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JH - Good morning again everybody. Thank you for coming. Now that the Great Peppers' meeting is over, the next step is actually a continuation of what took place September 7, up in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. It was at that time, that the forum session began for the purpose of consolidating the interest in one cook-off for Terlingua. One world championship cook-off for Terlingua, be it described any which way that we want to, considering all the legal ramifications involved and using the various words attendant to a large chili cook-off. We can kick around things like universal, all galaxy encompassing, God and him and everybody's cook-off, but we don't know which way it's going to go yet, 'cause everybody has, seems to have, one claim or another on those descriptions. But at any rate, we're here for the purpose of resuming the forum, to take up the issues that might be those decisive elements that mean two cook-offs, instead of one cook-off at Terlingua so this session again is for the purpose of discussing what it would take to have one cook-off at Terlingua. Please understand, we're glad everybody is here. For the purpose of our forum and discussion, it is the Great Peppers who participate in the opening of questions and answers and discussion. Everybody else, please stay and attend and be a part of what we are doing, but it is the Great Peppers who are the active participants with the people at the head table. For the purposes that we established last time at our last meeting, we have CASI group, we have the Tolbert group representing Frank Tolbert or that group of people who are in the chili business as CASI is in the chili business. Is there a better name, Bill?

SL - I'd like to hear it called CASI and Chili Appreciation Society International, because Tolbert is Chili Appreciation Society International.

JH - For the purpose of what we are doing now, we will call it Frank Tolbert's CASI group and the other CASI group. How's that sound?

BB - Mighty fine.

JH - Representing the Tolbert CASI group, Sam Lewis, Bill Brown. Representing the CASI group at the other end of the table, Larry Burriss, Vann York, Ray King, Richard Knight. Now then, as you will recall, everybody who was present got a lot of things on the table during the September meeting. It's time to get more things on the table, find out if issues have been resolved since then and until now. So first of all, any of the Great Peppers that want to kick things off and see where we stand, start out.

KH - I guess, excuse me...

JH - For the purpose of our record, would you identify yourself?

KH - Ken Hudspeth, Cowtown. I guess I have a real basic question. Since the original invitation for the two groups of directors in attendance for decision making capability and to negotiate in true and good faith was issued to Dick Wright, Bill Brown, Ray Shockley and Jim Redd. We at the original meeting accepted Larry Boyd, rather than Jim Redd simply because that was the request of the Tolbert group, who gave us in that first open forum full assurances that that group there, that the group that was there and representing there, were the people who could make decisions and negotiate in good faith. I guess my first question, Bill, Sam, can you guys negotiate in good faith? Can you make decisions for the CASI, for the Tolbert CASI group, and can you assure the Great Peppers that the decisions you make, if you make any here today, would be valid with the rest of the group?

SL - I'd like to direct that question to, starting right down here on my right...

KH - Excuse me, Excuse me. I think the question was directed to you Sam and to you Bill and I'd like to have answers from you.

SL - I would not make a firm decision here without going back and talking to the other directors. I'll put it that way.

KH - Bill?

SL - We are capable, but I would not make one.

BB - Due to the circumstances that Larry Boyd is having to work today, he thought he would be here, but he's not. Ray Shockley had some pressing business late Friday afternoon that kept him from being here today. As far as the forum that this was originally presented to is not here intact, I believe that there can be some decisions made, but there will be, have to be, some of this will have to be taken back to them for a final and can be dispersed back to you or back to anybody else who needs to be...

KH - We don't then have decision making capabilities.

BB - Well, we had the decision making capabilities September 7th, but...

KH - Can we resolve all the issues, now basically I understand there's four issues left to be resolved.

BB - Yes sir.

KH - Can you, in good faith negotiate...

BB - I wish I knew what the four issues, would you please elate on those.

KH - Well, the four that you've given me, which are site, name, disbursements of funds by Al Hopkins, and the six man committee that you have requested. Those are the four issues that we understood that needed to be resolved.

BB - I think the six man committee can be settled here today, if it's agreeable to the directors of CASI. The name probably can be agreed to here today.

RB - That's already been settled.

BB - Well, but you had some problems Mr. Bell, and you had some problems.

KH - But the basic premise of the name has been receptive.

BB - Yes, it's been receptive, ah, Mr. Lewis may want to have a little more to say about that, the name of the other two.

KH - Sight and disbursement of funds.

BB - Disbursement of funds. We felt like that Mr. Hopkins is quite capable to do this. His background as a CPA and handling of better than \$40,000,000.00 a year, I think is relevant to this. That he does know and he has contacts, not only with Wolf Brand, but with other people throughout the state and I believe it would be easy for him to go ahead and do the disbursement of funds. Now that's our point we make there. Now, the site I think is going to be a debate today, just exactly where the site is going to be and I think we are going to be to at an impasse before this day is over with or before this meeting is over with, where that cook-off is going to be held.

KH - Can you negotiate in good faith on the site? Do you have that authority?

BB - My only determination is that the site be at Behind the Store and that's it.

KH - So you are basically saying to the Great Peppers in direct contradiction to what you said in the open forum and rather than being a Great Peppers' decision, and a chili cooks' decision, that you are saying that it will be Behind the Store or not at all.

BB - You're telling me that I'm going to make a decision, now you're telling me that the Great Peppers are going to make the decisions.

KH - I'm asking if you can negotiate, if you can accept those and be receptive to those in good faith.

BB - On the site part of it, I would have to take that back to our directors. On three of the four points, we can probably make a decision here today.

KH - So what you're really saying is that we don't have the decision making capability to come to one cook-off.

BB - I'm not saying that, you are.

KH - All right, let me ask you a question.

BB - I'm not going to sit here and debate with you Ken Hudspeth. I'm going to tell you right now, very up front. This is not a debate. Now Great Peppers', this is addressed strictly to you. We are here to try to settle and get this thing back together so the chili cooks of Texas, Oklahoma and where ever they may come from will have a place to go cook at. But I'm not going to sit here and debate because I don't have a full forum here to support what I say, or in complete compliance. It's not to my being that my folks can't be here. In fact, when we were over at the Great Peppers' meeting November 2, the date November 16 was thrown out and I said I would try to do what I can and I have and I have consequently, I've only got two out of four, actually, I've only got one out of four and that's me.

KH - I had a commitment as of Tuesday...

BB - I had commitments too, but they didn't make it.

KH - ... from Ray Shockley that said he would be here.

BB - I talked to Ray Shockley yesterday and he said if he could get through his pressing business meeting that he would be here.

KH - If we, I think it's come down to everybody recognizing that the only real question that we have to resolve is site. That really is the only question there is. The other things basically in conversation with all of you, there is true feeling that those things can be resolved and worked out.

BB - Let's hear what the feelings of the Great Peppers are on the site. We might as well...

VY - I don't feel like this should be a two man debate. Let's get on with it.

JH - All right then, for the sake of this not becoming absolutely loggerheads and being hung up on high center, let's move from the point relative to the site and let me just ask all parties concerned, would you like to take up discussion relative to the six man committee, the name of the cook-off, disbursement of funds within the cook-off organization. Are those issues you would like to see raised and stay off of the site, but see if we

can generate some dialogue here. Go right ahead sir. Speak up please.

Bert Ranky - Purgatory Creek Pod. I think the time that I need to do this is right up front. At our regular monthly meeting, Purgatory Creek Pod held last night, upon a motion that was duly made and seconded the membership unanimously...to reach an agreement for one cook-off in 1986 at this forum today. That no further negotiations be conducted.

JH - All right, there's one expression.

BR - Also, I have some things here I would like to pass out. A copy for the record, I would like to go ahead and read it so it's in the minutes.

JH - Speak up please, louder.

BR - After nearly eight years of work by numerous people, CASI has achieved the following: It has a Board of Directors elected by the Great Peppers with staggered terms, thus providing continuity. It provides a framework for governing through a written set of by-laws. Nothing is changed without prior consent of the Great Peppers. CASI rules are established, printed, and easily available. CASI has established mechanism for point tallying including intrastructure of regional and area referees to substantiate their validity. The other group offer none of these. Why do they wish to dismantle CASI? The questions are as follows: Why should CASI, Inc., desert a site that is perfectly capable of handling the entire group, has good geographic separation for spectators and cooks, requires no up front cash and it has served us well for nine years. Is there a financial indebtedness that CASI, Inc., will have to help them future? The current Great Pepper have run the Texas Open, Chililympiad, Houston Pod Cook-off, TOT Pod Cook-off, San Antonio Cook-Off as well as many others in their own area. Some of the mentioned cook-offs are larger than the Terlingua Championship. Why are the Great Peppers not qualified to run the Terlingua Championship?
(APPLAUSE)

JH - That is so noted and now a part of the record. All right, does anyone have, any of the other Great Peppers have something to add on before we can move on to another area?

ROBERT BELL - GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD. Ah, we went back and polled our pod as we were asked to do about the site. I asked the membership to vote if they had only seen the sites or been there. Our Pod voted 19 for Villa de la Mina and 0 Behind the Store or they agreed to 19 for an alternate site.

