

**MINUTES OF THE  
SUMMER BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
VICTORIA TEXAS  
MAY 31, 2020**

President Kris Hudspeth called the meeting to order at 8 am.

Secretary Nancy Hewlett called the roll.

The following Directors were present:

Kris Hudspeth, President

Keith Karaff, Executive Director

Cindy Noe, Vice President

Nancy Hewlett, Secretary

Mike Whitten, Treasurer

Renee Moore, Director

Brian Spencer, Director

Jennifer Sherfield, Director

James Burns, Director

Don Hoy, Director

Scotty Parker, Director

Keith Karaff gave his thanks to all Board members during the months of trying to navigate these waters. The Board has done a tremendous job and there have been lots of comments that made it all good. We still have four months left and now the work will begin. This time it is hands on and not so much decisions by the BOD. Encourage people to pass on what works and does not work on the recommendations for cookoffs so that we can go on.

Kris Hudspeth made a motion to ratify the email votes from January 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, seconded by Don Hoy. Motion passed.

**January 2020 Email Votes**

January 2, 2020

Kris Hudspeth made a motion to reinstate the director travel reimbursement, seconded by Brian Spencer. MOTION PASSED: YES – 10 NO -1 HUDSPETH

**February 2020 Email Votes**

**February 25, 2020**

Mike Whitten made a motion to allow Renee Moore to purchase TLS gifts thru CASI and reimburse CASI just like we do the chairs, seconded by Jennifer Sherfield.

**MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUS**

**February 28, 2020**

Cindy Noe made a motion to approve the application for North East Texas Regional CCO, seconded by Brian Spencer.

**MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUS**

**March 2020 Email Votes**

March 17, 2020

Keith Karaff made a motion to temporarily suspend the printed version of the Terlingua Trails beginning with the May issue, seconded by James Burns.

**Motion passed: Unanimous**

March 18, 2020

Nancy Hewlett made a motion to call for a moratorium on all CASI sanctioned cookoffs from Monday, March 23 through May 4, 2020, seconded by Renee Moore.

**Motion passed: Unanimous**

March 22, 2020

Nancy Hewlett made a motion to accept the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting, seconded by Renee Moore.

**Motion passed: Unanimous**

March 26, 2020

Cindy Noe made a motion to approve the West Texas Regional CCO to be held on January 30th, 2021, seconded by Renee Moore.

**Motion passed: Unanimous**

## April 2020 Email Votes

April 9, 2020

Keith Karaff made a motion to suspend the Pod Cookoff requirement as it pertains to the filing of POD Credentials for the 2019 – 2020 chili year due to the COVID-19 crisis. The motion will suspend these line items of the CASI Bylaws: Article XIII.1.d and Article XIII.2.d1 for the 2019 – 2020 year, seconded by Kris Hudspeth.

**Motion passed: Unanimous**

April 13, 2020

Renee Moore made a motion that due to the COVID-19, those existing grandfathered and existing State, Open and Regional cookoffs, as outlined in Rule V1.B.1, Rule V1.B.2 and Rule V1.B.2.C, that had already scheduled their cookoff for the current chili year and are unable to reschedule for the current chili year not be penalized and retain their status for the 2020 – 2021 chili year in accordance with Rule V1.B.1, Rule V1.B.2 and Rule V1.B.2.C, seconded by James Burns.

**Motion passed: Unanimous**

April 15, 2020

Keith Karaff made a motion that due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions; we extend the moratorium on CASI sanctioned events until May 31, 2020. In the event that circumstances change for the better, I place a caveat that the moratorium could be lifted earlier than May 31, 2020, seconded by Kris Hudspeth.

**Motion passed: Unanimous**

April 20, 2020

Nancy Hewlett made a motion that we accept the recommendation of the events committee and approve the Central Texas Regional Open, seconded by Mike Whitten.

