

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GREAT PEPPERS' MEETING
OF THE
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**DOUBLETREE HOTEL
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2003

President Mel FitzHenry called the meeting to order. Renee Moore, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

The following Directors were present:

Mel FitzHenry, President
Jim Ezell, Vice-President
Renee Moore, Secretary
Jim Stateczny, Treasurer
Garnier Albus, Director
Mikie McGarity, Director
Preston Nickle, Director
Ken Rodd, Director
Jimmy Taylor, Director
Dorathy Williams, Director
Alan Dean, Executive Director

Credentials Committee Report

Alan Dean, Executive Director, presented the Credentials Committee Report. Dean stated that the East Texas Chili Pod, the Empire State Pod, and the Grits Pod requested seeding.

Motion by Bob Horan to grant CASI affiliation to the East Texas Chili Pod. Motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Ralph Hay to grant CASI affiliation to the Empire State Pod. Motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Larry Oliver to grant CASI affiliation to the Grits Pod. Motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Secretary Renee Moore called the roll, and President FitzHenry declared a quorum present.

The following Pods were not in attendance:

Del Rio International Pod
Golden Triangle Pod
North Georgia Chili Cook Association
Pepe's Pod
Rose City Pod
Route 66 Chiliheads

Welcome/Report of the 2003 Meeting Committee

Bo Prewitt welcomed the delegates to the Great Peppers' Meeting. Prewitt expressed appreciation to all those who had assisted with preparations for the meeting.

Response

The President, on behalf of the Board of Directors and membership, thanked all those involved for the excellent meetings, hospitality, and accommodations.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Message

President FitzHenry addressed the group and welcomed all delegates and guests to the meeting. FitzHenry commented that CASI was strong, the 2002 TICC event was a success while not as profitable as in prior years, and he looked forward to an even better event at TICC 2003.

FitzHenry urged Great Peppers, Regional Referees and Area Referees to read the rulebook and know the rules. This is a critical area.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Secretary presented the Minutes of the Great Peppers' Meeting held September 7, 2002, in Tempe, Arizona.

Motion by Guy Smith to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Rancho CASI de los Chisos

Jimmy Taylor reported that the area along the roadway just before entering the Old 320 has been excavated to provide added room for vendor parking and, hopefully, free some space for showmanship teams. The rocks from the excavated area have been placed around the perimeter of the Old 320 and vegetation was kept and replanted.

Several buildings have been moved for better access, and a new front entrance building is in place. Taylor announced that Ken Rodd will hold a "Happy Hour" in the spectator area concession building on Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Taylor reported that construction has begun on the Ranch cell tower. Cell service is available in the Terlingua area from all providers with the exception of T-Mobile and Nextel.

Taylor announced that the Board had approved the construction of CASI City Hall at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00. This building will provide space for the Fire/EMS and security personnel. The building will be placed just to the left of the entrance building. Taylor stated that funding would be solicited from Pods and individuals whose names would be placed on the building when complete.

Contributions were pledged from the Pod on the Pedernales-\$100, Piney Woods Pod-\$100, North of Brazos Pod and Cowtown Pod-\$1000, Dixie Johnson-\$100, Sunshine State Pod-\$100, State of Alabama Pod-\$100, Florida on the Panhandle Pod-\$100, New Mexico Chili Society-\$200, Black Gold Pod-\$100, and Chili Appreciation Society of Arizona-\$150.

Old 320

Robert Schrade, Alcalde, reported that one Old 320 space is currently available and has been offered to the individual at the top of the waiting list.

The President thanked Mr. Schrade for the work he does at TICC.

Terlingua International Chili Championship

President FitzHenry thanked all those who donated funds for the purchase of the new tables last year.

FitzHenry expressed appreciation to Vickie Childers for agreeing to again coordinate the school supplies, Christmas toys, and highway cleanup projects. Everyone was reminded to bring Christmas toys to Terlingua children between the ages of 4 and 11 years.

The beer concessions will be open Tuesday through Saturday this year, with limited hours of operation on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Water will again be available at the Study Butte Water Corporation.

Parking space is limited, and everyone is encouraged to be considerate of others and park safely. Parking is on a first come, first serve basis with no saving of spaces for late week arrivals.

