

MINUTES
GREAT PEPPERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 1983
WEST, TEXAS

The annual meeting of the CASI Great Peppers was held on September 10, 1983, at West, Texas. The following officials were present:

Ray King -- Executive Director
Tom Pike -- SAP-CASI
Clyde Griffin -- HIGHLAND LAKE POD CASI
Al Hopkins -- HOT POD CASI
Duke Walton -- Houston Pod CASI
Ray Calhoun -- Top of Texas Pod CASI
Darrel Folse -- Louisianne Pod CASI
Jim Lund -- Cowtown CASI
Bob Taylor -- CAP Pod CASI
Bob Glispin -- Coast of Texas Pod CASI
Rick Bell -- Texhoma Pod CASI
Doris Coates -- Dallas Pod CASI
Tom Skipper -- Pasadena Pod CASI
Dee S. Horton -- VASA POD CASI
Ennis Penland -- Tall in Texas Pod CASI
Robert Bell -- Golden Triangle Pod CASI
Jo Carol Byran -- NOB Pod CASI
David Hackworth -- State of Texas Pod CASI
Don Ingle -- HOOCH Pod CASI
Larry Burruss -- Pergatory Creek Pod CASI
Phil Hamilton -- Tulsa Pod CASI
Richard Knight -- Tallymaster
Jim Carmony -- Regional Referee
Tom Tyler -- Regional Referee
Vann York -- Regional Referee
Herman Cellmer -- Regional Referee
Glyn Gaines -- Regional Referee
Mike Gallagher -- Regional Referee

Ray King called the meeting to order at 8:30. He explained how CASI got started in 1949. The first set of rules were written in 1978 by Tom Wayne. The first Great Peppers meeting was held in 1980. The Great Peppers make the rules and govern. He announced that the Great Peppers will run the Terlingua cookoff and that Clyde Griffin will be running the judging.

Duke Walton, the Credentials Chairman, reported that Bob Moore would not be attending the Great Peppers Meeting as the delagate from the CACA Pod CASI as Bob Moore felt that there was not enough public sentiment and interest in Montgomery County as would enable him to reorganize the CACA Pod.

Bob Taylor was requested to be the delagate from CAP Pod CASI by Great Pepper Jay Yates and that Phil Hamilton was requested to be the delagate from the Tulsa Pod CASI by the Great Pepper Stan Pitts.

Richard Knight reportes that year to date in 1982 that there were 64 cooks and 16 showmanship teams for Terlingua. 1983 has to date with 19 more cookoffs that are yet to report that there are 86 cooks and 24 showmanship teams. He is projecting that there will be 140 cooks and 33 showmanship teams at Terlingua.

Ray gave the Financial Report. He then asked the Regional Referees for a report.

Mike Gallagher said that things had gone smoothly in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi and that the Great Peppers need to communicate more with the Regional Referee.

Tom Tyler agreed that there should be more communication between the Great Pepper and the Regional Referee.

Glyn Gaines reported that everything was fine in his region.

Jim Carmony said that people do not read the rules.

Vann York agreed that the only problem was that people will not read the rules.

Herman Cellmer said that his region ran real good and that he had good Local Referees.

Don Ingle reported that he had a problem with only one cookoff and that was the Oklahoma State Cookoff.

Ray King opened the meeting to discuss the rules and any rules changes.

Rules

I. QUALIFIED COOKS MUST BE:

1. No changes.

2. No changes.

Duke Walton said that we didn't need as many Opens as we have much less add any more.

3. Change to cooks who have accumulated 12 points in CASI sanctioned cookoffs. First place - 4 points. Second place - 3 points. Third place - 2 points. Fourth thru tenth place - 1 point each.

Al Hopkins proposes that paragraph 3 be changed to read cooks who accumulated eight points in CASI sanctioned cookoffs. Tom Skipper made a motion to increase points for terlingua to 12. Ennis Penland seconded.

Duke Walton commented that if there is a problem with the 12 point system that it could be changed at the next Great Peppers' Meeting.

Ray Calhoun said that when you go past 6 points it puts a burden on the tallying. He said that Out of State Cook-Offs might have a problem with 12 points and that it could cause them a problem.