**Motion passed:**

**10 Yes**

**1 Abstain**

April 30, 2020

Brian Spencer: As a result of the continued Covid-19 restrictions placed throughout the US impacting a cook's ability to qualify for TICC on points. I move to make an emergency temporary change to rule "VII.E.e" regarding "Qualified on Points" for the 2019-2020 chili year only to the following:

States having:

1 to 5 cookoffs requiring 6 points be reduced to 3 points

6 to 10 cookoffs requiring 9 points be reduced to 4 points

11 or more cookoffs requiring 12 points be reduced to 6 points

Seconded by Mike Whitten.

**Motion passed: Unanimous**

### May 2020 Email Votes

May 13, 2020

Nancy Hewlett made a motion that the moratorium not be extended past the current deadline of May 31 but with the understanding that it could be revisited if the need arises, seconded by Brian Spencer.

**Motion passed: Unanimous**

### Regulatory Report

Keith Karaff reported that we were up to date on everything and the attorney was working on the Federal trademark that is due next month. The 990's were mailed receipt requested and we are awaiting verification of receipt. Nothing else has changed.

The bar codes through GS 1 have been updated and we are good until 2021. We still have one application pending and that is the state but that is the same as the 990s because the IRS has not been working due to the virus.

Mike Whitten made a motion to accept the regulatory report, seconded by Jennifer Sherfield. **Motion passed.**

### IT Report

James Burns gave the following report:

Other than performing routine maintenance on our tables, providing spreadsheets of data and our effort to keep the website current with information, it has been a quiet year thus far.

I have loaded the tables that feed several reports to ensure all members that have placed in either chili or show are displayed in various reports.

We do have an issue with the triggers associated with the Chili Results table and the Show Results table. The triggers seem to miss entering some cooks who place at a CCO into the tables directed by the triggers. I am currently working with the trigger code to correct the issue. Until a solution is found, I will manually update the necessary tables once CCO's are resumed.

Brian Spencer made a motion to accept the IT report, seconded by Renee Moore. **Motion passed.**

### Finance Committee Report

Cindy Noe presented the following report: The Finance Committee is in need of a Reviewer to review the 2019 books. To date we have not had any volunteers. Renee and Nancy said they would visit with some of their contacts about reviewing the 2019 books.

The 2019 Form 990 and 990T were mailed to the IRS on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 return receipt requested. To date we have not gotten the receipt back. The IRS appears to be backed up with the extension of the tax season due to COVID19.

Don Hoy made a motion to accept the Finance Committee Report, seconded by Jennifer Sherfield.

**Motion passed.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Mike Whitten presented the following reports:

**CASI-Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc.**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
 As of May 21, 2020

TOTALASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

100000 Cash in Banks	
100100 Ranch Property Self-Insurance Fund	\$27,000.38
100101 West Texas National Bank MMA	10,000.30
100111 Regions Scholarship Fund	130,939.24
100112 Money Market - LMIF	102,812.23
100113 Regions Main Checking	<u>133,125.56</u>
<b>Total 100000 Cash in Banks</b>	<b>403,877.71</b>
102000 Cash on Hand - TICC	0.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$403,877.71</b>

Other Current Assets

<b>Total 102100 TICC Cash Banks</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Total Current Assets** **\$403,877.71**

TOTAL Fixed Assets

110209 Net Office Equipment	
110200 Office Equipment	17,642.67
110205 Accumulated Depreciation Off Eq	<u>-17,522.26</u>
<b>Total 110209 Net Office Equipment</b>	<b>120.41</b>
110219 Net Ice Merchandiser	
110210 Ice Merchandiser	2,574.68
110215 Accum Depr - Ice Merchandiser	<u>-2,230.31</u>
<b>Total 110219 Net Ice Merchandiser</b>	<b>344.37</b>
110239 Net Sign & Plaque	
110230 Sign & Plaque	8,917.03
110235 Accumulated Depr - Sign & Plaq	<u>-8,542.00</u>
<b>Total 110239 Net Sign &amp; Plaque</b>	<b>375.03</b>
110319 Net Land & Buildings	
110300 Land	39,968.00
110303 Land Improvements	71,847.00
110310 Buildings	204,561.42
110315 Accumulated Depr - Bldgs	<u>-106,190.87</u>
<b>Total 110319 Net Land &amp; Buildings</b>	<b><u>210,185.55</u></b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$211,025.36</b>