Tallymaster

Garnier Albus thanked Bill Pierson for the work performed as Tallymaster during the current chili year.

Bill Pierson stated that to date 458 cookoffs have been reported consisting of 14,100 cups of chili judged, raising funds of \$835,700. There are 367 qualified cooks and 148 qualified show teams. Pierson asked for volunteers to assist with registration at TICC.

Pierson thanked all the Great Peppers and Referees for the assistance in the timely reporting of cookoffs. At this time, there are no delinquent cookoffs.

Membership

Mikie McGarity reported that we currently have 1,646 members and 45 corporate members representing 46 states as well as areas outside the United States. Note: Refer to the CASI Membership Report provided at the Great Peppers' Meeting for more information.

McGarity encouraged everyone to think of new methods to solicit members to CASI. CASI needs new people, new blood and new enthusiasm to combine with the present membership.

Sponsorship

Jim Ezell announced the TICC 2003 sponsors:

Ancira Motor Homes and Travel Trailers – Gold and Pavilion Sponsor
Glazer's Distributors (Corona Light, Jose Cuervo & Jose Cuervo Tradicional) – Gold
Bruce Foods (Louisiana Hot Sauce and Mexene Chili Powder) – Silver and Wings
Sponsor
Hill Country Software & Support – Silver
Miller Brewing & Valley Distributing (Miller Lite) – Silver
Desert Eagle Distributing (Budweiser) – Silver
Novartis (Maalox & GasX) – Silver and Beans Sponsor
Renfro Foods (Mrs. Renfro's Salsa) – Silver and Salsa Sponsor
Lajitas Resort - Silver

Ezell announced the TICC 2003 Friends of CASI as Irving Elks Lodge and the Texas Lottery Commission

Ezell stated that his goal when assuming Sponsorship was to secure contributions in the amount of \$50,000; that goal has been exceeded.

Terlingua Trails

Jim Stateczny introduced Bob Horan and thanked him for the work he has done as the *Terlingua Trails* Editor. Stateczny expressed appreciation to all the monthly contributors for their contributions to the newspaper.

Stateczny advised that due to problems with color printing the *Trails* would go back to a black and white format.

Chilicity

Preston Nickle reported that he has been responding to numerous emails relative to CASI and TICC. Nickle will be mailing news releases relative to TICC to more than 200 members of the news media six weeks prior to the event. CASI members are encouraged to submit media names to him for news release purposes.

Nickle reported that Ken Rodd had involved CASI with the Passport America program. For every membership that Passport America receives from CASI, \$10.00 is contributed to the National Scholarship Fund.

Nickle stated that Sue Caffey has been approved to sell fire ant insect control products in the TICC concession booths this year. Ms. Caffey will donate \$5.00 from the sale of each bottle to the National Scholarship Fund.

CASI Scholarships

Hut Brown thanked the Scholarship Committee members for their assistance and thanked all Pods and individuals for their donations to the Fund.

Brown reported that there currently are 11 CASI scholarship recipients attending college and introduced Jennifer Lee, one of the scholarship recipients who was attending the Great Peppers' Meeting.

Brown expressed appreciation to the Board for supporting the scholarship program and to the Great Peppers for distributing the scholarship applications to interested students.

Mel Fitzhenry thanked Mr. Brown and his Committee for the work they do.

FitzHenry reported that there had been a \$4,000 anonymous donation made to the National Scholarship Fund and expressed appreciation to the donors.

Motion by Preston Nickle for a 15-minute recess. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Memorial Board

Renee Moore asked the Great Peppers to review the Memorial Board listing provided in their packets and report corrections or additions to Moore. A plastic cover is being fabricated to place over the Memorial Board to protect it from the elements.

Financials

Preston Shaw presented the annual Internal Audit of the 2002 financial records and the 2002 Great Peppers' Meeting.

Jim Stateczny presented the financial statements for the prior year and discussed income, expenses, revenue growth, sponsorships and charitable donations occurring in 2003. Stateczny encouraged the Great Peppers to make this report available to Pod members.