JH - All right. Yes sir.

FRANK MURPHY - SPACE CITY POD. I have cooked at both pods and it seems that we're coming in here and trying to kill the discussion before it ever starts by saying we are going one way and one way only. I think it comes down to, there was an awful lot of people out there this year as to whether if they had, visiting Behind the Store, if you had all those people over there, where in the world are you going to put them. I've cooked both places. I'm not interested in which group is running it, but I am interested in the site that you can get the people together, you can cook with your friends and that you can see what's going on. I've been in showmanship out there four years now. Glen Pepper's Ranch, you do not have the room for showmanship, you do not have the space for showmanship, any kind of a decent team, you got 15x15 foot space and there's just not room for that. Now if you put all the show teams that are on both sites out there in the pit, where are you going to have the space, where are you going to put all these cooks? They're already crowded up all over the place. This is the sort of thing I'd like to see discussed today instead of coming in here...We decided before we came we're not going to talk to you and I mean this is the attitude some of your are taking right now. We're not even going to talk. You're going to go my way, or I'm going to take my dolls and dishes and go home, but when we're talking about what the cooks are doing, how many cooks did you have at each site? So, now we keep saying the pods are 100% against doing this or that. Did you have any of your cooks over at the other site or the one you want. You start thinking of that. We had a pretty even split this time. I think there was just two, I don't know the exact count, but I believe over at the Glen Pepper, What'd they say, there was 85 when I checked at the cook's meeting. All right, so when you start counting the heads, they had 85 or more over at the other site.

VY - There was 85 CASI qualified cooks at Villa de la Mina. CASI qualified.

FM - How many was there total of cooks that qualified?

VY - CASI qualified?

FM - Yes, wasn't there about 160 CASI qualified?

VY - I just asked how many CASI qualified cooks.

JH - Sam, do you want to respond?

SL - Every person who cooked Behind the Store were CASI qualified. Could I back up here one minute and maybe...on this where it says...

FM - Could I finish?

SL - No. Wait, Wait.

FM - Let me finish what I'm saying...

JH - Hang on just a second Frank. Just a second. What do you want to back up to?

SL - Up here where it says about the rules...

JH - No wait a minute. If you are going to talk about the rules, we'll come back to it in a few minutes. All right Frank, what do you have to say?

SL - I'm trying to clarify this question.

JH - The difference, I, if there's an exception to this, please let me know, but I am told that the difference in the 2 sets of rules to qualify for that cook-off was the fact that the CASI/Tolbert group does not take a 50 cent fee from each cook.

VY - I believe there was other exceptions.

R.KING - Is there any of these rules published that we can see? I've never seen one and I've never been able to find one.

JH - I'm not aware of that...

BB - Also...

JH - Sam Lewis

SL - We go by the rules that you make. You have always made the rules and we have always gone by them and the rules that you make here today, we will go by those. Frank Tolbert, CASI has always gone by those rules. The only rules that he has ever made governing secret judging and he has let the Great Peppers make the other rules and we have always gone by those rules.

JH - Richard Knight

R.KNIGHT - The exception I saw this year, that I know of, is your world champion, that you call, cooked Behind the Store, was not a qualified, Jim Ivey was not qualified under CASI points as far as the records that we have. Also, the cooks from Washington, that you recognized from the regional cook-off and from the men's and from the ladies' cook-off were not recognized by the Great Peppers on their vote. So I don't think you went by the CASI rules this year.

JH - Bill Brown

BB - Richard, had ya'll recognized the other states and made rules to apply to where they could qualify under a system that would allow them to cook at CASI cook-offs they would have been qualified under your rules. Now...

R.KNIGHT - Okay, but Bill, we're not in 1984...

BB - I know.

R.KNIGHT - I'm saying by the rules that were voted on at that, the 1984 rules...

BB - Well, let me finish Richard. That was addressed today. Thank goodness that we do have a few Great Peppers and I'm glad to see that it was 100% here in aiding the out-of-state people in being able to be qualified to cook at a CASI championship, World's Championship. Now, had they been qualified under yours, they'd been qualified under ours, Richard. So we chose to point, where ya'll did back away from and they did "use" and follow closely the rules set out by CASI, other than the fact that it was a 6 point system.

R.KNIGHT - I have no objections to that. Just clarify...

BB - There is a minimum of 25 cooks. The only thing we don't do is the 50 cents.

R.KNIGHT - There was a question here of how many cooks were at one cook-off and how many cooks were at the other one. I was clarifying the rule to say that as far as CASI and the Great Peppers' rules of 1984, there were some cooks at your cook-off that were not qualified.

BB - I would have to guess that probably there were 10 that would be probably not really qualified under the CASI 12 point system. So there would be about 75 that was. So, you know, I don't know what your total number was on the end of the year as far as who was qualified to cook anywhere.

JH - Let me ask you this. For the sake, for the sake of clarification of everybody here, has this question of out-of-state cooks now been resolved as a result of the adoption of rules today? All right then. Then the question I think would...Ken, Okay. Then that question is moot from now on. But for clarification of 84 and 85, there were a few less, but they would have qualified under the new rules adopted today. Is that correct Bill?

BB - They should have, yes.

JH - All right, that's clarified.

BB - With the exception of two extra cook-offs in Washington, but that again, under the rules today would not happen...

JH - Okay, then, let the record show that there were a few, perhaps as many as 10 that didn't come under the 10 point out-of-state requirements that CASI, Chili Appreciation Society

International rules provide for. And, it was like 75 to 1 side and 85 on the other. All right, yes sir?

MG - Mike Gallagher, I, uh...

JH - Mike, give your pod, please.

MG - Okay, I'm on the Board of Directors of CASI. Uh, have we raised another issue here, by chance? My question to Tolbert's group is basically, if we have a cook-off in which we are all involved in one cook-off next year, are they willing to play by the rules that are established by CASI without exception next year?

BB - I believe you're cooking... Mike, I'll answer that. I believe your cooking rules are the same. There is no problem whatsoever. Now, if that's what you're talking about rules. Now rules are rules, but what are we addressing?

MG - Those rules as amended as of this meeting is what I'm talking...

BB - The ones that were just done?

JH - Including those just done.

MG - Including those, yes.

BB - And what's going to be done here today?

MG - Yes

BB - The one that concluded in the Great Peppers meeting, the amendment to the rules, I can live with that. I think it's great. Uh, I had talked to several of the Great Peppers prior to this meeting on that and I thought it was great.

MG - I guess my basic question is

BB - I don't want...

MG - You mentioned Jim Ivy and said he was not a qualified cook...

R.KNIGHT - Under CASI rules

MG - Under CASI rules and my question is, is that if we have a future cook-off, will there be any more Jim Ivy's?

BB - Well, first of all, I hope not. If there's only going to be one cook-off and there won't be a Tolbert cook-off that will eliminate that completely Mike.

MG - Okay, are you saying that, again, I don't want to make this sound like a debate, I'm just trying to clarify the question.

BB - No, I understand what you're saying.

MG - Are you saying that...

BB - If there's only one cook-off, there's only going to be one set of rules to follow.

MG - And that will be the set of rules that's adopted by the Great Peppers, is that correct.

BB - Well, what I'm saying, yes. Well, hold it, I want to go one more further here. I think what is misleading in this particular forum today is that uh, what I'm here to see is to get a group together that will run the cook-off at Terlingua. And anybody that will cook there will have to come through, step by step, through CASI rules to get there and qualify. That will be the tool to qualify through. It won't be any exceptions whatsoever. And so that's definite. And I think this is what Vann York is trying to explain. It will be, it will be definite. That you don't have a Tolbert group of rules to go by. You have CASI rules. That's the only way that you can go out there and qualify and cook at Terlingua.

MG - Fine.

JH - Yes sir.

FRANK FOX, BOARD OF DIRECTORS - My question is, some of the cook-offs have been run under Tolbert rule. They do not send the 50 cents in. And this is one of the reasons that caused the split in the first place. Any cook-off... under Tolbert rules, will they send the 50 cents in to qualify to go to one cook-off?

BB - I didn't...Well, first of all, let me clarify, the 50 cents didn't have a damn thing to do about splitting to begin with.

FF - That's not what I understood.

BB - That didn't have anything to do with it. It's just a fact of we didn't want to use the 50 cents. We didn't have any use for the 50 cents. Whereas, CASI established that in their rules to have the 50 cents. We, you know, if they sent it to us, what would we do with the money? We didn't really need it because we weren't using it. So, uh, I don't know what the purpose is, except for...

FF - If there is a Tolbert cook-off, per sae, would they send the 50 cents in?

BB - No, there was no 50 cents sent in...

FF - Would they in the one next year?

BB - Frank, there won't be any Tolbert cook-off next year if this thing is together.

FF - Okay. That was my question. I knew some of them were not sending...

BB - There won't be any Tolbert cook-offs at all. It will all be CASI.

FF - Great

JH - Ray

R.KING - Bill Brown, you were at the meeting whenever we voted the 50 cents and you voted for it and you know damn well what it's for.

