

Chili Appreciation Society International Annual Great Peppers Meeting Irving, Texas, September 9,1995

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Robert Bell. Directors present:

Robert Bell, President Ralph Hay, Vice President Mel FitzHenry, Secretary Mike Strack, Treasurer Hut Brown Executive Director Myrl Coultas, Director Vickie Childers, Director John Caffey, Director Guy Smith, Director Jim Stateczny, Director

Glyn Gaines, Director, in hospital

PODS PRESENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Alamo Area Pod Arkansas Social Society Black Gold Pod Border-Line Chili Heads Inc. apital Pod SASINOVA Pod Central Arkansas Pod Chili Appreciation Society of Arizono ChiliHeads of Arizona, Inc. Chillini Pod Classic Pod Colorado Chili Pod Concho Valley Pod Cowtown CASI Crossroads Chili Cookers Pod Dallas Area Metroplex Pod Drip Pod Golden Triangle Pod Green County Chili & BBQ Too Heart of Oklahoma Chiliheads High Desert Pod Highland Lakes Chili Pod Houston Pod Iowa Chili Appreciation Assn. LaCASI Lousianne Llano Estacado Pod Mason-Dixon Pod Mesilla Valley Pod

MO-KAN Chili Pod New Mexico Chili Society North Idaho Pod North of Brazos Pod Oak Pod of Oakton Old Dominion Pod Pacific Pod Pasadena Pod Piedmont Pepper Pod Pod of the Pass Puget Pod Pod of The River Purgatory Creek Pod Red River Valley Pod Rio Grande Valley Pod Rose City Pod San Angelo Cookers Association San Antonio Pod Sotol Pod South Planes of Texas Pod Space City Pod State of Texas Pod Tall In Texas Pod Texas Hill Country Top of Texas Pod Victoria and Surrounding Areas Yavapai Chili Society State of Washington Pod Virgin Pod

ODS ABSENT FOR FIRST TIME: None PODS ABSENT FOR THE SECOND TIME: Palmetto Pod, will be dropped as a Pod.



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WELCOME(HOST FODS) Diane FitzHenry representing the host pod of Top of Texas Dallas Area Metroplex, Cowtown CASI and Golden Triangle Fods, welcomed the Directors, Delegates and guests.

RESPONSE: Robert Bell thanked the host pods for their efforts on behalf of CASI and its Delegates

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Robert Bell discussed the work done on retaining and getting new sponorship for TICC and the importance of doing more work in this important area. He felt the year so far has been good for CASI and looks for a good TICC coming up in November. Robert commented on his past years as President of CASI and some of the misgivings he has had about his not running as a Director in the upcoming year. He thanked those that have done much to move CASI forward and challenged the present Directors to keep CASI and its members motivated. He thanked Hut Brown for being his right hand through the years and making some of his job easier. He also commented on the job of being a Director and the fact it is a non-paying job and asked the membership to help the Directors wherever they can.

READING OF 1994 GREAT PEPPERS MEETING MINUTES: Mel FitzHenry presented the minutes of the 1994 Great Peppers Meeting held in Lubbock, Texas. There were no corrects or additions to the minutes. Motion was made and seconded for approval. Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mike Strack, Treasurer, went over the financial status of CASI. He discussed the water well fund and suggested something should be done with it. He reported an increase in cookoff fees, which was due to more cooks participating in cookoffs. He also stated an increase in membership of CASI. He also stated we have a decrease in sponsorship dollars over last year, which the board hopes to work on this coming year. The figures for CASI are attached.

REPORT OF THE TALLYMASTER: Ralph Hay, Tallymaster reported on the status of sanctioned cookoffs to date. He stated there have been 450 cookoffs to date, slightly lower than last year and 354 cooks qualified with 117 showteams qualified. A total of \$559,000 has been reported to charity so far this year, this is down from last year. Ralph also asked that those ordering cookoff kits please try to order them and use them by the rules.

MEMBERSHIP: Mike Strack, Membership Chairman, stated an increase in the numbers for this year with 1080 members of CASI. He passed out CASI application forms and his busniess cards. He also passed out a map showing the number of CASI members in each state. The case of Tequila contest is on again this year, with two contests being held this year at TICC. One case going to the most new members or renewals from a Pod in the state of Texas and one case going to the winning Pod from the remainder of the country. Any new life member will count as 13 new members.