Note: Refer to the Tax Statements and Reporting Documents Report provided at the Great Peppers' Meeting for more information.

The National Scholarship Fund monies are restricted as to their use, as is the Life Membership Fund. The Great Peppers' Meeting Fund maintains a balance of \$10,000 with excess funds transferred to the General Fund.

Stateczny reported that the new Tallymaster program is now available with distribution scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

Stateczny reported on the services to be offered to the membership if an increase to the packet fee is approved. Proposed services include providing laptop computers for the Tallymaster, Membership Director and Upcomings Director which would be linked to the CASI server to provide members with easy access to upcoming cookoffs, membership status, current points record, etc. The question each Great Pepper has to ask themselves is: Do you want to consolidate the CASI data? Do you want to provide web access to the information? Are these upgrades worth the expense?

The General Fund needs "wobble room" that funding doesn't currently provide. Of the \$3.00 per cook paid to CASI from each cookoff, \$1.00 goes to administrative costs, \$1.00 goes to insurance, and the remaining \$1.00 goes to the Great Peppers Meeting Fund.

Report of the Executive Director

Alan Dean expressed appreciation to the CASI membership and the Board for their support, hard work, and dedication to CASI. Additionally, Dean thanked his wife for her support.

Dean announced that the CASI insurance coverage now covers the Great Peppers Meeting, TICC, and all cookoffs. Numerous cookoffs have requested the proof of insurance during the past chili year.

Dean stated that volunteers would be needed at TICC this year to work the front gate, registration, and concessions. Anyone interested should contact Dean or the individuals in charge of the specific areas.

Dean clarified that all Great Peppers, Pod Officers, Regional Referees and Area Referees must be members of and support CASI, as well as the Terlingua International Chili Cookoff.

CALL FOR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to be discussed.

Motion by Ralph Hay that the meeting recess for lunch. Motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Mel FitzHenry announced that the North of the Brazos Pod will be having their annual stew feed at TICC on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Renee Moore reported that a CASI cookbook would be produced. Members are encouraged to submit all recipes, not just chili, to Moore or Mikie McGarity.

Jimmy Taylor stated that a Texas Great Peppers' caucus was held on Friday and the Blanco County Fairgrounds, Johnson City, Texas, will be the location for the Texas Men's State Cookoff in 2004.

Taylor also reported that handicap parking would be provided at TICC in the Old 320 area on Saturday for those requiring such. A CASI issued handicap placard will be required and can be obtained when registering at TICC. Please bring proof of need; i.e., vehicle handicap placard, doctor's statement, etc. Only small vehicles; i.e., scooters, golf carts, will be allowed.

Mikie McGarity and Jim Ezell presented the 2003 TICC poster.

CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

Rules Change Proposals

Motion by Bruce Stewart, Dallas Area Metroplex Pod, that Rule I.B. One Chili Per Cook, be changed to read: I.B. *Only One Pot* of Chili Per Cook. Each head cook is responsible for preparing one pot of chili that he or she intends to be judged and turning in one judging cup from that pot. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot. The motion was duly seconded.

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| <i>Motion failed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | 2 |
| | <i>Nay</i> | 68 |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | 0 |

Motion by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, that Rule II.A.1. Preparation be changed to read: A duplicate set of numbers *provided by CASI* must be used, and attached to the cup per guidelines unless tickets do not arrive in time. *Commercial two-part tickets may be used, but must stay attached to the cup until the cook removes and signs the ticket. The remaining text a. and b. in the present Rule would be deleted.* The motion was duly seconded.

After a discussion, **Motion** by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, to amend the previous motion to read: A duplicate set of numbers *provided by CASI* should be used. The motion was duly seconded.

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| <i>Motion passed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | 65 |
| | <i>Nay</i> | 1 |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | 0 |

Motion by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, that the rule be accepted as amended. The motion was duly seconded.

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| <i>Motion passed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | 69 |
| | <i>Nay</i> | 2 |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | 0 |

Motion by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, that Rule II.A.3. Tampering be amended to read: Any cup that appears to have been marked or altered will be referred to the head judge for a ruling concerning disqualification. The motion was duly seconded.