BB - Well, all right, I well, I was going to come back, but I wanted to go ahead and answer his question. Yes, you're right. It was voted to, for administration purposes and it is also put in there and I will say this right now, Ray King, and I know several of the Regional Referees haven't got a dang penny out of it. But it is also set up to help defray expenses for regional referees to go to these cook-offs to help make sure that they're run right. And I talked to one-half dozen of them and they didn't get any money.

R.KING - No, no, no, no, it never was

BB - Yes it was

R.KING - No

BB - Then I beg your pardon, but it was brought up. That's what we understood. I'm not going to debate that. I don't really care.

R.KING - If you have minutes to show me on that, I'd be appreciative.

JH - Now then

BB - You're the one that kept the minutes.

R.KING - Every other Great Peppers' got a copy.

JH - Okay, if every Great Pepper has a copy you can refer back to that and for the purpose of making decisions relative to this discussion, Franks' point raised about the 50 cents fee from CASI, Chili Appreciation Society International. All right, now then, for the purposes of moving ahead, for the purposes of discussion, let's address something at this point and see if we

can find a common ground for an agreement. And uh, you know, I don't care, you build this building we're in, or the Taj Mahal, folks. Somewhere they got to start out with a little sand, and a little water and a little concrete and mix it all up and put one little piece in a corner and with that one little piece in the corner you can build the whole thing. You can build this building, you can build the Taj Mahal. Uh, the chair would recommend, let's try to put a very positive front forward at this point and see if we can reach agreement on one of the four issues before the floor. The chair would entertain response from the Great Peppers and from the front table. Would you like to go forward with that anybody? Ken Hudspeth?

KH - One of the issues that have been raised again today is the thing of the name. And I think that, as Joe said for the purposes of going forward, basically, the name as proposed cannot be used due to legalities involving ICS. This does not mean that they have the legal right to that name. That has not yet been proven. That just means that if we use World Championship, World, World Championship Chili Cook-off, World Championship cook-off, they are going to sue us. Does that mean they could win? Not necessarily, no. But it would mean that we would have to defend it. We would have to defend it and it would have to be defended in Federal District Court. Which means you gotta get a federally recognized lawyer, attorney, Pat, is that right, in order to have them and that's gonna be expensive. For the purposes of one cook-off in 1986, I would propose that we drop the use of World Championship in order to avoid these problems, in order to get at least one cook-off under our belts and moving in the right direction and as one group. If we chose then to go back and look at that issue and perhaps be willing to take on a legal defense program, we could do that at that time. But for the purposes of 1986, it would be my recommendation that we drop World Championship out of the title as it was originally proposed and continue with the rest of the name.

VY - Ken, I would suggest that we make no decisions without legal counsel. Because now you have set a precedent by dropping it, a word or words that has been used since 1967 in that cook-off. But we are not qualified to make that decision.

KH - If, uh and I don't disagree with than Vann. I, guess, I'm trying to avoid complications. I guess the point that I'm asking or the direction I'm trying to go is, is that basically everybody has been receptive to that name and what other format you use that name in. Basically I think that, I would ask that the name be acceptable as it was proposed originally. If you choose as one group to use World Championship, that's what the Board of Directors is there to do. If you choose not to, then that's also ...but to stay within the context of the name as it was proposed.

R.KING - No problem.

JH - And the chair would also recognize and like to make a statement that you damn sure better retain that 50 cents a cook if you start hiring Federal lawyers.

VY - Could we go \$50.00 a cook?

JH - Okay. All right. I appreciate that. Now then, Sam Lewis has been waiting to respond and has a comment in this regard. Sam?

SL - In 1974, Alleghany Jane sued C.V.Wood right here in Austin and we got a restraining order from the International Chili Society to keep them from using the, I have the deal here with me. I'm having a problem finding it. But we sued C.V.Wood and got a restraining order right here from them using the World Championship Chili Cook-off and we were successful with it. I think we can go back on a grandfather clause on this and get this. I don't think we should do it at this time, what I mean at this meeting. I don't think it should be come up. But I think it should be pursued and we should set the World Championship Chili Cook-off back. But I have paper right here on that.

JH - Can we hear some expression from everybody on that, reaction to that. Plus, minus, for against. (APPLAUSE)

VY - Could I expound on that just a minute. I was contacted by Jim West approximately the last day of October. Matter of fact, I returned his call. And he stated that if we had any publicity goin' out, any press release, using the words, World Championship Chili Cook-off, World Cook-off, anything using World in conjunction with a cook-off or where a cook-off or show was being held, that there would be a litigation. I received a copy of a consent non-adjudication decree issued by Barefoot Sanders in the 5th District, it doesn't make any difference, in Federal Court. It was con-contested. It was filed in March, 1984, which was after Frank's death. In that it did specify that the words World Championship or World, in conjunction with a cook-off or show could not be used. And it was signed by Kathleen Tolbert Ryan. So we have precedent set, that over a non-contested decree that we will have to fight if we choose to go to litigation. And that's the reason I say let's don't make any world decisions without legal counsel.

BB - I would like to comment on that. I remember back whenever that came out and we all met and we did go over and we were talked to about a lawsuit. And from the advice of Haynes, Boone, who is the largest attorney firm there in Dallas, and I believe these gentlemen have worked a day or two in Federal District Court. They advised Frank Tolbert, Jr., or number two, and Kathleen and also Ray Shockley that it would be very costly and with no guarantee of winning that particular suit and that you would be fighting them in their own backyard, and I think it would have to be in California wouldn't it?

VY - That I can't answer. I don't know.

BB - I believe it was at that particular time.

VY - The verdict was rendered in Dallas.

BB - Well, the situation is, it would be very costly and we just backed away from it.

R.KNIGHT - Haven't we said that the name is not really an issue?

(TOO MUCH CONVERSATION)

BB - What Sam says here and for further legal opinions, I don't... The name is not an issue to me at all. I think it's what we decided September 7th.

HARVEY WEST, TOP OF TEXAS - Just real fast though. The lawsuit with Barefoot Sanders wasn't against CASI was it? It was against the Tolbert Group.

VY - That's correct.

HW - So really, CASI has never been sued.

VY - That's correct. But precedents have been set. Here again, that's legal and I'm not qualified really to speak.

JH - But it could be anybody walking, it's my opinion, anybody walking in off the street that tries to take that World Championship or World Cook-off or World anything, it'll end up in court.

HW - Well, true, that's what I'm saying, there really wasn't a precedent set.

JH - No. There's legal precedence, but it does not exist against CASI. All right, does anybody then, relative to question of a name, is that something you want to take up at this time for the suggestion of an alternate name. Do you drop it until further time? Do you want to put it on the back burner? To come up with an alternative? What is the expression from the Great Peppers and from the table? Yes.

KAREN MORIATY, SOT POD - I feel that it's time to put the issue of a name aside until maybe the legal aspect has been fully investigated. I think that's something that can be worked out between the Board of Directors and the Tolbert people without too much involvement from the Great Peppers. I feel like most everybody doesn't really care what it's called as long as we're together.

JH - All right. The chair, trying to recall from a very fragile memory, back to the September meeting in Dallas, it is the

chair's opinion that at the time of the original discussion relative to the name, there were a couple or three things that everyone was real strong about. Because I throw these out simply for the Directors and the Great Peppers to consider. That whatever the name of the cook-off is, that it indeed should be a hyphenated name that is inclusive of Frank Tolbert/Wick Fowler CASI, etc., on down the line. Are those the three descriptions? Yes. The title that agreed to during the September meeting, Wick Fowler/Frank X. Tolbert and CASI World Championship Cook-off. And World and Championship is were we all stubbed our toes. That's where we're all going to get to see Vann in court. All right, that's going on the back burner. Now then, let's go ahead and address the issue and the question of fund disbursements. Funds, collections, disbursements relative to an umbrella organization which will put together a world championship chili cook-off and operate the organization. Okay. Discussion is open.

KAREN MORIATY SOT POD - I feel that the Great Peppers have elected a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has elected officers and they have a treasurer and I feel that treasurer is perfectly capable of disbursing the funds.

JH - All right. Further discussion?

(TAPE IS BAD)

VY - There's not much funds to disburse.

?? - Are we speaking of funds from the cook-off only?

JH - I beg your pardon.

?? - At this point, when we're speaking of funds, are we talking about just from the Terlingua cook-off or are we talking about funds for the whole year?

JH - I would assume we are talking about the overall...

(SEVERAL PEOPLE - Entire Funds)

JH - All right, Larry.

LB - I think it is time to point out a couple of things right now. One cook-off handles all the funds from that particular cook-off, as I understand, you pay your expenses out of it. The difference, the main difference there is that they are handling the entire gate where the CASI group shows up out there, they collect \$1.00 a head from the spectators, they run the cook-off and they leave. That, our expenses involved are mail outs, cheese and crackers, etc., our cups for judging, trophies and any other incidental that happens to come along. The 50 cents that comes in helps fund this. Now this is the first year, the availability has always been there, but this is the first year

that CASI has decided to go ahead and take the \$1.00. You're looking at two different situations. We don't have, we don't derive basically any income off of the cook-off itself 'cause we have nothing to do with concessions, paying the security or paying the bands or anything else. Therein lies a big difference here. We show up. Ya'll have all that to have to handle including site work and everything else. So I think those 2 things need to, you need to remember that these are the 2 basic differences in how the cook-offs are run. CASI doesn't have any particular large amount of funds to disburse at the end of it and if there were, by the by-laws we'd have to give it to charity and hopefully one of these days we will be able to.