Richard Knight, Tallymaster, said that more time would be required but it would be a simple thing to tally 12 points.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. No change.

There was quite a lot of discussion about this rule. Rick Bell said that points were wasted when cooks were allowed to be under 19 since they were not allowed to cook in Terlingua. Duke Walton commented that we were here to promote chili and we consider putting in a Junior Division. He said that a person should not be penalized for being 19 or under if they are interested in cooking chili and want to cook. Tom Pike asked what age should it be set at if not at 19.

Jim Lund made a motion that the age be lowered to 18. Duke Walton seconded.

Bob Taylor said that 19 was set by the Great Peppers for a good reason after a lot of consideration and thought.

Don Ingle ask that it be amended to the legal drinking age in each state.

Jo Carol Bryan said that putting in legal drinking age not what we are here for but to talk about chili rules.

Vote -- For -- 4, Against -- 15

Ennis Penland made a motion that we leave as is.

Bob Taylor seconded.

Vote -- For -- 13, Against -- 3

II. Qualifications For Casi Sanctioned Cookoffs:

1. Rick Bell made a motion to do away with the .50 altogether. Tom Skipper seconded. Don Ingle said CASI had helped Oklahoma have fair judging and that he supported the .50.

Vote -- For -- 3, Against -- 14

Clyde Griffin said that the number of cooks should be increased to 30. Darrel Folsie made a motion that the number of cooks remain at 25. Bob Taylor seconded.
Vote -- For -- 16, Against -- 1

Rick Bell made a motion to request an audit of CASI funds, by a CPA firm to be chosen by a committee of Great Peppers. Said Audit to go back to the start of the .50 per cook fee. That there be periodical audit of these funds; such periods to be determined by a vote of Great Peppers and that CASI bear the cost of these Audits. No second.

Ennis Penland made a motion CASI rules apply to Out of State Cookoffs. Robert Bell seconded. Jim Lund asked if there should not be a whole other section for out of state cookoffs.
Vote -- For -- 17, Against -- 2

All Hopkins made a motion that all cookoffs to be sanctioned send .25 per cook per cookoff. Rick Bell seconded. Clyde Griffin asked for a ball-park figure on what the .50 brings in per year. Ray King said about 5,800. He went on to explain that we did not have as much as usual to do with Terlingua last year and that we had more money than we usually would have in the treasury. He said that we would probably have to spend about 3,500 this year for t-shirts, trophies, printing, etc.
Vote -- For -- 3, Against -- 15

2. Doris Coats made a motion the chili judging must be by the current CASI rules as voted on by the current Great Peppers at their annual meeting and as defined in the official CASI rules packet obtained from the Goat Gap Gazette. Bob Taylor seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. No change.

Ennis Penland made a motion that it remain as is. Clyde Griffin seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ennis Penland made a motion that a cookoff must be published in the Goat Gap Gazette in the month issue prior to the final entries deadline to the cookoff. After much discussion he withdrew the motion.

JoAnn Horton of the Goat Gap explained why the cost of ads are going up and why deadlines may be changed after the first of the year.

4. No changes.

5. Bob Glispin made a motion that anyone disqualified will be notified immediately. Rick Bell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. No changes.

7. No changes.

8. Al Hopkins made a motion that any cookoff giving cash or valuable prizes for chili cooking and showmanship will not be sanctioned and no points awarded, exceptions being the State Cookoffs. No second.

9. No changes.

Tom Pike proposed that a procedure is needed for forwarding complaints (not quite infractions) to area/local referees, Pods and/or CASI.

10. Dee Horton made a motion that all cookoffs must have an area referee, or a CASI official or a Great Pepper or an authorized representative of one of the above, present. Bob Glispin seconded.

Vote-- For -- 11, Against -- 5

Larry Burris said that some guidance will be needed for the Regional Referees elected this year. Clyde Griffin proposed that name tags for Area, Regional and Great Peppers be made up with their name and year on them. Ray King said that this would be done. Dave Hackworth said that the Regional Referee assign someone to cover new cookoffs.