Other Assets	
190100 Postage Deposit	1,500.00
192000 Trademark Fees	<u>3,870.00</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b><u>\$5,370.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$620,273.07</b>

## CASI-Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc.

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

January 1 - May 21, 2020

TOTAL Revenue	
300-000 TICC Revenues	
300-130 Main Bar - Taxable Sales	320.00
300-135 KF Bar - Taxable Sales	330.00
300-170 Main Store - Taxable Sales	<u>540.60</u>
<b>Total 300-000 TICC Revenues</b>	<b><u>1,190.60</u></b>
310-000 Membership	
310-200 Annual Membership Dues	4,707.48
310-205 Corporate Membership Dues	<u>875.00</u>
<b>Total 310-000 Membership</b>	<b><u>5,582.48</u></b>
320-000 Sponsorships	
320-360 Friends of CASI	<u>2,890.00</u>
<b>Total 320-000 Sponsorships</b>	<b><u>2,890.00</u></b>
340-000 Miscellaneous Income	
340-500 Cooking for CASI	1,759.00
340-501 Royalties Revenue	8,501.76
340-515 Online Store	39.00
340-525 Cell Tower Lease Payments	2,400.00
340-585 General Fund Donations	1,400.00
340-586 AmazonSmile	<u>454.75</u>
<b>Total 340-000 Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b><u>14,554.51</u></b>
355-000 Cookoff Fees	
355-100 CLIF Premium per Cook	\$5,778.00
355-200 GP Meeting Cook's Charge	\$2,889.00
355-300 Registration Fee -	\$2,225.00
355-400 Sanctioning Fee per Cook	<u>\$2,889.00</u>
<b>Total 355-000 Cookoff Fees</b>	<b><u>13,781.00</u></b>
370-000 CASI Scholarship Fund Income	
370-100 Scholarship Donations	<u>4,059.80</u>
<b>Total 370-000 CASI Scholarship Fund Income</b>	<b><u>4,059.80</u></b>
390-000 Interest Income	112.90
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$42,171.29</u></b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b><u>\$42,171.29</u></b>
Expenditures	
400-000 TICC Expenses	
400-100 Band & Sound System	2,500.00
400-145 TICC Jackets	379.80
400-150 Judging Supplies	305.76
400-180 Officials & Contestants Shirts	30.25
400-217 Sponsor Appreciation	<u>420.00</u>

<b>Total 400-000 TICC Expenses</b>	<b>3,635.81</b>
410-000 Terlingua Trails Expenses	
410-300 KDT - Printing Costs	3,200.00
410-305 KDT - Parcel Post	490.50
410-310 KDT - Bulk Mail	2,221.98
410-330 Editor Computer Related Expense	194.72
410-955 Editor Miscellaneous Expense	<u>134.61</u>
<b>Total 410-000 Terlingua Trails Expenses</b>	<b>6,241.81</b>
430-000 IT Expenses	
430-100 Recurring IT Expenses	<u>4,658.55</u>
<b>Total 430-000 IT Expenses</b>	<b>4,658.55</b>
450-000 CASI Director Expenses	
450-579 Treasurer Expenses	889.79
450-599 All Other Directors Expenses	<u>1,834.20</u>
<b>Total 450-000 CASI Director Expenses</b>	<b>2,723.99</b>
460-000 Membership Expenses	
460-600 Membership Expenses	<u>279.57</u>
<b>Total 460-000 Membership Expenses</b>	<b>279.57</b>
470-000 Rancho CASI de Los Chisos Exp	
470-700 Ranch Expenses	<u>1,164.39</u>
<b>Total 470-000 Rancho CASI de Los Chisos Exp</b>	<b>1,164.39</b>
475-000 Scholarship Administrative Exp	
475-100 Scholarship Administrator Expenses	<u>274.22</u>
<b>Total 475-000 Scholarship Administrative Exp</b>	<b>274.22</b>
490-000 Rules & Sanctioning Expenses	
490-750 Rules & Sanctioning Expenses	<u>205.23</u>
<b>Total 490-000 Rules &amp; Sanctioning Expenses</b>	<b>205.23</b>
495-000 Miscellaneous Expenses	
495-914 Bolner's Fiesta License Expenses	50.00
495-915 Online Store	73.16
495-920 Picnic Time Expenses & Income	84.82
495-925 Legal & Other Expense	1,200.00
495-945 NSF Checks	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total 495-000 Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>1,407.98</b>
600-000 GP Meeting Expense	
600-110 Beer,Wine, other Hosp Suite	<u>84.80</u>
<b>Total 600-000 GP Meeting Expense</b>	<b>84.80</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$20,676.35</u></b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$21,494.94</b>
Other Revenue	
890-000 Transfers between funds	
890-100 Paying Fund	3,822.50
890-200 Receiving Fund -	3,822.50
<b>Total 890-000 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>
Other Expenditures	
950-000 CASI Scholarships	
950-100 CASI Scholarship Program	<u>2,500.00</u>
<b>Total 950-000 CASI Scholarships</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>