JH - All right. Sam?

SL - Uh, I understand what you're saying and you're right. Glen Pepper pays for everything over there and I was one that helped set it up that way. I think this is the ideal way to go. Over at ours, ours, I won't say our's. Over at, we call it Behind the Store, over Behind the Store, we take in everything and we disburse it. But it's real easy to disburse because we're usually, this goes back into site preparation and we can do what we want to on the site with this money. And I recommend, it doesn't make any difference where the chili cook-off is held, that you look into handling the gate and all of the money and where it goes so you can know, if you want showers, you can get showers. If you want flush toilets, you can put in flush toilets, if you want more area cleared, you can clear more area. Then give the person whose place you're on, all the improvements that you've put on that place to them, and \$1.00 off of the gate per person. And the money that comes in, you don't get a whole lot of money off of the concessions and things like that, 10%, you set 10%, which this year didn't come up to a whole helluva lot. I thing maybe seven or eight hundred dollars. But you have control of it and I would like to see one person on the Board of Directors that would be responsible for the site and this way it would too, go that way. I'm responsible over at the Tolbert side. When we were at Glen Pepper's, I was always responsible as a go-between, between Glen Pepper and the Tolbert bunch there in Dallas to see if, and I always stayed over an extra day when the cook-off was over to be sure that he was satisfied with the way it went and to see if he needed any change or wanted to do something the next year that he didn't agree with the year that we just finished. I don't know, it just kinda fell down that way because I go out in the country all the time, so, I would like to see, if we do get back together, and I thing we will, I'd like to see one person to take care of the site or maybe at this point, I don't know if I should be injecting this or not, if we get back together, I'd like to see one group elect a site and another group elect a site man and let them work together until maybe another year or two down the road it can be, built into just one person or anything that we come up with, let's have two people in that capacity and let them talk it over and agree to it until a

year or two down the line, it can come back to one person. Thank you.

JH - ...Discussion, perhaps need some expression from Larry or from Vann or Bill, go ahead and say something if it's in connection with Sam then we can put the whole question back to the CASI...

BB - I believe the question was the financial being of just, what, we are really addressing was the disbursement of monies for the Terlingua cook-off only. It had nothing to do with what CASI does during the year. I don't want anything to do with that or I don't want anybody in that group to do anything to do with that other than the fact the three directors that are on that commission will be part of CASI. They will, excuse me, they will make up their minds, you know, and through the by-laws disbursing monies in their way.

SL - I think it ought to be all run together when they get back together, all the monies ought to be run together in one, one group.

BB - Strictly you know, you know, strictly just the Terlingua cook-off. That's the only thing I've been addressing at this point right here.

JH - All right. Bob Bell.

RB - Uh, I'm just curious, from CASI and Tolbert both. On this \$1.00 a head, what kind of money do we come up with?

VY - We don't, as a matter of fact, we've come up with none so far because we have not gotten with Pepper. It will be somewhere between \$1,700.00 and \$1,800.00.

RB - Okay, the Tolbert's group, what kind of money did ya'll make over there off the gate after everything was paid.

SL - On the gate, none, but we didn't charge everybody that came in the gate. We paid the bands out of this and everything. Let me make one statement. There's not a whole lot of money that comes in on these things. I'll answer any question. I have everything we took in and paid out ever since we've been over there. I have been, worked with Glen Pepper on this whenever he agreed to give us \$1.00 a head. Since we've been up at Glen Pepper's, the most people we ever had paid through the gate was \$3,308.00. This is the largest crowd we ever had and that was in 1982.

RB - Well, my point being, the reason I asked this question. Myself, personally, I cook all year. I go down there to enjoy myself and damn sure don't care about preparing a site, or preparing somebody else's site, unless it's a real money

advantageous situation. I'd sure be more inclined to let somebody else run the gate and do the site work.

SL - This is true, but when you do that, then you, if you, if you run it, they have the say-so of what goes on and it isn't really that hard.

VY - I think we have that right at...Sam

R.KING - We've never had any problem of say-so and what went on. None whatsoever.

RB - Another thing with this thing, talking about going Behind the Store or going to Villa de la Mina, I'm not real happy about going anywhere and developing any site for somebody else. Because chances are we won't be there next year. And so, I'd have a real problem with it.

SL - Well, I think personally, I don't think, two things, I don't think they ought to charge cooks or anybody to get into the site. In the beginning we didn't. In 1977 is the first time we ever charged anything down at Terlingua. You just came. It was wide open country. But when we moved up to Glen Pepper's, we had to have some money for Glen Pepper. We realized this so he could improve his property there. And I'm not against that and I'm not against a free gate. I have never wanted to charge people, but I realize that Glen had to have some money to come in with.

VY - There was charges at old Terlingua, Sam, through donations, through donations. The hat was passed for the band.

SL - Right, no charge. There was no charge.

VY - No charge at Terlingua, you're correct.

JH - That was either in '68 or '69 Vann, they started taking donations. '69 I believe. There was nothing the first two years.

SL - That's right.

JH - '69, yes they started taking donations. Let's see Mike, you've both been talking. Mike, go ahead.

MG - Mike Gallagher, I, you know, it seems like to me, we've already started talking about site here. We started off on one thing and we've switched really to site. Which is another issue. It seems to me that, that I mean, I think both groups have proven that no matter which way we do it, it can be done. And frankly, I don't think the average cook out there gives a shit which way, pardon my expression, gives a darn which way. Whether it's done one way or another way as long as there's a cook-off and I would, I would suggest that maybe what we ought to concentrate is where

the site is, rather than how to manage that site, because I think we've proven that which ever way we go, we can manage the site.

JH - All right, unless the chair is mistaken there has been no resolution regarding the question of funds disbursement. Am I incorrect?

MG - That, I think is another issue which we started on.

JH - All right. Now then. Then the chair would like to throw this out for question. As the Great Peppers, would you like to put it in the form of a recommendation or a suggestion. Take a formal move from the floor for the purpose of discussion and direct it to the Board of Directors of Tolbert CASI and CASI Chili Appreciation Society International to say, "Give us a fiscal officer of one form or description, relevant to the overall organization or to just the Terlingua cook-off". Karen.

KM - Karen Moriarty SOT Pod - I would make a motion that all disbursement of funds be left in the hands of the duly elected Treasurer of CASI.

JH - Singularly?

KM - Yes

JH - You mean the CASI as it exists now or as it comes to be under a common group, Karen?

KH - There is an elected Treasurer.

JH - I know there is.

KH - By CASI

JH - Yes

KM - That is the person I feel should be left in charge of the funds disbursement.

JH - In other words, the existing CASI Chili Appreciation Society International Treasurer? All right, the question has been called. Now for discussion, Karen is recommending and making a move that the existing Treasurer for CASI Chili Appreciation Society International be responsible for funds disbursements of whatever eventuates into the common organization. Now, that's up for discussion. First of all, Ken.

KH - And this is the question I've been trying to ask for ten minutes. And talking about this exact subject is, I guess my question, Bill, Sam, is why would we want to change, I mean, the CASI Treasurer has been handling that. Why would we want to change that?

SL - Don't want to change it. I just, I would like to see a monthly or bi-monthly or quarterly report come out of how much money is taken and where it's spent.

VY - We have a yearly audit. We have, we've audited back for the past five years, five years, I believe. It's available. It was said at the last forum. It is available. It was expensive, but people wanted it. I don't believe that we have a final audit for last year. Do we, Pat? We...

PI - No.

VY - No, it will be done. It will be available. A monthly audit.

SL - I'm not talking about an audit. I'm not talking about an audit.

JH - Monthly statement, Sam.

SL - Just, Treasury. Like where you have your club meeting, you get up every time you have a meeting, you get up, you say, well we took in \$1,000.00, we spent \$800.00, etc.,etc.

R.KING - We do it every time we have a meeting.

JH - Sam and Bill, relative to what Ray and Vann are saying, could you all accept a monthly financial report from the Treasurer of CASI?

KH - Could we make that a quarterly? I mean...

VY - Yeah, monthly is...

KH - We're doing this on volunteer work.

VY - My banker doesn't ask for more than a quarter...

JH - All right. Now then, the discussion revolving around a quarterly report. A quarterly financial report.

VY - Unaudited.

JH - Unaudited. Just like your regular business with quarterly reports to prepare in everybody's business be made available.

SL - That's fine.

JH - Bill?