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| <i>Motion passed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | 41 |
| | <i>Nay</i> | 22 |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | 0 |

Motion by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, that rule II.F. Tabulating Results, 1. Tabulate Results in Observable Area, be changed to read: Tabulation must be done in an area designated for tabulating that provides accessibility to observers and protection for judging sheets and computer equipment (if used). The head judge and/or CASI cookoff Referee will observe tabulation, which must be done by *four (4)* or more persons. The chili receiving the highest score will be the winner, placing in reverse order to tenth place for CASI points.

Motion failed for lack of a second..

Motion by Larry Burruss, Purgatory Creek Pod, to change Rule II.F.2. Tie Breaking (Final Table) to read: All final judges' sheets will be used for tabulating results. If ties result, one judging sheet will be chosen at random to break the ties. If ties are still present, a second sheet will be chosen at random for tie breaking of remaining tied scores. A third or fourth sheet will be used to further break ties. A tie breaking panel of three judges, who meet the criteria for final judges and who have not judged that day, may also be used. *At TICC, for ties involving 1st place chili, ties will be broken using a tie-breaking panel of three judges who meet the criteria for final judges and who have not judged that day. It is recommended that ties be broken in this manner at State, Regional, International and other automatic qualifying cookoffs.* The motion was duly seconded.

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| <i>Motion passed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | <i>43</i> |
| | <i>Nay</i> | <i>22</i> |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>0</i> |

Motion by Larry Burruss, Purgatory Creek Pod, to change Rule II.G.1. Method of Announcing to read: Winning chili numbers will not be revealed until announcement of winners. At that time, the secret number that is affixed to the outside of each cup will be removed and passed to the announcer. (Persons announcing, monitoring judging, or refereeing may cook if they so choose; however, if cooking that day, they must appoint persons who did not cook to fulfill their duties during the announcement of the winners.) *If a person fails to appoint a stand-in, then that person will not be eligible for show or chili points that day.* The motion was duly seconded.

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| <i>Motion failed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | <i>3</i> |
| | <i>Nay</i> | <i>65</i> |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>0</i> |

Motion by Alan Dean, Executive Director, that an administrative change be made that Rule IV. Showmanship Judging Rules, G. Alcoholic Beverages, be moved to Rule III. Showmanship Rules, 6. Alcoholic Beverages. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion by Alan Dean, Executive Director, that an administrative change be made at Rule V.A.1. Obtain a CASI Rules Packet to change the address from Golden Poppy Loop, Belton, Texas to P.O. Box 39, Terlingua, Texas 79852-0039. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, to change rule V.A.5. Have Required Number of Eligible Cooks Present and Cooking to read: The number of *cups of chili turned in for judging* required to sanction a cookoff is fifteen (15), regardless of the number of state cookoffs in any given chili year. At Regional and International Championships, a minimum of twenty-five (25) *cups of chili must be turned in for judging*. (See Page 10, Section VI.A3.) The CASI official at each cookoff will verify the minimum number of cooks required for sanctioning at that event. The motion was duly seconded.

After a discussion, **Motion** by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, that motion be amended for the rule to read: The number of *cups of chili, turned in for judging by cooks who were present and cooking*, required to sanction a cookoff is fifteen (15), regardless of the number of state cookoffs in any given chili year. At Regional and International Championships, a minimum of twenty-five (25) *cups of chili must be turned in for judging*. (See Page 10, Section VI.A3.) The CASI official at each cookoff will verify the minimum number of cooks required for sanctioning at that event. The motion was duly seconded.

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| <i>Motion to amend passed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | 46 |
| | <i>Nay</i> | 18 |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | 3 |

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| <i>Motion passed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | 42 |
| | <i>Nay</i> | 28 |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | 2 |

Motion by Dan Grannan, North of Waco Pod, to postpone consideration of the change to Rule V.A.6. Send Results Sheet, Entry List, and Fees to CASI Within 30 Days, until the end of the rules change proposals. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion failed.