<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
NET OTHER REVENUE	<b><u>\$-2,500.00</u></b>

NET REVENUE **\$18,994.94**

Keith Karaff asked if the funds from Facebook had been received. He had \$1300. Jennifer Sherfield and Ken Rodd both had one. Jennifer said hers had been extended. Mike Whitten said he had only received one. Keith said his was actually \$1350. Keith reported that Ken Rodd’s was \$425 according to the email he got. Jennifer said hers was \$520.

Kris asked Nancy if the COVID affected the Scholarship payouts. She reported that it had not affected them. Kris asked if any were taking a semester off and were we going to consider keeping their scholarships if a break is taken. Nancy reported that in the Scholarship guidelines it allows for a break without forfeiting their scholarship.

Keith reported that the scholarship fund was going to take a jump because he had heard of at least three cookoffs designated to the fund. Kris said plus the raffle is coming up.

Brian Spencer made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Renee Moore. **Motion passed.**

### **Tally Master Report**

Brian Spencer gave this report:

The overall result the Covid-19 pandemic has placed on chili cook offs provides an unfair comparison over this same reporting period in 2019. The delta in the statistics table below depicts the negative impact the pandemic has left as the peak chili season was about to begin. Beginning on March 23, 2020 thru May 31, 2020, approximately 64 cook offs had to either cancel or postpone their events, there were others cascading into June and beyond under local shutdown requirements.

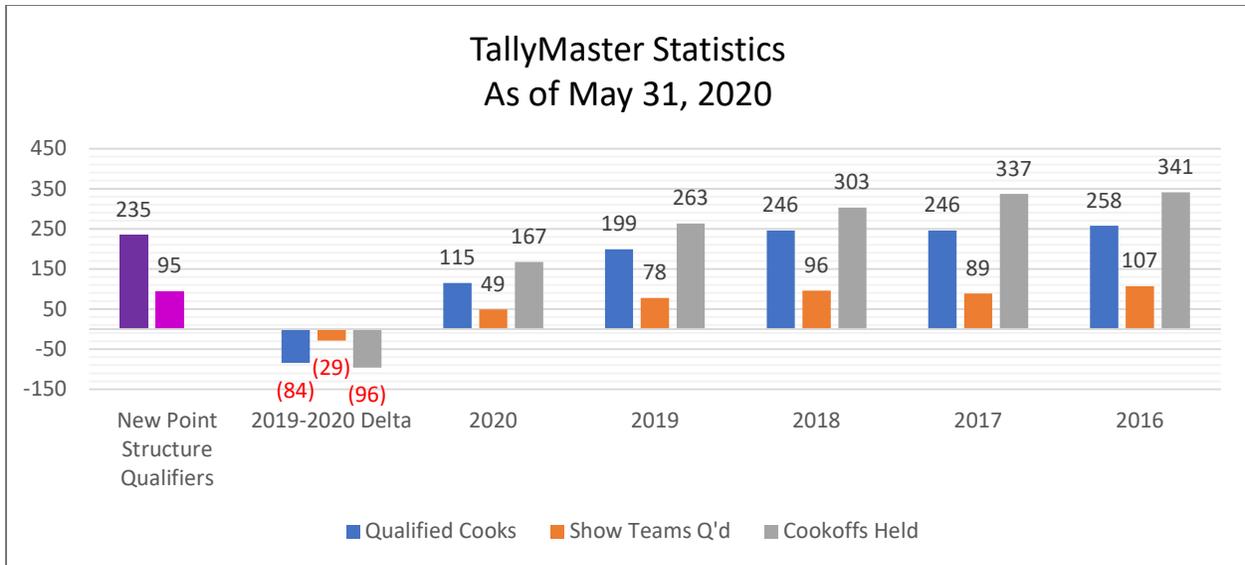
The temporary restructuring of ‘Rule VII.E.1.e’ titled “Qualified on Points” for the 2019-2020 chili year has qualified an additional 120 cooks in chili, bringing the total to 235. Under this same rule and ‘Rule VII.E.2’ titled “Qualified Showmanship Teams”, an additional 46 show teams are now qualified, making a total of 95 to date.