BB - I don't understand the quarterly report part. All I was really referring to was the Terlingua commission that would run the cook-off and there would be one person in that six be appointed as the person to disburse the funds. I have no qualms

of what CASI spends the other twelve months. I don't really give a flip. I just don't understand. I don't really understand what this has to do with the other twelve months. I'm just talking about what is spent at Terlingua. You know, disbursing of funds and paying the band, blah, blah.

KH - And what we're saying is and this was my question, why do you need a separate person, that's what...

BB - Well, I think you can find that you're controlling something a little bit different that you are CASI all year. You know where your dollars are going.

KH - But financial accounting and things like that.

BB - Well, financial accounting, I'm not...

SL - One thing. One thing. When you have a band out there you pay them when they get through. When you have security out there, you pay them when you get through. When you have a man that brings a maintainer in there and cleans it up, you pay him when you get through. Some of them pay, out there we give them money ahead of time to buy diesel to put in these maintainers and things go. When you have some people come from across the border and work for you a day or two weeks, they you pay them when they get through. This is the only thing about this, it would take a little while to do that. I understand what Bill's saying. I wasn't opposed to what Bill said, but I'd like to see on person appointed. This goes back to your site preparation. Appoint one man to the site and let the director, can appoint him, but let the directors stand by what he says. If he says we need a water tank, then let him have \$700.00 for a water tank. Don't argue with him about it.

JH - The chair would like to ask a question. If there is a site committee and site discussion and say you're on it Sam, why couldn't you tell the Treasurer of CASI, I need money for this, this, this, this and this?

SL - This is, this is, that's okay. If they were...

BB - I'm not going to argue about that. I couldn't understand what the whole thing...

SL - Have it where CASI can give you the money without going through a meeting. This is the thine. For instance, we put in a water tank out there this year. And the water tank cost \$672.00. We didn't get it installed because I had to ask three or four people and I started to go ahead and buy it and then take my chances. Well, I'll just wait to do it legal. They wanted, the tank, they don't have them out in that country. And I bought it in San Angelo and it cost me \$672.00 and they wanted \$1,050.00 to deliver it out there. Of course, I went ahead and bought the dad gum thing. But I was going out there and just put it on a

trailer and took it out there myself. SO there's so much things that goes...person in site preparation to have the confidence of the...

JH - Well, nobody said it was going to be easy Sam. All right, go ahead, please.

P.IRVINE - Pat Irvine, CASI Treasurer.

JH - Yeah, go ahead Pat.

PI - The only clarification that I'd like to make is that the funds that we garner from the 50 cents per cook cook-off goes toward Terlingua expenses. We can't necessarily count on a gate out there or sponsors monies or whatever. So, the monies that we disburse comes from the monies that are paid in throughout the years to CASI.

JH - All right.

SL - I don't think that you would need it as long as you have a charge on the gate. I don't think that you would need it. Now you might need sometimes, accidentally, like she said to fall back on, but I think that 50 cents should be used for administrative purposes.

JH - I think that's a discussion, Sam. That could be taken up between the Boargive the sits and the Treasurer, whatever direction they give Treasurer to do. Frank?

FF - I would like to suggest that the treasurer handles it, but a budget be set up for Terlingua that be handled by the site committee so they know how much money they got to start with. And you carry that through year to year.

JH - Well, that's a substitute motion. Let's conclude the first one first, then we'll get back to yours.

FF - Well, this would be an amendment to that one.

JH - Well, it'll have to stand as a substitute motion. It couldn't stand as an amended motion. The chair rules that'll have to come as a substitute motion rather than an amended motion. But we haven't concluded discussion on the first one yet. All right anybody want to conclude discussion relative to Karen's proposal and Frank has a second motion that he want to make, a substitute motion. The substitute motion being in the form...Karen's motion is that the Treasurer for CASI be the funds disbursal officer, period. Is that correct Karen?

KM - That's correct.

JH - That's the motion that is before the floor. Substitute motion being offered by Frank is that treasurer for CASI handle

everything year 'round except for Terlingua and at that time a person be appointed to the site committee.

FF - No, mine was that the budget be set up by CASI for the cook-off and the site committee be given that money to run the cook-off so they would...

JH - The Terlingua cook-off

FF - The Terlingua cook-off

SL - For the coming year.

FF - Know how much money they have to work with so...

SL - For the coming year

FF - So that they can do something. As they get the money from the CASI Treasurer.

JH - That's right. Okay.

FF - In other words, the CASI treasurer will hold the money but he will set a fund for the Terlingua that will be spent by the committee.

JH - Budget establishment for the Board of Directors. Ray?

R.KING - We have a budget. It was voted on at our last Great Pepper's meeting, it was approved for next year's Terlingua cook-off.

SL - For site preparation?

FF - This be whatever group that we set up between the two to run it that they be given the right to disburse the money as it's needed out of that budget.

JH - All right, then Ray is saying that there is already budget for '86 Terlingua.

R.KING - There is a budget. It was approved by the Board of Directors presented to the Great Peppers at the last meeting. Ya'll should have a copy.

JH - Any Great Pepper aware of that? You got, Karen, you got yours? All right within this framework of discussion. Bob, I think you've had your hand up the longest.

BOB - Ah, evidently I got too drunk last night, I'm missing something. We're sitting here shittin' one another. Ah, he's talking about a budget, if I, if I go back Villa de la Mina that's all taken care of but why make a motion to do all this bullshit. Ah, god damn it let's lay our cards on the table and

let's poll the group and find out what's going on because we're sitting here talking bullshit.

(APPLAUSE)

BOB- ...talk all this bullshit and unless we can agree on a site we're gonna be out there pissin' in the wind.

?? - I don't, I don't think that the people are here on one side to have the authority to make the site thing because it was presented to me quite frankly as non negotiable.

BOB- Well let's just poll the group and give everybody an idea about how the Great Peppers feel about the deal and stop all this bullshit...

?? - We're going in circles

BOB- We're sitting here accomplishing relatively nothing because like if we pass this motion and we go Villa de la Mina we don't need it.

?? - It's open forum you can poll everybody

?? - If we go to Bismark. I think that it was Bismark that was our alternate.

(LAUGHTER)

(Couldn't understand Tape)

KM - KAREN MORIATY, SOT POD, I would to call a question on the motion for the Great Peppers.

JH - All right, now then. Before we do we have to call. Ah, Frank, relative to the comments of Ray King's, do you still propose your substitute motion or do you want to withdraw it?

FF - Well, all I wanted was the committee to be given the money to to site committee to what was he has to say to the committee and decide how much is going to be spent. This should be the objective.

JH - Well, that's, that's, that's not what you should propose.

FF - Well I propose that the budget be set up at the cookoff that the money be turned over to the site committee.

(Too much conversation)

FF - Instead of the Great Peppers deciding how that money's going to be spent. The treasurer is going to decide who, how it's going to be spent. I think that the budget that they have voted on for '86 if we set up a committee between the two groups they should have say-so as to how that money's spent with the Terlingua

cook-off not for any other part of the year. That money be set aside for the cook-off and the site committee spend the money. That we don't have the fight the Great Peppers with an argument about how much we're going to spend. We decide how much we're going to spend. Then it goes to the site committee.

JH- All Right, O.k. Now everybody hear what Frank said? You hear what he said? All Right. The chair is going to call a question. All in favor of Frank..

(Several) - I second

JH- I'm sorry. That's right. Do I hear a second to this motion?

R.KING- No, I want to ask you a question. The Board of Directors is set up to handle this now as far as Terlingua and the disbursement of funds and sitting things up, that's already in our by-laws.

JH- I, I understand what you said Ray. It's never the less, never the less ah, Frank has proposed a, made a motion to move, is there a second to that? Is there a second to Frank's motion? Frank's substitute motion dies from a lack of a second. Back to the original move that was made by Karen that the treasurer working through the Board of Directors be responsible for Chili Appreciation Society International, CASI, Tolbert-CASI, whatever eventuates be responsible for disbursement of funds, financial activities. Is the Chair correct in speaking it out like that? Yeah, there's a second Frank, in the back. The question's called, all in favor signify by raising your hand. All opposed, and there is none, there was one Frank, in the corner. All right. The motion was, she said that the treasurer of CASI be responsible to all funds, financial reports and activities that sort of thing the treasurer does. All right, now then, let's bring up for discussion now the question of we've done something with the cook-off name, where it goes I don't know. We've done something relative to fund disbursements now then let's consider this six person committee. Now this is a committee that I think deserves a little clarification on their exact function relative to the cook-off so that all the Great Peppers will know exactly what that committee is to do and so everybody will know what their rolls are and who's performing in what roll. All right. The chair now calls for clarification, explanations, declarations as to what the roll of the committee should be. Ray King.

R.KING - If we don't clear up about what and where the site is going to be we don't need a committee. This is going to be irrelevant to even get into at this point in time. The one thing Robert Bell is right, if we don't decide where the hell the site is gonna be is it gonna be one or the other or a neutral site all these other things unsaid.

JH - All right, Mike?

MIKE- I would, you know, it seems to me we got we got these two Greats sitting up here and, and, and us out here keep talking about things we have heard and with regard to the site I would like to see both groups present because this in my opinion is the issue and I would like to see both groups present what they feel would resolve the site issue. Not what they feel is going to keep the site issue from being resolved but what they feel will resolve the site issue. What they think they must have in order to resolve the issue.

