



**Minutes of the  
Fall Meeting of the  
Board of Directors  
of the  
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**PENDING APPROVAL**  
**Holiday Inn-Midtown**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**September 11, 2015**

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President Richard Knight called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Secretary Kris Hudspeth called the roll.

The following Directors were present:

Richard Knight, President  
Harvey West, Vice President  
Ted Fichtl, Executive Director  
Mary Ellen Gillen, Treasurer  
Kris Hudspeth, Secretary  
Cindy Noe, Director  
Tim Collier, Director  
Susan Armand, Director  
Patti Meyers-Jones, Director

Director Robert Schrade was absent.

President Richard Knight welcomed the spectators. He said that this would be a relatively short meeting.

**Ratification of Board Action**

**(Each of these votes were taken in accordance to the CASI Email Voting Policy)**

6/14/15 Motion by Ted Fichtl: That the BOD commit to the selection and purchase of polo shirts to be presented to contestants, directors and FOC for the 2016, 50th Anniversary. Seconded by Kris Hudspeth.

**Motion Passed: *Unanimous***

6/17/15 Motion by Ted Fichtl: Based on the recommendation of the Events Committee, that the Board approve the application for the 2016 SE Regional Open, in Orlando, FL, as represented in the attached application. The BOD will be notified when the exact date in Feb or Mar 2016 is finalized. Seconded by Patti Meyers-Jones.

**Motion Passed: *Unanimous***

6/25/15 Motion by Ted Fichtl: To approve Bill Pierson to fill the position of CASI Senior Referee. Seconded by Richard Knight.

**Motion Passed: *Unanimous***

7/9/15 Motion by Kris Hudspeth: to approve and distribute the Minutes to the CASI Great Peppers. Seconded by Susan Armand.

**Motion Passed: *Unanimous***

7/10/15 Motion by Susan Armand: to accept the bid for all polos and judges tshirts from Jana Brashear not to exceed \$7,116.00. Seconded by Ted Fichtl.

**Motion Passed: 7 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain, 1 did not vote**

7/13/15 Motion by Richard Knight: to appoint Jenny Windsor as an off board member to perform the duties of Tally Master; effective the date of her resignation from the board on July 15, 2015. Seconded by Ted Fichtl.

**Motion Passed: 9 yes, 1 no, 1 did not vote**

Motion by Ted Fichtl to approve the consent agenda. Second by Kris Hudspeth.

**Motion Passed: *Unanimous***

Ted Fichtl announced that all reports were deferred to the Great Peppers Meeting on Saturday. Any Board members with reports that need action taken will bring them up under New Business.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Kris Hudspeth to approve the Summer Board Meeting Minutes. Second by Mary Ellen Gillen.

**Motion Approved: *Unanimous***

**New Business**

Nancy Hewlett asked to unencumber the following funds:

\$500 for Matthew Hard, \$1,000 for Natalie Jones, \$2,000 Felicia Wurfield and \$500 for Jessenia Mercado.

Matthew and Natalie graduated early and thanked us for our support. Jessenia and Felicia are no longer students.

Motion by Kris Hudspeth to unencumber \$4,000. Second by Patti Meyers-Jones.

**Motion Passed: *Unanimous***

Patti Meyers-Jones said that the events committee received an application for Howdy Roo to be held in 2016. The Events committee is recommending that the Board approve the cook-off and approve the exemption of applying for Howdy Roo.

Motion by Patti Meyers- Jones to approve the Howdy Roo Regional and grant exemption status. Second by Susan Armand.

**Motion Approved: *Unanimous***

Ted Fichtl said that the Nominating Committee recommendations for Don Hoy, David Manske, Kris Hudspeth, Susan Armand, Patti Meyers-Jones, and Keith Longabaugh are in order and will be presented for election.

Ted Fichtl said that the Credentials Committee has reviewed all Pod Reports and everything is in order. There are 3 delegates that will be asked to pay dues prior to meeting.

Ted Fichtl said that Chili-MAC will be presented before the Great Peppers tomorrow as a potential pod for CASI.

Richard Knight said that a lot of applications that he has come across for sponsorship ask for a vision statement, since we are a 501(c) 3. Currently we have a Mission Statement and a motto of *chili, charity and fun*. I would like the Board to approve a Vision Statement that is: Make a positive difference in someone's life with every pot of chili we cook.

Motion by Harvey West to approve a CASI Vision Statement that is: Make a positive difference in someone's life with every pot of chili we cook. Second by Cindy Noe.

**Motion Approved: *Unanimous***

***Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be in the Winter of 2016. More information will be sent out once we have a date and location set.

Motion by Kris Hudspeth to adjourn. Second by Susan Armand.

**Motion Passed: *Unanimous***