#### Summary of Tally Master Cookoff Statistics

Delinquent Cookoffs: Event #3325 - Washington Sportsmen’s Show Cooking Championship.

#### **TallyMaster's Report on Statistics** As of May 31, 2020

	<b>New Point Structure Qualifiers</b>	<b>2019-2020 Delta</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Qualified Cooks	235	(84)	115	199	246	246	258
Show Teams Q'd	95	(29)	49	78	96	89	107
Cookoffs Held		(96)	167	263	303	337	341
Chili's Judged		(2,831)	5,330	8,161	8,656	9,505	10,202
<b>Money Raised</b>		<b>(\$287,053)</b>	\$468,430	\$755,482	\$760,523	\$1,073,637	\$932,634



Brian reported that he had one delinquent report and had only heard from the Great Pepper once. There is a cookoff coming up on June 20 and he would start trying to get the information from them. He will be working with Bill Pierson on this. Debbie Turner will also try to find out information from her organization.

Cindy Noe made a motion to accept the Tally Master Report, seconded by Don Hoy. **Motion passed.**

#### Events Committee Report

Cindy Noe reported:

The Events Committee recommended, and the board approved the following regionals:

The Northeast Texas Regional CCO to be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Telephone, TX.

The West Texas Regional CCO to be held on January 30, 2021 in Terlingua, TX.

The Central Texas Regional CCO to be held on February 6, 2021 in Glen Rose, TX.

To date there were no U.S. National applications submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

She asked for everyone to try to support the Central Texas Regional CCO because it is a new one.

Don Hoy asked how Glen Rose was designated Central Texas. Cindy explained it was because of where the pod was located. The map was carefully looked at and those two regions were not covered. She also explained that Texas was the only states asking for regionals. Renee asked about Czhilispiel in Flatonia as a regional. Kris said that we would have to look at what region they were located in. Don Hoy said they were in the Gulf Coast Region. Keith said it would actually fall in TXB which is Don's area. Keith said there was some discussion of changing from just a cookoff to an Open. Kris said there was still small pockets where we could have cookoffs and we would have to sit down and look at pulling regions together to make the minimum 15 cookoff requirement. Keith said the Czhilispiel is one of the oldest and always has over 100 cooks and we need to look at changing that designation. Kris said we just need

an application to go to the Events Committee. Renee reported that it is near the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Kris said if we get on the ball, we could get this approved for this year. Renee said it is the fourth Saturday in October.

Kris Hudspeth made a motion to accept the Events Committee Report, seconded by Brian Spencer.

**Motion passed.**

**Sponsorship Report**

Kris Hudspeth reported that there was no sponsor report at this time due to the COVID challenge. He reported that in June to mid-July he would start contacting the sponsors. He said we still need a bean underwriter.

Mike Whitten made motion to accept his report, seconded by Cindy Noe. **Motion passed.**

**Ranch Report**

Don Hoy reported that due to the COVID virus he had not made any trips to the Ranch so there is no report.

