increase the membership and sponsorships that we need to maintain the chapter. We need to market ourselves. We also have a Facebook page. Please go out and "Like" it and Tag it. We need pictures to add to the Facebook page so bring what you have from API events. We also need a marketing person to attend events and recruit members. Ross Schuman has volunteered to help market the organization.

Shane noted that the scholarship applications are online and are due by April 1st. Must be postmarked by April 1st and no late applications will be accepted. Ray Music has accepted the roll of overseeing the scholarship program. Jim has done a great job.

New Business: It was brought up to sponsor the Caldwell Baptist Bikathon. Lots of exposure as our organizations name will be on every tee shirt printed.

The next meeting will be April 11th.

We now have a Brazos Valley API Facebook page. Debbie is the administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42. A short break was taken and door prizes were drawn.