

GREAT PEPPERS' SUMMER WORKSHOP

May 23, 1982
Oak Hill, Texas

MINUTES

Meeting was called to discuss recommendations to C.A.S.I. and proposals for governing the rules. The pods are to present these preliminary proposals at the Great Peppers Meeting in September. A time and date for the Great Peppers Meeting in September to be set.

Pods Represented at Meeting:

Top-O-Texas
Heart of Texas
State of Texas
San Antonio Pod
Houston Pod
Montgomery County Pod
Highlands Lakes Pod
Corpus Christi Pod

The first order of business was setting a time and date for this year's Great Peppers Meeting.

A motion was made that a pod host the meeting each year and that this year's meeting to be held the second weekend in September (9/11/82) and that it convene at 9:00 A.M.

Motion by Houston Pod, Seconded by San Antonio Pod. Motion carried.

Highland Lakes Pod and State of Texas Pod volunteered to host this year's meeting. The exact location to be determined, and all Great Peppers to be notified.

The following are proposals made to take before the Great Peppers Meeting in September:

1. How often to have Great Papper Meetings, is one a year enough?'
2. The Great Peppers make the rules, but they are not always followed. If the rules are not followed, a better plan should be implemented to discipline the people that break the rules. This must be done and followed through. Is it fair to penalize the cooks because a cook-off isn't run properly? The cooks must know the rules and insist that a cook-off follow them and not participate in cook-offs they know are not following the rules.
3. In order to have a good cook-off, it takes five to six months planning. A cook-off could be advertised this far in advance.

4. Show teams entertain spectators and are a necessary part of cook-offs. Amplification in showmanship is still causing most problems and complaints. Need to consider a way to control a low noise level while, again, allowing amplification. A statement was made to the effect that who wants to watch a bunch of people stand in a circle and stir their chili. Most of these events are to make money for charity and good show teams draw the crowds. Cook-offs don't make money for these charities off the cooks.
5. In order for a pod to remain a sanctioned pod, they must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Have regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year for all their membership. Suggested five or six minimum, with the exact number to be determined.
 - b. Must attend Great Peppers meeting each year in September or have an alternate attend.
 - c. Each pod to present a membership list of dues paying members at the Great Peppers meeting in September to a Credentials Committee. For a pod to have a vote, they must have a minimum of 25 to 50 dues paying members. The exact number to be determined. Each pod has only one vote.
 - d. The Great Peppers or their official alternate will have a vote.
6. A Board of Governors to be set up by the Great Peppers at their meeting in September. This Board of Governors would consist of one member from each pod. This Board will offer suggestions for rule changes to the Great Peppers and have the 'final say' in interpreting the rules when problems arise which cannot be satisfactorily resolved by local and regional referees. Their terms to be decided. These terms should be staggered, some members of the initial Board of Governors to serve for one, two and three years. It was suggested that after the Governors are elected, their terms be determined by drawing from a hat. These staggered terms will provide continuity to the Board.

Houston Pod suggested that there be two delegates from each Pod, maybe the Great Pepper and the past Great Pepper. This decision to be made within each Pod. Also, that C.A.S.I. should not be run by one or two people, but by a Board of Governors from all over the state.

May be a problem getting 28 people together for a meeting. Board of Governors will have continuity.

C.A.S.I. establishes rules for Terlingua, but has no control over rules governing cook-off. The Board of Governors has control over the rules and cannot be overridden by any one person. The cooks have got to stand behind the Board. The primary purpose of the Board is to uphold the rules and determine the validity of cook-offs.

7. Multiple cook-offs - Should the Coors cook-off in Dallas be sanctioned?

It is against the rules to have multiple cook-offs. The cooks should not support them expecting Tulingua points.

Many cooks do not know the rules. These should be printed in a booklet. San Antonio Pod C.A.S.I. has a booklet available on how to run a cook-off which was written by Bob Angel. This should be made available to all cooks. The Coors people ran their cook-off according to the instructions Paul Smith gave them. Should it be sanctioned?

State of Texas Pod moved that the Coors Cook-Off be placed on probation and the cooks keep their points. Vote was taken - four for, four against. After some discussion during which a letter from Coors was read in which they admitted the errors made this year, and proposed to correct at their next cook-off.

It should be pointed out that a C.A.A.I. Director did give them wrong information, but the running of a cook-off is the ultimate responsibility of the people putting it on. There should be an article in the Goat Gap about the Coors cook-off. Highland Lakes Pod resonsidered, making five for, and 3 against. The Coors Cook-off will be placed on probation.

8. Suggestion by Heart of Texas Pod that a co-ordinator be named. This person would answer questions about the rules, give information on who to contact for help, and advise on running cook-offs, etc.
9. The only voting members to attend the Great Peppers Meeting September 9-11, 1982, will be the Great Peppers They will, at that time, decide on above proposals before delegates can be elected and a Board of Governors formed.