**Membership Report**

Jennifer Sherfield gave the following report:

2017 and 2018 lifetime member totals include deceased members. January 2019 lifetime total was 521.

- **Annual membership**-is up 41 members from 2020 GP Winter Board Meeting. The membership special that was held on National Chili Day; February 27, 2020, was huge success. We had 77 renewals and 11 new members.
- **Corporate membership**- is up 2 from Winter BOD.
- **Lifetime membership** – no new life members since Winter BOD
- **Deceased Members**- All deceased members have been updated in the CIS, that we are aware of. I have a master deceased members list if someone would like a copy.

**Membership Report**

as of 5/25/2020

Summer 2020 BOD				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Annual</b>	711	645	523	624
<b>Corporate</b>	10	11	9	13
<b>Life</b>	633	633	520	515
<b>Totals</b>	1288	1167	1057	1152

Note: 2017 and 2018 lifetime member total included deceased members.  
January 2019 lifetime total was 521

Membership is up 43 members total since 2020 Winter Board Meeting.

**CASI**                      **Corporate**  
                                 **Members**                      as 5/26/2020

<u>Member</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Heads & Tails	Longview, TX	10/31/2020
International River Runners	Austin, TX	11/30/2020
Irvings Elks Lodge	Irving TX	1/31/2021
Long Draw Pizza by Alye	Terlingua, TX	11/30/2022
Purple Jeep Club	Gardendale, TX	10/31/2020
Rolling Meadows Retirement Community	Wichita Falls, TX	11/30/2020
Southwest Title & Abstract Co.	Rankin, TX	11/30/2020
Texas Laser Creations	Houston, TX	10/1/2020
City of Tomball	Tomball, TX	1/31/2021
R&R Construction	Monahans, TX	1/31/2021
Chisos Mining Co. Motel Inc.	Terlingua, TX	1/31/2021
Denton Elks Lodge #2446	Denton, TX	2/28/2021
American Legion Post # 554	League City, TX	4/30/2021

### **Terlingua Trails Report**

Jennifer Sherfield gave the following report:

Launched Microsoft Teams team site in early March to facilitate Terlingua Trails production.

CASI IT added casichili.net logins for Cal Ceroll, Carol Knight, and Mechelle Radcliff to enable access to the Teams site.

Teams enables historical archive of all Trails communications, stories, discussions, process, etc.

Used Teams to collaborate in creation of April and May 2020 Trails.

Adobe Creative Cloud (Adobe CC) Subscription established late February for CASI

March 2020: Transition from InDesign v.8 to InDesign 2020 for Trails layout & production.

April 2020: last paper issue, first issue using new Indesign 2020 (CASI subscription to Adobe CC).

May 2020: first electronic only Trails

Michael Watkins continues as "Interim" Trails editor

All Trails assets produced and archived in the cloud using CASI Office 365 tools: Teams, OneDrive, Outlook. All primary copies are in the cloud. Local copies are for additional backup only. No primary copies stored locally, i.e. on Trails laptop.

### **Upcomings Report**

Nancy Hewlett gave the following report:

Cookoffs are getting rescheduled. A few have cancelled since the new guidelines have gone out.

I had stopped sending packets during the moratorium to save postage. Once this was lifted, I mailed packets to those requesting that were still on the books. I spent over \$100 in the mailing of these packets.

There are still 10 cookoffs on the books that were cancelled or postponed. 25 Cookoffs have rescheduled their cookoffs. We have a total of 90 cookoffs on the books for dates June 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

I have started including instructions in each packet mailed as to where to find the coronavirus guidelines on our website.

Renee reported that Men's State would just be a chili cookoff. There is no BBQ contest and no Granite Fest. Craig Schlicke assures that he will be able to get the permits, but Marble Falls has not gotten theirs for Howdy Roo yet. Craig says we are going to have Men's State. Renee found the newest info on Men's State. She reported a cookoff on Friday night with turn in at 7 or 8, Wednesday you can come in and stay until Monday at no cost to park, Friday night Catfish at 6 pm, and now he says there will be BBQ with a \$10,000 payout, beans at 10 am Saturday, Sunday cookoff turn in at 1 pm. The golf tournament and wings are cancelled. There is breakfast Saturday and Sunday.