JH- A question. Ah, let me ask ah, let me ask Vann. Vann what will it take to resolve the question resolve the Great Peppers?

VY- It will take a majority vote by the voting members of CASI Chili Appreciation Society International to make any changes in site. All right, I, you asked for no negatives but I, but I feel I must do this. At request, I met with Ray Shockley and Dick Wright not yesterday but the Friday before that I drove to Dallas to have to have a meeting. These four proposals came from them ah, the site issue was emphasized very, very strongly. I told them that I would come back and present it. They said well, if we haven't sold you we haven't got anywhere. I said well, it doesn't make any difference whether you sold me or not, it's my job to present it to the Board of Directors and then to the Great Peppers. I did poll. I think we all polled the Board of Directors and the Great Peppers that we could get to and I tried to present the four things as straight forward as I knew how, without giving any personal influence into it. And quite honestly, the ones that I polled was very much in favor of staying at Villa de la Mina. I received a call from Dick Wright, I believe it was Wednesday afternoon. I been on the phone so much I'm not sure and he asked me if I had talked to people and I said yes. I told him the answers that I had received and quote "well I guess there's really no need in having a forum then". I said well I didn't say that, all I'm telling you is the answers that I received and he says well in that case, I don't see the need in having a forum and I'll call Ray Shockley and talk to Ray. And that's the last I've heard. Ah, Dick Wright did say originally a week ago, a week and a day ago that he could not attend this meeting because he did have a prior commitment. So, but I think that it has to be a, a vote by the majority of the voting members but then I am not sure that the other side would abide by it if it went against them.

JH- All right, Bill. Todd.

BT- I'm just listening to him because I wasn't at the meeting over there so I've been told by both Ray and Dick what, somewhat what went on.

VY- Did I interpret it correctly?

BT- I guess so. It sounded great to me Dick. Ah, I wasn't aware that what, I mean Vann, what Dick said about there wouldn't be any since for us being here.

VY - He said some other things but I wont say those.

BT - Had I known that I wouldn't have got up at 4:00 this morning. I think the site is going to be the issue. Ah, I've, I've heard the ah, correct me Vann, this is what's hearsay coming back out from that meeting between you and Ray and Dick that there has been arrangements made to increase the area for parking of motor homes and etc. That there have been. There's not? That didn't come out in the meeting? Well, like I say, I'm getting told this. Now I'll get third hand stuff so I don't know.

VY - Well, no we did not get into site development at all to my knowledge of it and them saying maybe it could be enlarged to include ah, half of Mexico.

BT - Well I understand.

VY - Well, you could, but there was no, no, no sign that that was irrelevant it was just a description I guess between Ray and Dick and myself as to whether or not each site would accomodate one cook-off and the only way it was brought up.

BT - Quite frankly I, I would be ah, I would be try... I, I don't know I've, I've been over at Villa de la Mina for five years. It was '78 through '82 and I have seen it quite crowded in there and I've seen ah, quite impacted ah, and this was when we had less qualified cooks and less motorhomes. And I think today everybody in the world has a motorhome and those things average 24 foot so you might as well start figuring that's gonna run out of room pretty quick.

VY - I believe the statement was made that we had 3,300 spectators, paid spectators at Villa de la Mina at one time. At one time. That's right.

?? - These spectators...

VY - So we had no problem with spectators.

?? - No, no, no, no this included everybody that, Glen Pepper charges everybody that comes through the gate.

VY - No sir. No, no, no.

?? - He doesn't.

VY - No, he never has.

?? - I, I thought he, got a dollar.

VY - He got it off Robert Bell this year but no, when I called Glen Pepper (LAUGHTER) and it liked to killed him. When I called Glen Pepper and told him that, that CASI would like to receive a dollar a head out of the gate this year, Glen agreed and took me totally literally, everybody that showed up he got a dollar from. One from chefs and one from Terlingua and I think that Robert you was probably the one that brought it to my attention. That was stopped immediately and it was only was charged to spectators.

JH - Ken?

KH - One ah, one question that guess that I'm not really hearing an answer to that, that I think we got an answer out of Sam and I appreciate it.

SAM- Well I hope I try to answer straight. Go ahead. Lay it on me again.

KH - Earlier when he said he was willing work with whatever site the Great Peppers chose, did I misunder-, it that what, did you say that?

SAM- I believe you did. Somebody asked me, are you talking about the meeting that we had in..

KH - No, I'm saying right now.

SAM- Right now

KH - Just a few minutes ago you basically gave us the indication you were willing to work with whatever site, whatever site.

SAM- Ah, no. I did, did not say that. I, I'll make it real clear. I am not for moving from Behind the Store.

KH - Could I ask..

SAM- I am pretty well tied in on this and..

KH - Could I ask..

SAM- Now I, I am one person in a group of Directors. What they decide I will abide by their decision.

KH - Could I ask ah, I'm sorry I misunderstood you Sam because I thought that was our ... o.k. I apologize for that. But could I ask ah, and we recognize that you guys can not speak for the group as whole and, and we understand that but just a personal question to both of you because we have already heard this from CASI Directors, that they will abide by whatever the Great Peppers choose as a viable solution. Understanding that there is always some negotiation but if the CASI, if the CASI Great Peppers, if this group of Great Peppers were to request that a

site other than Behind the Store be considered, in your own opinion, not speaking for the group, would you personally be willing to support that?

SAM- No sir.

KH - Bill?

BILL- No. First of all, I want to clarify oneGreat Peppers today is in confirming what CASI shall do is under the by-laws of CASI so it you know it's not binding here.

KH - Well, we understand that, but I, I also think that these Directors that are, that are here...

BILL- Yes, well I understand what you are saying...

KH - If a, if a meeting were called and that vote were taken...

BILL- Where would this third site be?

KH - I'm sorry?

BILL- Where would the alternate site be?

KH - Well, I don't think that anybody has had an opportunity to address that. I don't, I don't think .. Until, until there is an agreement that there can be a third site, if that's what it is, then it really doesn't matter.

BILL- Well, what if there is a third site? Where would it be?

(TOO MANY PEOPLE SPEAKING AT ONCE)

BILL- You're asking me, I'm asking you

JH - I think what Ken's trying to say for the sake on one cook-off, would both sides agree to an alternate site. Yes, I think, it would be a neutral site. It came up for a vote in my Board of Directors that I would vote to stay where we are.

(TOO MANY PEOPLE TALKING AT ONCE)

BILL- Then what I would do is we would go Behind the Store or we have two cook-offs.

JH - That's what, what I was thinking

(TOO MANY PEOPLE TALKING AT ONCE)

?? - He just confirmed it, what I heard is true.

JMc- Jim McNutt, Pod of the Past. In an effort to get this moving forward, can we do can take a poll, can we, can we say I

would like to suggest starting with the very basic that it is the unanimous opinion of Pod of the Past members of 108 plus strong that we keep the cook-off in Terlingua. Now, if you want to talk about a third site or one of the two sites that are out there, can we poll the Great Peppers here and at least agree on that we would keep the site in the area of Terlingua?

JH - We can do anything, it's open forum, we can do anything we want to do.

?? - There's no reason for a poll.

MIKE- I've always been taught where there's no risk, there's no return and...

JH - No guts, no glory.

MIKE- I'm willing to make a proposition here that I realize is a little bit risky but the potential is for a little return perhaps. If everybody's willing to take the risk, ah, you know we're talking about compromising and it seems that nobody is willing to compromise at this stage of the game. Ah, I've got a coin here in my pocket, or somebody else can get me coin.

(MOANS)

MIKE- Now let me finish. Because I haven't said what I want to say yet. In the interest of whether or not we are really willing to find a solution, o.k. What I would like to know is this, would the groups be willing to do this. Would they be willing to say we're going, for the next two years in the sense keep this in limbo. O.k. For the sake of trying to go ahead and essentially say this, that next year at one site, the following year we will have it at the other site. Now before we decide where we will have it next year. We will flip a coin. If we have it next year at whatever it comes up. Let's just say site X and site Y, we have it at site X next year then we will have it at site Y the following year. Then we will decide where it will be permanently at the end of those two years because then everybody's speaking from a point of knowledge. By god, you know the pros and cons of both sites, you've been through the management of trying to have it at both sites and then we will know if fact whether each of those sites is a problem or is not a problem and what the pros and cons are. Everybody will have cooked there, everybody will have had manage it and so forth.

?? - What you're asking now for a group here that on one side can make a commitment and a group on the other side that can not.

MIKE- What I'm asking basically is this, is there enough interest in trying to resolve this to one site to take risk? Of not having it at your place the next time.

?? - Bill's done told you he's not making that decision.

MIKE- I realize that

?? - Nor can the Board Directors here without CASI to approve it so

MIKE- I'm not suggesting that we flip the coin now, I'm suggesting we find out if there would be an interest...

JH - That's right. I hear hear what Mike said. Go ahead please sir.

