

**MINUTES OF THE
GPM BOARD MEETING
OF THE
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
GONZALES TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**

President Kris Hudspeth called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The secretary, Nancy Hewlett, called roll.

The following Directors were present:

Keith Karaff

Kris Hudspeth

Cindy Noe

Nancy Hewlett

Mike Whitten

Don Hoy

James Burns

Brian Spencer

Jennifer Sherfield

Renee Moore

Scotty Parker

Kris Hudspeth made a motion to accept the ratification of email votes from June 4, 2020 to July 21, 2020, seconded by Mike Whitten. **Motion passed.**

Kris Hudspeth said normal reports would be deferred until tomorrow at the GPM.

Kris Hudspeth asked Nancy Hewlett if the Scholarship Fund had any funds that needed to be unencumbered. Nancy said she did not at this time but would at the winter board meeting. We must give the student 18 months before we unencumber the monies.

Keith Karaff asked if there was any old business to discuss. Hearing none he said we would move to new business.

Keith said we would go through the nominating committee report first. The recommendations were in the white envelope that he distributed. Keith Karaff read the report contained within the envelope. The nominating committee has received four applications for the four director positions. They were James Burns, Steve Herries, Tiffany Messer, and Brian Spencer. In compliance to Article 7, Section 4 of the CASI Bylaws, the nominating committee finds that all four of the applicants are in good standing with CASI. Their applications were submitted and received by the deadline and all are current on their CASI dues. We find no issues that would disqualify these applicants. Respectfully submitted Pat Krenek, Connie Collier and Judy Russell. Don Hoy made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee report, seconded by Renee Moore. **Motion passed.**

Next is the Credential Reports. This year the committee completed the review of Pod annual reports and here are the findings and recommendations. The CASI Executive Director has been notified that the Puget Pod in Washington state has been dissolved. The Credential Committee has found that two pods are in violation of Article 13, Section 2. E which states: submit evidence of Section 2. a thru d to the CASI Executive Directors part of the Great Peppers Meeting Process. This evidence must be sent in time to meet the stated deadline. This year Section 2. D does not apply since it was waived due to COVID 19. The Credential Committee recommends that Piney Woods Pod and Virgin Pod be placed on probation and not seated at the 2020 Great Peppers Meeting. Having reviewed all submitted credentials, all remaining pods have fulfilled the guidelines of Article 13 and recommend them for seating at the 2020 Great Peppers Meeting. Article 13, Section 2.d was waived for the 2019 year due to COVID. Keith explained that Article 13, Section 2.d was the requirement of the CASI Pod cookoff. Sincerely Brandi Reid, Cecelia Rivera, and Diane Stimson. Don Hoy made a motion to accept the Credential Report, seconded by Mike Whitten. **Motion passed.**

Kris Hudspeth said with the cancellation of TICC this year the Terlingua Community there was a blog post that Keith was made aware of or came across from the Terlingua area where they had posted the following:

“Chili cook-off events have been canceled for this year in Terlingua. These events bring a lot of money in scholarships to our tiny little school and graduating classes of sometimes less than 10 kids (which means that even if you are Valedictorian you don’t get in big colleges because you are not in the top 10). The kids depend on these scholarships and some work their entire school career to graduate high school and get that money to further their education. These scholarships can mean going to college or not for some. This year it is likely that without donations the scholarships may be less or none for our 2021 seniors. If you give money for anything this year, donate it here and specify for Big Bend High School graduates.”

Keith said that what he did not copy was at the bottom the donated here listed CASI and Brandi’s address to send scholarship donations.

Kris said that community being a tourist destination is hurting! We are not going, and we are not taking our money down there. They are worried this year. Financially, we are in good condition and I would like to make a motion that we made the \$15100 donation that we normally make to the Terlingua Community even though we are not going this year. Renee Moore seconded the motion.

Discussion: Kris clarified that it would be \$2000 to Sul Ross, \$4000 Sheriff Department, \$5000 to EMS, \$2000 to Scholarship Fund, \$2000 to the area matching fund and \$100 to the Chamber of Commerce.

Don Hoy said the \$4000 to the Sheriff's department is a no brainer. That is the cheapest security we can get. They make at least one or two trips through our property every week.

Kris said that we had had a benefactor to step up and donate \$5000 of the monies to offset a third of the cost in exchange for being listed as a Friends of CASI for the next 5 years.

Don Hoy said that at the Commissioners Court Meeting they pulled the amounts because they were not expecting the funds.

Jim Ezell suggested we get that information in their papers so the community will know.

Motion passed.

Don Hoy said we have received a request to camp during November 5, 6 and 7th at the ranch. He contacted the Sheriff who contacted the judge. The judge has said that it cannot exceed 100 at any given time, no spectators at all due to COVID. They would need written permission to be there and must be a member. He said the locals have gotten wind of it and said there was an unsanctioned cookoff at that time. It is against our bylaws for any unsanctioned cookoff. Don said you should send him a letter giving him the name of all parties to be on the premises and he would send you a written letter of permission to be on site. Don said the sheriff will enforce it. This list is needed for contact.

Keith said we are honoring this request but this unsanctioned cookoff will not happen. This would put our mass gathering permit in jeopardy for next year.

Kris said there will be Directors on site so do not have a cookoff on our property.

Sherrie Davis asked if our property was locked. Keith told her no because of an easement that we have at the back of the property.

Kris announced Cocktail Hour with ED at 3:15 pm. Round tables will start at 4:45 pm.

Breakfast will be provided by Farmers Daughter in the morning.

Don Hoy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Sherfield. **Motion passed.**