Don Hoy made a motion to accept the Upcomings Report, Mike Whitten seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **Scholarship Report**

Nancy Hewlett reported that Whitney Martin and Louisa Rodriguez were the Big Bend Scholarship winners this year. She reported that there was a parade for all the students graduating from Big Bend.

### **Merchandising Report**

Renee Moore reported:

She said she still has not resolved the issue of where the chip reader square is. CASI bought two, Finance got one and she assumes that Kitt got the other. He sent the small chip thru Cindy to her, but we do not have the bigger square. Discussion was held on the cost of a new one. James Burns said they were \$40. James plans to use his own personal one at the gate.

Michael Mayorga volunteered to pay for one of the readers and Cindy Noe said that she would also volunteer to pay for one.

Chairs are bought through a third company, not Picnic. Renee will explore going directly to the Company. Chairs have gone up since last year. Renee will get with Debbie Longabaugh about the embroidery. Don Hoy said there were still 6 chairs in boxes at TICC.

There has been little activity in merchandising since TICC, unless you want to consider ordering of chairs and TICC winners' jackets.

I have contacted Debbie Longabaugh to determine prices of TICC contestant shirts and the deadline for ordering to ensure delivery if TICC does occur.

I have also reached out to Mandy at Coggins to get an updated inventory list for items in the online store. Since there are currently no funds for purchasing new items for the online store, I wanted information as to availability of items on hand.

Don Hoy delivered several items from the TICC store to me in February, and I have sold many. There are a few items still at the Ranch that would be available for sale at TICC. Additionally, I continue to sell items on hand as the opportunity arises.

With the uncertainty of TICC, I am still researching items for sale with the thought that if all else fails, we have the online store inventory shipped for sale.

Kris Hudspeth made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Mike Whitten. **Motion passed.**

#### **Friends of CASI Report**

Cindy Noe reported:

Nancy Hewlett and I are handling the Friends of CASI in 2020. We will be sending invitation cards out on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. As of May 22<sup>nd</sup> there were 4 paid members, totaling \$3,500.

We have In Kind donations where a FOC membership is given in return for Bloody Revolution, High Sierra Bar & Grill, Clayton Jones, Chisos Mining Company, CED Dallas and Wendell Rankin.

July is FOC month and an ad is running in the Trails. If you know of someone, we need to talk to about FOC, please let one of us know and we will approach them.

Brian Spencer made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jennifer Sherfield. **Motion passed.**

#### **New Business**

Kris Hudspeth reported that he talked to Tracey with the Chris Shackleford Band last night after the workshop. They have already agreed to Thursday and Friday night and for an additional \$700 and an extra night in hotel they will play in the Flats and provide the sound if needed. So, our total for them would be \$3700. Keith said we did not need a motion because it was already in the budget for \$4500. Kris asked what will their schedule be for TICC? They can play at the Main Stage on Thursday night and move them on Friday and Saturday nights to the Flats. Kris said we can put some kind of music on the speakers at Main Stage for those that do not want to go to the Flats. We will also move the Sul

Ross volunteers from the bar to Krazy Flats before the music starts in the Flats. Kris will get back with Tracey and with Lajitas about the extra night. Renee asked if they were still giving us a better rate. Kris said the rate was close to \$200 a night. We can look at absorbing the \$200 with the \$4500 budgeted if we are not able to get an extra night.

Kris Hudspeth said as we navigate the waters of the COVID-19, Keith and I felt we needed to address the bylaws so that further boards would have, in writing, guidelines of how we went about navigating the waters. So, we are proposing an amendment to the bylaws to Article XII with a section of declared emergency. The by law would read:

## Article XII

### DECLARED EMERGENCY

The CASI Board of Directors may adopt emergency measures, which shall be operative during any emergency in the conduct of the business of the Corporation resulting from any state of emergency declared by the federal government, state government or any subdivision thereof, or any other national or regional catastrophic event.