11. Tom Skipper made a motion that says consultant shall attend as a observer only and will not be responsible for running the cookoff. Duke Walton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. EXPLANATION OF QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Tom Pike made a motion that a current Terlingua year will run from October 2 until September 30 of the following year. Points will be accumulated during this period for the following November Terlingua. This year's points for cooking in Terlingua 1984 will be accumulated from October 2, 1983 until September 30, 1984 with the exception of the Lucenbach Texas Ladies' State. Points after September 30, 1984 will be applied to the 1985 Terlingua Championship. Al Hopkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Change points to read 4 for first place, 3 for second place, 2 for third place and 1 point each for 4th thru 10th. Ray Calhoun made a motion that the finalists in the top ten residing in that state will qualify to cook at Terlingua. Rick Bell seconded.

Vote -- For -- 15, Against -- 2

3. Change to read Texas Championships will be limited to the Southwestern and Texas Open Championships and the State Men's and Ladies' Championships now in existence.

Phil Hamilton made a motion that the Oklahoma State Cookoff be moved to Oklahoma City. The motion reads -- We have a vested interest in having the State Championship in Oklahoma City but no vindictive in killing Hole-in-the-Wall, and having the State Championship in Oklahoma City wouldn't do so. It is obvious that when only 6% of the participants are C.A.S.I. cooks that it should not be a C.A.S.I. Championship. It also should be apparent that if they turn out that many local cooks, the State Championship is not the lure, and its absence would not detract from their numbers. The Championship was given to Hole-in-the-Wall with no thought to geographical consideration because of an organizational void of Oklahoma chili cooks. That void no longer exists. The HOOCH Pod in Oklahoma City is 18 months old and we've sponsored a new Pod in Tulsa, and feel that as a spokesman for Oklahoma chili, we deserve a voice in Oklahoma chili matters. We stand ready to put on the Oklahoma State C.A.S.I. Championship and run it right. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ennis Penland ask the Great Peppers to approve an Open Cookoff in Amarillo. There was quite a bit of discussion on this and suggestion was made that Southwestern Ladies' Open become the Southwestern Open. Ennis Penland made a motion that in the Southwestern Open Championship, the top 3 winners will be recognized as the Southwestern Open Champions. The champion and two runners up will be entitled to the privileges of those titles. This cookoff to be held in Amarillo, Texas.

Robert Bell seconded.

Vote -- For -- 15, Against -- 1

IV. TO HAVE POINTS OFFICIALLY RECORDED THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLIED WITH:

Change as follows: These tally sheets must be completed containing the top ten chili winners and the top three showmanship winners, in the order of their finish, names and mailing addresses. Both copies must be forwarded with complete entry list by name and address of each cook present, accompanied by a check to CASI for fifty cents (.50) per cook to: CASI, P.O. Box 31183, Dallas, Texas 75231. If sent to CASI incomplete it will be returned to sender.

CASI will send the second copy of the tally sheet to the Goat Gap Gazette to have the winners published, after all sanctioning qualifications are met.

Delete the line that reads: A copy of the request must be mailed to CASI on the same date, P. O. Box 31183, Dallas, Texas 75231.

Bob Taylor made the motion to add both copies must be forwarded with the complete entry list by name and mailing address of each cook present, accompanied by a check to CASI. Larry Burruss seconded.

Vote -- For -- 14, Against -- 5

SANCTIONED COOKOFF JUDGING RULES

Ennis Penland made a motion to accept the Judging Rules as it is. Rick Bell seconded.

Vote -- For -- 6, Against -- 11

Cups -- no change

Coin Envelopes -- no change.

Larry Burruss made a motion that the number inside the cup must be in a coin envelope. Bob Taylor seconded. There was a lot of discussion on this one and Larry Burruss withdrew his motion.

Judging Sheets -- no change

Duplicate Set of Numbers -- underline 3/4 full.

David Hachworth made a motion that the cooks name and address shall be filled in on the back of the numbered ticket when cup is handed to cook for the purpose of eliminating the holding of multiple tickets by any one contestant. No second.

Checking In and Marking the Cups -- Add judging numbers shall be changed at each stage of judging.

Dave Hackworth made the motion that the judging numbers shall be changed at each stage of judging. Dee Horton seconded.