Motion by Alan Dean, Executive Director, to change Rule V.A.6 Send Results Sheet, Entry List, and Fees to CASI Within 30 Days to read: The CASI official for the cookoff must forward an entry list, complete with names and addresses, official CASI Results Sheet, as well as three dollars (\$3.00) for each cook entered in each cookoff to CASI (e.g., 38 cooks entered, send CASI \$114.00 along with the Results Sheet and entry list), plus *twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)* for the cookoff registration fee; and to change Rule

V.A.6.3. to read: A check or money order made payable to CASI for three dollars (\$3.00) per cook, plus *twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)* for cookoff registration.

Motion by Guy Smith to amend the 2002 Proposed Rule Change requesting that the packet fee be increased to \$10.00 to request that the increase be to \$25.00 as proposed by Mr. Dean. The motion was duly seconded.

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| <i>Motion to amend passed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | <i>46</i> |
| | <i>Nay</i> | <i>22</i> |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>1</i> |

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| <i>Motion passed:</i> | <i>Aye</i> | <i>42</i> |
| | <i>Nay</i> | <i>33</i> |
| | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>0</i> |

Motion by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, to amend the 2002 Proposed Rule Change so that Rule VI.A.3. Number of Cooks would be changed to read: At Regional and International Championships, a minimum number of twenty-five (25) *cups of chili must be turned in for judging by cooks who were present and cooking* (one entry per individual per cookoff). State championships require the same number of *cups of chili turned in for judging* as is required for all other CASI-sanctioned cookoffs. (See Page 8, Section V.A.5.) For State men's championships, the required minimum number of *cups of chili turned in for judging* must be *prepared by male cooks who were present and cooking*; conversely, for State women's championships, the minimum number of *cups of chili turned in for judging* must be *prepared by female cooks who were present and cooking*. All cooks must be eighteen (18) years of age as of cookoff date. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion to amend passed.

Motion by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, that the last sentence of Rule VI.A.3. Number of Cooks be changed to read: All cooks must be *at least* eighteen (18) years of age. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion by Bob Horan, Space City Pod, to accept rule changes to Rule VI.A.3. Number of Cooks to read: At Regional and International Championships, a minimum number of twenty-five (25) cups of chili must be turned in for judging by cooks who were present and cooking (one entry per individual per cookoff). State championships require the same number of cups of chili turned in for judging as is required for all other CASI-sanctioned cookoffs. (See Page 8, Section V.A.5.) For State men's championships, the required minimum number of cups of chili turned in for judging must be prepared by male cooks who were present and cooking; conversely, for State women's championships, the minimum number of cups of chili turned in for judging must be

prepared by female cooks who were present and cooking. All cooks must be at least eighteen (18) years of age as of cookoff date.

Motion passed.

Alan Dean requested and received unanimous consent of the delegates to deviate from the printed agenda to allow a presentation by Jake Austed, Turner Publishing Company.

Mr. Austed presented information to the delegates relative to a coffee table book that his company wishes to produce to include a history of CASI, pictures, a biography of past champions, recipes, etc. This will be produced at no cost to CASI, and CASI will receive 5% of the gross sales.

Motion by Richard Knight, Heart of Tennessee Pod, that Rule VI.B. Establishing Open Championships, 1. State Men's and Women's Open Championships, be changed to read: In addition to a State Championship, separate state men's and women's open championships may be applied for at the Annual CASI Great Peppers' Meeting. A Pod or Pods in a state not having a currently recognized men's and/or women's open championship, but where *the state was recognized as a 12-point state for TICC qualification* in the prior cooking year, may apply for CASI approval. The state involved must maintain the minimum requirements of *being recognized as a 12-point state* for continuance of a state open championship. (Any state falling below the required *12-point level*, exclusive of the men's and or women's state open championships, *would have a one-year probation period to meet the initial requirements for a men's and women's state open championship. If the initial requirements are not met during this one-year probation period, then the men's and women's championships would not be recognized until the initial requirements for a state open championship were met; the Pod or Pods in the state then could reapply at the Annual CASI Great Peppers' Meeting.*) The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion by Randy Moore, State of Alabama Pod, that Rule VII. The CASI Terlingua International Chili Championship (TICC), E. Qualification for CASI TICC, 2. Qualified Showmanship Teams, be changed to add: *a. Past Champions – CASI TICC 1st place winners in Large Show and Small Show will be eligible for the CASI TICC immediately following their win.* The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion by Bruce Stewart, Dallas Area Metroplex Pod, that Rule VII. The CASI Terlingua International Championship (TICC), E. Qualification for CASI TICC, 2. Qualified Showmanship Teams, be changed to add a new paragraph to read: *To perform showmanship at TICC, the show team captain must be a paid CASI member. A*