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SPONSORSHIP: Guy Smith, Sponsorship Co-Chairman, reported Wolf Brand, Pendry's and Budwiser are the sponsors for this year. He stated that all three have just one year contracts, so he isn't sure just what will happen next year. He asked for everyone's help in finding new sponsors

CHILICITY: Vicki Childers, Chilicity went over an imformation sheet sh has put together on cooking chili and doing show. She also put together a sheet of information on the CASI organization and asked that everyone use these sheets wherever they can. She also has reprinted the Terlinqua Passport, which has been placed in many state reststops and information centers. She has also placed them in some RV parks and business around Terlinqua. She has also been able to work with Sandra Watts in getting a promotional spot with a local CBS TV station. This spot was taped after the meeting and will hopefully be aired during the week of the TICC. She asked for any contacts with newspapers, magazines, etc to let her know about them.

DEVIATION FROM THE AGENDA: Robert Bell discuss the donation of \$300 to the Terlinqua school for a Christmas party for the kids last year. This year a request for a gift to be brought to the TICC cookoff for the kids from 1 through 12 years old. The gift should be new and unwrapped for those that would like to help provide the kids with a nice Christmas this year. Further information on this will be provided in the TICC packets or one can contact any Director.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Hut Brown, Executive Director. thanked all those that helped him with the Credentials Committee and the Nominating Committee and arranging the Friday caucus. Hut stated we had 57 Pods present, with Palmetto Pod being absent for the second time and it will be dropped. There were four new pods that had sent in the needed paperwork to be seated as new Pods of CASI. The new Pods are:

CHILE PENN POD
HEART OF TENNESSEE
SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHILI SOCIETY
STATE OF IDAHO

A motion was made by Jack Garner and seconded by Larry Hockler to seed the new Pods. Motion Passed.

RANCHO CASI de los CHISO SITE REPORT: John Caffey, reported the roads were in good shape, but the dust would still be present and asked that everyone watch their speed driving in the area. Some fence mending needed to be done and some plants needed replacing, but other than that, all is well. He stated the water tank had been moved and needed to be painted and asked for someone do the job. Rumor has it that Jimmy Taylor has agreed to paint the tank, king was again discussed, we are getting very limited in this area and once again he asked that everyone park as close together as possible and eliminate large areas between each other



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ALCALDE REPORT: Shirley Stateczny reported that we have 10 new 320 members. Four of those used the new four payment plan of \$50 each month for four months and this plan is working vey well for those that can't afford the full \$200 at one time. She reported that a new floor would be laid in the concession booth by the time we get to TICC. She asked for help in getting the remaining 320 sites sold.

TICC REPORT: Robert Bell reported that all is ongoing for the upcoming TICC. The band will again be Tommy Alverson this year and should be on site on Thusday evening. He reported that we are in need of someone to handle the VIP area as Mike Crouch would not be doing it this year. It was nice to see the hand of Stan Moore, of the Top Of Texas Pod raise his hand and accept the VIP area for this year. Stan will need help in working the VIP area as well as food and beverage donations for anyone willing to take something with them to TICC. Please contact Stan ASAP and offer you help and donation, I know it is always tough the first time, he will appreciate it.

DEVIATION FROM THE AGENDA: Harvey West introduced Pat Haggerty of Pendry's spices. Pat stated he was very pleased to be a part of CASI and it was his desire to service his customers and provide them with their need for spices. Pendry's also had a room setup with spices and other items for sale during our meeting, it was heard they did a nice business and the cooks were delighted they were there.

DEVIATION FROM THE AGENDA: Jim Stateczny reported that the main stage at TICC would be named in honor of the late Tex Schofield and a plauqe would be placed on the stage naming it the Tex Schofield stage.. He also reported that the Scholorship given by CASI each year would also be named in honor of Tex and would become the CASI/Tex Schofield Memorial Scholorship. Dave Turner donated an outhouse trophy for a quick raffle during the meeting. Mel FitzHenry had the drawing and the amount of \$140 was donated to the North Texas Chiliheads. Jim Tomlin of Arizona won the drawing.

SHOWMANSHIP: Mel FitzHenry reported that once again Showmanship would be done about the same way it was done last year. He reported there was little if any problems last year and therefore save for a couple of minor changes he would use the same system this year. He will try to enlarge the spaces, have a last chance drawing on Friday and that all showteams would face the main stage this year.