RD - Yeah, Russ Davis from Chili Heads of Arizona. I agree with Rick. I think your idea is a hell of an idea on the viewpoint of there's a whole bunch of people here talking about, some of them have not cooked on both sites. Some of them are speculative on the pros and cons of either side and there is a whole lot of emotion involved inand there is going to be a lot of emotion involved in the whole issue and we have to do something today to get off the dime and to get pass the impasse because if we walk away from here today and if we don't come up with at least a plan like he's talking about how to resolve this issue then it's not going to be resolved. It'll never be resolved. Now we can take a, we can take a, a vote of all the Great Peppers and choose one site or the other, we can take a vote of all the Great Peppers and choose to go with an alternate site or we can, we could ah, take the gentlemen's suggestion and flip the coin and try both sites. At the end of the two years we may decide neither one of them should be picked. And we need a third site with ah, more room and better facilities. At least we have to decide something today by noon to get this thing going.

JH - O.k. Larry.

LARRY- Are we curious enough to find out who would be in favor of one site, the two sites we have proposed plus an alternate site. Are we curious enough to find out straw vote as to who is in favor of one site or the other site or in lieu of that a third site to get this thing back together?

?? - I thought that's what everybody was supposed to do, go back and poll their pod and come back today and that's what I was trying to do at the start of the meeting. Ah, I wasn't trying to start no shit. I was just trying... I mean I was just trying to do what I was asked and went home and polled my pod...

JH - All right, Burt.

BL - Burt Lang, Creek Pod, if my memory serves me correctly and I'm sure we could look at the minutes from the ah meeting we had in September but I think Ray Shockley made the statement that meeting at that Open Forum ah that he felt similar to the fact anyways that it would be foolish for us to leave a \$40,000 plus investment Behind the Store and move to a third and alternate neutral site ah I gotta say the man's got a lot of merit in that

ah I think ah we're currently holding our CASI cook-off we have no investment in the improvements at the Behind the Store site. Apparently there has been money spent for improvement. Where it was derived from I don't think anybody in this room, possibly beside a couple of individuals know how that was derived. Ah, I think that it would be certainly foolish for us to try to even suggest that we could build a third site. First off, where would these funds come from, how would we fund it? Ah, I agree with what you said earlier. Ah, I go out to Terlingua to have a good time. I go out there to try to cook and show and do the best I can. I don't think I want to be going out there on alternate weekends working on a site ah, to try to help defer the cost of the site by having to build. The next thing is geographic location. I think the biggest plus that Villa de la Mina has is a natural barrier separation between the spectators and cooks. I had heard somehow that ah, the possibility of Behind the Store would be to build some form of a fence ah, between the spectator and cook area. I personally don't like thinking that I'm going to go out and cook on an area that I have no knowledge of who could move right in beside me ah I have no trouble with any, any form of the word of a chili cook, but I do have trouble personally with other people that possibly I would not like camped right outside my door ah, in the form of spectating people ah, during the day it's not problem. I think at night it becomes a problem. There's been problems in some of us in that nature in the past. Therefore, I feel that we need to look at this thing and just go ahead and put it to a straw vote basically or are we willing, after polling our Pods, which I have also done, and I know several other Great Peppers I'm sure have done, and letting these gentlemen go back and say this is what the CASI Board of Directors, Great Peppers feel either Behind the Store next year or Villa de la Mina next year. My POD also said that if the only issue was, to get this thing back together, an alternate site, you better believe we'll go with an alternate site. We'll figure out some way, we'll help. I'll hold, I'll hold ten cook-offs a year for charity just to help pay for it. The thing is I don't think we can afford it. Let's see what our feelings are about going Behind the Store in '86 or Villa de la Mina in '86. If the issue comes down past that that the only thing to keep us apart is a third site, I think then we should look at that and see the feasibility of being able to afford it.

JH - Sam

SAM- I'd like to make a comment on that. Ah, the cooks and show teams are in one area. We do not let individuals park next to them. We have an area where cooks and show teams ah, park and we let the spectators park elsewhere and not in there together. I'll clarify the statement that I made again over there. I said I was personally for staying Behind the Store. This is not the feeling of all our Directors. Some of our Directors said that ah, I, I feel like that they would go to an alternate site. If they make the decision to go to an alternate site, I'm with them.

I will go to an alternate site. You asked me personally and my personal opinion, everybody stay...

BL - But Sam, have you got personal gain there or have you got money tied up in that Behind the Store?

SAM- In Behind the Store?

BL - Yes sir.

SAM- Ah, I don't know how you mean tied up. I put some in it.

BL - Well I mean I've got... have you got a debt that there's now that you're working to...

SAM- There's no money owed. There's no money owed, No sir. None what so ever.

JH - Frank

FRANK- Bill, ah I think that ah, everybody has presented their cases you know for Behind the Store or at the Ranch and all the presidents ... go back to their pods and, and poll the pod and ... go Behind the Store or to the ah, Back to the Ranch. But I think a vote ought to be taken and let the people know where CASI stands right now and then Sam and Bill can take that back to their Board of Directors and say this is what we got. We voted for it and this is where it stands, whatever that figure is.

JH - All right. Do you accept that. Yeah, it sure does. Ah, do you accept that in the form of, of two questions for the purpose of a straw vote, non-binding, but a straw poll. An expression from the people present, if they want to go to Villa de la Mina in 1986. Second question being if there is no resolution, if there is no agreement to both the parties involved, would CASI the, the Great Peppers in the Pod would they accept an alternate site for '86 or future years? Meaning Behind the Store or somewhere else. We had discussion. We had discussion, Mike is talking about some other view about another, another an alternate location away from both of them. But of course the expression was also it would cost some money to do this, so ah if you want to we'll just put in a form a two part question, I don't care.

?? - Three part, three part.

JH - Three part? You want three Larry? O.k.

TEX- Could I ask a question?

JH - Tex, go right ahead.

TEX- Ah, to ah, Bill ... primarily. Bill ah,

JH - Wait a minute, excuse me, are you a Great Pepper?

TEX- I'm a past Great Pepper. I, I...

JH - Well the rules that were established for the forum initially of Dallas now Tex would be the thing that the Great Peppers, the Great Peppers only have represented...

?? - During that first forum he was a member of the Board of Directors.

JH - Oh, o.k. go ahead.

TEX- All right, I would like to ask Bill . . . in the words of our old friend Hondo, I'd like to --- that's means to play like that a straw vote will be taken and a poll will be taken and a referendum is made the decision of all the Great Peppers and their PODs who they represent is made to say yes, let's go Behind the Store. Let that be the place. It's got a lot of good qualities and everything. We've decided we're going to go Behind the Store for the next Terlingua and subsequent World Chili cook-offs. My question to you Bill, is because I'm a wee bit confused, are you not in a position to say that will be fine and it'll be acceptable and we can walk away from here today and say now we have ah, ah answered ah, the question of us all getting back together. Now are you in a position to say yes, that will be acceptable?

BILL- Yes, I would say it would be acceptable but that you would have one more issue that will have to resolved.

TEX- Well, regardless of the other issue.

BILL- Well, I , let's go one step further because these people if they do the play like ah, then you're going to have to set up your division of your six people to govern that particular site.

TEX- If they say yes, that will be acceptable? and the question now ah, solidified.

BILL- Well, why don't you start question? I mean..

TEX- That's not my question now. I'm..

BILL- I'm not saying yeah. I'm saying to yes to that. Sure.

TEX- All right, but then, by the same token you are not then in a position to say if the vote goes otherwise that that will be acceptable.

BILL-I'm still not in a position to say yes either way but I will say yes personally, yes.

TEX- All right. The ah, the Terlingua World cook-off which started in '67 was the only world cook-off. Due to a

confrontation between ----- and Tolbert, a second world cook-off was begun in California. Due to another confrontation between Tolbert and whom ever a third world cook-off is now in the process of existing ah, in the Terlingua area. My feelings, which I believe are some of representative of many of the chili heads and I see that the cooks as well as members of both sides is that if there is one cook-off that Frank, not necessarily started but was involved in, the original world championship, which was moved to Villa de la Mina and which Tolbert abandoned several years ago for reason which are now not important or necessarily...

SAM- I believe it is important. I believe it is important.

TEX- The reasons are not what I'm discussing. What I'm saying is that Tolbert, who had the ability and the power to reconcile elected not to do so before his death and so today we have two world championships instead of the original world championship which I think still exists with Tolbert, with --- when we moved to Villa de la Mina and which he abandoned for purposes which may be good or bad or right or wrong, that's what I'm discussing and so I maintain that we do have one cookoff. We have one established world championship chili cook-off and if I want it World...I'm going to call and if they want to sue me that's, that's ah, their previledge...the newspaper reporter reports that it's world, that's their business. What I'm saying is that we do have one world chili championship cook-off and I really have sympathy as well as empathy for those who decided to leave this world championship chili cook-off to go behind the store. I really have empathy and sympathy for those of you who may have invested some money it that, but I feel that we do have one chili cook-off today. One world championship and it's where it is and CASI and it's backed by most of the cookers and the members. Those who went Behind the Store I feel are not totally ---. Right or wrong is not---the question. So...