“member” is one who has paid annual dues for the current year or has become a life member of CASI. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion by Larry Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, that language found on pages 16 (CASI Referee) and 25 (CASI Cookoff Referee's Duty) under VIII. Guidelines for Organizing Chili Cookoffs be changed so that both areas read the same. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion by Monica Parker, CASINOVA Pod, that language found on pages 16 (CASI Referee) and 25 (CASI Cookoff Referee's Duty) under VIII. Guidelines for Organizing Chili Cookoffs, have a sentence added to them to read: *Attend cookoff in time so observe cooks' registration and attend cooks' meeting.* The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed.

Alan Dean requested and received consent of the delegates to consider a proposed rule change which was submitted by Space City Pod for consideration at last year's Great Peppers' Meeting. Dean stated that he had corresponded with Walter Caldwell, Space City Pod, regarding the proposed rule change. Dean understood that Caldwell wanted to withdraw the proposal; however there was a misunderstanding and the proposal does require consideration.

Motion by Walter Caldwell, Space City Pod, to delete Rule I.E. Filling Cup. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion failed.

Site Selections

Site selection for 2004 Opens, Regionals and Internationals, requests for waivers, and 2005 Great Peppers' Meeting location:

Motion by Larry Oliver, FLOP Pod, that a waiver and approval be granted for the Southeast Regional Cookoff to be held in September 2004 in Warwick, Georgia. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Lyman Wilkinson, Colorado Chili Pod, to hold the 4 Corners Regional Open in August 2004 in Red River, New Mexico. Motion duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Vickie Childers that the Tri-State Open (Make-A-Wish Cookoff) be held in Amarillo, Texas, on January 10, 2003. Motion duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Glynn Gaines, North of the Brazos Pod, to hold the Southwest Regional Open on Memorial Weekend 2004 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Motion duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Alan Dean to hold the Eastern Regional Open in March 2004 in Aberdeen, Maryland. Motion duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Preston Shaw, Heart of Tennessee Pod Regional Referee, to hold the Mid-South Regional Open at Parker's Crossroads, Tennessee, on June 11, 2004. Motion duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Mike Mayenschein, Green Country Chili Pod, to recognize the Mid-West Regional Open, comprised of the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, and approve said open on October 18, 2003, in Lenexa, Kansas. Motion duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Upcoming Great Peppers' Meetings

Motion by Preston Nickle to deviate from the printed agenda to permit presentation by the 2004 Great Peppers' Meeting Committee during the tallying of votes. Motion duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Sammie Plant, San Angelo Cookers Association, that San Angelo, Texas, be the site for the 2005 Great Peppers' Meeting. Motion duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion by Chuck Taylor, State of Texas Pod, that Austin, Texas, be the site for the 2006 Great Peppers' Meeting. Motion duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

FitzHenry called for the election of Directors.

Alan Dean announced the Great Pepper of the Year is Jerry Dickerson, HOOCH Pod.

For the 2003/2004 CASI year, the following Directors were elected:

A recap of the vote totals:

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| Jim Ezell | 72 |
| Bill Pierson | 57 |
| Mikie McGarity | 49 |
| Mel FitzHenry | 48 |
| Preston Nickle | 47 |
| Mary Ellen Gillen | 17 |

A brief recess was called to allow the Board of Directors to elect the 2003-2004 officers.

Mel FitzHenry announced the following officers:

President – Mel FitzHenry
Vice President – Jim Ezell
Vice President, Ranch Operations – Jimmy Taylor
Secretary – Renee Moore
Treasurer – Jim Stateczny

CALL FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Bo Prewitt presented the Great Peppers' Meeting banner to Susan Dean, representing the 2005 Great Pepper's Meeting Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, was adjourned.

Mel FitzHenry, President

Renee Moore, Secretary