TERLINQUA TRAILS REPORT: Myrl Coultas reported that the Trails is losing money and asked that more adds be placed in the Trails to generate more money. He did thank Boomer Kingston for giving him some good business. He reported he had sent out over 200 CASI judging kits and asked for everyone to request them from the Trails. He mentioned the requests for answers about spices to be answered by Pendry's, but only one letter has been recieved. He was asked to come up with a sheet showing the cost of placing an ad in the Trails, which he will do. Placing the Trails on the Internet was also brought up, Myrl will look into this.



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RULES CHANGES: See Attachment

Van York moved not to accept any rule changes this year, second by Ray King. Motion Failed.

SELECTION OF SITES FOR 1995-1996 OPENS: Billy Childers moved the Southwest Open be held in Wichita Falls for 1996. second by Vicki Childers. Motion Passed

Dick Sechuzen moved that the Four Corners Regional be held at Sunland Park in New Mexico. Second by Ron Phillips. Motion Passed.

Joe Canavan moved the Northwest Regional be held in the state of Washington. second by Mike Strack. Motion Passed.

Mike Strack moved for approval of a New Zealand Intl. championship. Second by Myrl Coultus. Motion Passed.

Ron Phillips, High Desert Pod moved the International Resorts Cookoff be held Mexico. second Mike Strack. Motion Passed.

REQUEST FOR 1995-1996 WAIVERS: Waiver for Virginia Pods to revert back to 6 points from 9 points. Appoved

Waiver requested by Gary Christsen for Iowa Pods to remain a 6 point state. Approved.

REPORT OF THE 1996 GREAT FEPPERS MEETING COMMITTEE: Cody Oliveira of Memphis reported they are working hard to have a great meeting next year. He reported they are trying to arrange for a good hotel, some good food, a gambling trip to the casinos. He told all the delegates they are looking forward to seeing them next year as well as inviting all non-delegates to make the trip to Memphis next year.

SELECTION OF THE SITE FOR THE 1997 GREAT PEPPERS MEETING: As a result of the vote for funding under new business, Billie Rogers of the Piedmont Pod in North Carolina, made a tentative bid for the Great Peppers meeting for 1997.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Robert Bell once again brought up the registration fee to fund the Great Peppers Meeting. He moved for a \$250 registration fee, it failed for lack of a second.

Van York moved to increase the CASI cooks fee from \$1 to \$2 to fund the Great Peppers meeting. This fund would be dedicated to the Great Peppers meeting only and any funds left over would only be released for any other eds by a vote of the Great Peppers. Funding would be determined by a budget submitted to the Board of Directors by the hosting Pod/Pods, one year in advance of the upcoming Great Peppers meeting. This motion would take effect on October 1, 1995. A vote of the Great Peppers was taken and the motion passed.



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Harvey West reported on the proposed Terlinqua Memorial. He had a sample to show the idea they have come up with. It appeared to have the approval of the delegates.

Hut Brown moved that Harvey and his committee move forward with the plans to complete the Memorial. Second by Mike Strack. Motion Passed.

Hut Brown introduced and thanked Johhnie Harriman for all her work in helping him get all the work done needed for this meeting.

J.D.Duggan came forward to present Robert Bell with a plaque in appreciation of his past six years of work for CASI.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: There are four Directors positions open, two three year and two two-year terms. The candidates were, Guy Smith, Myrl Coultas Ralph Hay, Harvey West, Joe Canavan, and Elton Homesley.

RESULTS OF THE DIRECTORS ELECTION:

Elected to three year terms, Guy Smith(47) and Myrl Coultas(63) Elected for two year terms were Ralph Hay(46) and Harvey West(42). Joe Canavan(32) Elton Homesley(32).

The meeting was recessed while the Board of Directors held a short meeting to elect officers.

CASI 1995-1996 OFFICERS:

President: Ralph Hay

Vice-Fresident: Mike Strack Secretary: Mel FitzHenry Treasurer: Jim Stateczny

The 1996 Great Peppers Meeting will be held next year in Memphis Tn. on Sept. 7, 1996.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the 1995 Great Peppers Meeting. Motion Passed.

Mel FitzHenry Secretary