When the majority of the board considers, in the best interest of the CASI organization, that emergency measures need to be invoked; then individual waivers will be voted on and may include, but not limited to: waivers of the CASI rules and guidelines, board bylaws, and organizational policies. Waivers may be invoked to add extensions of deadlines pertaining to, but not limited to, the Great Peppers Meeting, elections of directors/executive director/officers and authorizations of State, Regional, and International Championships.

These emergency measures will be temporary measures with a maximum of up to one-year waivers mentioned above. If the declared state of emergency is still in effect after one-year, then the board may continue to extend the emergency measures, until the time that the emergency no longer exists.

Any adopted emergency measures will be communicated to the Great Peppers and members of the organization, within a reasonable period of time through electronic communications and the organization's website and social media outlets.

Don Hoy made a motion that we accept the bylaw amendment, seconded by Jennifer Sherfield. **Motion passed.**

Don Hoy made a motion to reduce the 30-day event listing to 15 days for the remainder of the 2020 chili year due to the COVID – 19, seconded by Mike Whitten. **Motion passed.**

Keith Karaff made a motion to raise the price of bar items as follows:

Beer from \$2.50 to \$3.00

Water from \$1.00 to \$2.00

Soda from \$1.00 to \$1.50

Gatorade from \$2.00 to \$3.00

Seconded by Brian Spencer. **Motion passed.**

Keith Karaff made a motion to reengage Event Brite online ticket sales beginning July 1 – July 31 at \$30 fee; August 1 – September 30 at \$35 fee and October 1 – TICC at \$40 fee and add to the Event Brite site

in case the event is cancelled ticket costs minus Event Brite fees will be refunded. Don Hoy seconded.  
**Motion passed.**

Renee Moore moved that due to the current budgetary concerns a \$25 per person facility usage fee be assessed to all non-spectators to include all directors, qualified cooks, qualified show team members, Old 320 members as outlined in the gate policy excluding FOC and sponsors, authorized vendors and scheduled entertainers. Seconded by Don Hoy. **Motion passed.**

James Burns and Nancy Hewlett will work the pre-armbands and collect monies on Tuesday. James will utilize his square reader to use credit cards for the sales.

Kris Hudspeth made a motion to allow \$1,000 reimbursement to allow Don Hoy to make two trips to the Ranch. Brian Spencer seconded. **Motion passed.**

Scotty Parker proposed a change to the prices for the vendor lots. He also discussed the vendors needing health permits or insurance permits. Kris asked Dusty Hudspeth to send the information on the insurance to Scotty. Kris asked Scotty to get it organized and send to James and Keith.

Kris read an email written to him from Keith Karaff:

Michael and I have been having a serious discussion about what happens to CASI after the summer ends. With the GP meeting coming up and the organization continuing in this state of uncertainty after the crisis subsides, he agrees with me on several things and I would like to pass these on.

While we have been handling many things there are many things that still need to be handled after the GP meeting in September. With the turmoil and the unknown within the organization he and I feel that it would really not be right to hand off the organization in this state to a new Executive Director because that person would need to be brought up to date on so much so quickly. Also, since we have moved the rule changes to next year the new director would have to deal with that issue. This would be a massive and overwhelming learning curve. Therefore, after many talks, if the Board considers it a good idea, I would not be opposed to having a vote taken to extend my term by one year ending September 2021. After going through the bylaws, I bring this up because I believe that under special emergency situations the Board can amend the bylaws to add this temporary decision for the ED position only. Therefore, if you agree you can send this to the Board for discussion. The bylaws only state that the ED be elected to a two-year term. Nothing else and since no applications have been submitted it is taking nothing away from any potential candidate.

Cindy Noe made a motion to extend Keith Karaff's term as ED by one year ending September 2021. Kris said personally he would like to thank Keith and Michael for making that decision. Renee Moore seconded. **Motion passed. Keith Karaff abstained.**

Kris announced that the next meeting will be Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Great Peppers Meeting. He gave thanks to the VASA Pod for their hospitality.

Don Hoy made a motion to adjourn. James Burns seconded. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hewlett, Secretary