BILL- Well, I think it's a feud on both sides because you're only going there by your own choosing, you're not, nobody held a damn gun to your head, so the thing is whether or not you're informed or not informed...

TEX- I'm not debating, I'm just making a...

BILL- Well, I understand but...

TEX- Where the cook-off is will not matter to me that those eligible chili cookers will ... to either side or the other. It's not manditory they participate they don't like to go Behind the Store they don't have to. So I guess my question then finally is if you are able to yes, we'll accept the unanimous ah, opinions that we all go Behind the Store from now on, why can't you say that for a vote otherwise which we are about to take?

BILL- No comment.

?? - Well, I do want to make one, I do want to say one thing about his solikey here about, First of all, abandoning the site over at Villa de la Mina and I think that probably the gentlemen to my right can correct me if I'm wrong in some areas that ah, contracts were presented to Glenn Pepper and were turned down by him from Frank Tolbert. And just like ah, Tex if you're in business and your lease comes up for renewal and the man doesn't renew it you've got one option to do, you got to get your butt out of his place of business so therefore you're gonna get, you've got a good business then you're going to go re-establish somewhere else. This is the situation that happened down there.

?? - The sanctioned body didn't leave. The sanctioned body is still there.

BILL- Well, I think you'd start out and the sanctioned body came in a little bit later on, it's not --- original, I, I understand what you're saying down here...

(TOO MUCH CONVERSATION)

JH - This is going to be a three question straw poll. Correct me if I'm wrong now Larry on this. I've got this written down. All three questions will deal with a preference for the 1986 Terlingua Chili cook-off. Everybody understand? O.k. The questions will be number one, the preference of those present for the cook-off in 1986 to be at the Villa de la Mina. Question number two will be a preference for the cook-off in 1986 to be Behind the Store and question number three will be a preference in case common agreement can not be obtained that an alternate site be considered for the 1986 Chili cook-off. Larry is that the three points you wanted to make? All right. Richard?

RICHARD- We have a membership deal here. Can we go down through there so that the record, I mean can we, can we have somebody to keep the record...

?? - Just follow the alphabetical index like that.

?? - Where's Pat?

?? - Pat, you wanna...you want me to, it doesn't matter

JH - Well the thing about it, my question, if you're going to do this, if you going to take ah, ah, ah, count all you need is a straw vote.

(TOO MANY SPEAKING)

?? - I'd like to go by, I'd like to go by...

?? - I'd like to go pod by pod

?? - I'd like to see what the pods have got to say.

JH - O.k. Somebody's got to take numbers here.

?? - Could I get Pat or somebody to help count?

JH - O.k.

?? - You gonna go ahead and

?? - We're gonna go into -- but we're gonna do three votes.

?? - O.k. ...set up three different ones?

?? - Uh, yeah, it's the best thing to do.

(LOTS OF CONVERSATION)

JH - All right, Frank? Just a second now.

FRANK- I would like to add one thing about this meeting. The way I would advised of the meeting was that this would be a forum that we weren't going to make motions that would be binding which we have turned into.

?? - No

FRANK- We took a poll in our pod of only those people that's present. We didn't poll the whole membership. I don't know whether everybody else polled their whole membership like you do when you elect officers and send it out in writing to them for those that aren't there. Now this whole thing was brought up for both places that this was to be a forum and today we start making motions like we're having a Great Pepper's meeting that is binding on everything.

JH - There's been no binding agreements.

FRANK- Well, what about the other motions that we've been making and voting on?

?? - When we had a Great Pepper's meeting we did that.

FRANK- I know that, but that was over. That took care of that one thing. What are we doing now?

JH - This is a straw poll, it is in a...

FRANK- No, I'm not talking about the poll we're taking now, I'm talking about the other poll. Were they straw polls? We took a vote at the pod meeting that the people that where present, we didn't send it out to the others that weren't there to see exactly what they wanted and it was my understanding this was...

?? - There has been no meeting called there is nothing since the adjournment of the Great Pepper's meeting that is binding on anyone or anybody...

JH - These are just expressions to the Board of Directors and to the Tolbert CASI group and the CASI Chili Appreciation Society International Board of Directors.

FRANK- I just wanted to clarify that. That this isn't..

JH - Oh, no...none what-so-ever.

FRANK- We'll take a straw poll back to our pods and ask for a real official vote.

JH - Hal Hopkins

HH - I think if you're going to take the time go through pod by pod it probably be faster to have them ask all three questions of each pod as you get there.

?? - Good idea.

JH _ O.k. Pat will be talley master here? O.k.

PAT- Yes. I need one more person. Sharon?

JH - All right somebody else come up and keep the roll. O.K., --- you got a pencil and paper, let's get into this so we can...O.k. start with ---CASI. Go ahead. The three, the three propositions are preference for Villa de la Mina in 1986, for behind the store in '86 or an alternate site in '86, answer to all three. I beg your pardon.

- Villia de la Mina

- Would your pod go to an alternate site?

- Yes

JH - Golden Triangle Pod? Bob?

BOB- Villia de la Mina, alternate site, yes.

JH - --- Pod, Al?

AL - Behind the Store, alternate site

JH - SOT POD, anybody representing...o.k.

JH - Pasadena Pod

- Not present

JH - --- CASI

- Villa de la Mina yes, alternate site yes

JH - ---, Texas Pod

- Proxy for Behind the Store and alternate site

JH - --Pod

- Villa de la Mina and alternate site.

JH - Chair is noting to the alternate site is considered a yes to that question. Nacho Valley Pod

- Not Present.

JH - Ray?

- No Vote.

SAM- I thought you had the proxy on that.

- I only had one proxy.

JH - Cowtown Pod, Ken Hudspeth

KH - If I may, I've got a letter from one of my pod members I'd like to read to preface my vote on. The vote is Villa de la Mina yes, Behind the Store no, we will go to an alternate site.

JH - Highland lakes

- Villa de la Mina, alternate site and if we have to we'll go Behind the Store.

- That's all three isn't it?

JH - O.k. Houston Pod

- Villa de la Mina yes. Behind the Store, no. Alternate site, Yes.

JH - Purgotory

- Villa de la Mina yes, Behind the Store no, alternate yes.

JH - Pod of the Past

- Pod of the Past, Villa de la mina no, Behind the Store, yes. Alternate site, yes.

JH - SOD POD

- Villa de la Mina yes. Alternate site yes.

JH - TOP OF TEXAS

- Villa de la Mina yes. Alternate site yes.

JH - Virginia Chili Pod

- Not Present

JH - Chili Heads of Arizona

- Behind the Store, yes. Alternate site, yes.

JH - --- Pod

- Yes, Villa de la Mina and and alternate site.

JH - --- Pod

- Villa de la Mina yes, alternate site yes

JH - Lousiana

- Not represented

JH - Rose Pod

- Not Represented

JH - State of Nevada Pod

- Not represented

JH - Space City

- Behind the Store, Yes. Alternate site yes.

JH - --- Country

- Not represented.

JH - --- Chili

- I have a

JH - --- Pod

- The pod members have voted Behind the Store yes. Villa de la Mina, yes. Alternate site, yes.

- I believe that's it.

JH - That's everybody that I have. All right Pat. You want to read the results so that everybody can... Understand that this is for informational purposes to take back to your pods for the purpose of trying to resolve some of the issues.

PAT- 14 Villa de la Mina, 14 Villa de la Mina, 6 Behind the Store, 19 third sites.

- How many have not voted?

PAT- Eight.

- Twenty-seven Behind the Store Pat?

PAT- Six for Behind the store. ...you can't count that as a definite vote.

- That's her final answer to me.

- If two were any site.

- 14, 6 and 2 for site.

- Did the Board of Directors get to vote?

- I ran through some stuff I had the other day and ran across the Terlingua Terantua. This is the first chili deal that ever went out and it's designed where you can be in the wind out in Terlingua, drop your pants down, be doing your business and read this thing from page to page and never have the pages blow away from you. This is a one sheet, five page letter..ah, ah, ah chili cooking deal. I have the original on this that Frank Tolbert sent to me back a long time ago and I ran across that thing. I'm going to make some of these. If anybody will like to have it, it cost me about \$5.00 for it to be like that. Course if anybody would like one, if they'll give me their name and address or just mail it to Betty 'cause she takes care of all that. BUT this is ah, the number one page, you fold it out and you get number three and you fold it out and get number 4, which is real neat. It tells about some of the early days and here's the original chili emblem that, that George Hataway had back in 1939. Had a little man there with a bowl of chili. It's real nice and if anybody would like to have one well, if they'll send the money, well Betty will see that they get one. We're not, we're only make 'em on order so that's what it costs us to take it down to the newspaper and do.

- I have the original that Frank Tolbert send me back in ...

- No, I say I have an original...

JH - The chair has been advised that the represented... move for this meeting to adjourn. Anybody got any questions otherwise, get up and say so. Then we stand adjourned.