Vote -- For -- 15, Against -- 2

Judging the Chili --

1. No changes

2. Add semi-final judges.

Final and semi-final judges shall not have been judges in the preliminaries. Final judges should not be associated

with any cook at that given cookoff (i. e. wife cooking / husband judging, or members of cooking team judging if another of same team is cooking). It is suggested that the final judges be composed of at least 60 to 70% chiliheads not cooking in that cookoff. (i. e. two chiliheads for each "celebrity" judge). Final judges shall abstain from tasting chili prior to judging.

3. No change.

Ennis Penland made a motion that it be recommended drawing a portion of the preliminary from the head cooks and head cooks only. Jo Carol Byran seconded.

Vote -- For -- 3, Against -- 13

Dave Hackworth made a motion that there shall be at least 40% recognized chiliheads as preliminary judges to be equally chosen from the areas represented. No second.

4. No change.

5. A sentence to be added reading discussion of the chilis will not be permitted.

Clyde Griffin made the motion. Dave Hackworth seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. No change.

Jim Lund made the motion to accept this paragraph as is. Bob Taylor seconded.

Vote -- For -- 15, Against -- 1

7. No changes.

8. The table monitor should insure that each judging sheet is signed by the judges before releasing them.

Tom Pike made the motion and Larry Burruss seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made that retasting chili be permitted in the finals only.

Vote -- For -- 3, Against -- 14

Tom Pike made a motion that if a table monitor or judge finds an illegal substance (whole jalapeno, potato, etc.) in the chili, it must be disqualified at that time. Dee Horton seconded.

Vote -- For -- 3, Against -- 14

9. No change.

10. No change.

Tom Pike made a motion to change the last line to read these judges shall be composed of chili heads who have not cooked or judged that day. No second.

Rick Bell made a motion that this paragraph be left as is. Darrel Folsie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

11. No change.

12. No change.

13. It is recommended but not a rule that the numbers of all cooks reaching the finals should be announced. It would be nice if cookoffs posted the scores but should remain a preference. Duke Walton made the motion and Darrel Folsie seconded.

JUDGING SHEET -- no changes

Ray King introduced members of the Terlingua Trust who came to the Great Peppers Meeting to answer questions about the Trust and the Terlingua Cookoff. The members of the Terlingua Trust present were Carroll Shelby, Bill Neal and Glen Pepper. Duke Walton thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Sam Lewis made a statement about the Viva Terlingua Cookoff and announced that the cookoff committee would consist of Tom Tierney, Jim Redd, Frank Tolbert, Dick Wright and Sam Lewis.

RULES FOR QUALIFYING TO PARTICIPATE IN SHOWMANSHIP
AT TERLINGUA

I. SHOWMANSHIP SHALL BE JUDGED ON: No changes

II. JUDGING

1. No changes.

Tom Pike made a motion that at the discretion of the individual cookoff committees, judging shall be on a continuous basis for a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 3 hours during the cookoff, ending at least 30 minutes prior to turn-in time of chili. No Second.

Darrel Folsie made a motion to delete ending at least 30 minutes prior to turn-in time. No second.

Ennis Penland made a motion to leave this paragraph as it is. Tom Skipper seconded.
Vote -- For -- 15, Against -- 2

2. No changes.

There was quite a lot of discussion about this rule. Duke Walton made a motion that showmanship judging should not be anonymous. The head judge should be aware of the teams not "doing their show" throughout the judging time and could add that factor to the judging. Anonymous judging creates a hardship on small teams that work hard for hours only to take a "rest stop" or a food break and be missed by the judges. No second.

Ray King called on Jim Lund and Larry Burruss to comment on the anonymity of judges.

Robert Bell made a motion that the paragraph be left as it is. Tom Skipper seconded.
Vote -- For -- 15, Against -- 2

3. Add failure to comply with committee can result in disqualification.

Duke Walton made the motion and Larry Burruss seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Showmanship judges may be revealed after the results are announced.

Ray Calhoun made the motion and Darrel Folsie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. No changes.

6. Delete first line. Add Disqualification will result for any team discharging firearms or using noise-producing pyrotechnics.

Darrel Folsie made the motion and Rick Bell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Nudity will be banned from showmanship.

Rick Bell made the motion and Jim Lund seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. No entertainment or outside interference during showmanship judging that will interfere with showmanship teams.

Clyde Griffin made the motion and Larry Burruss seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. A showmanship team may not be awarded points in more than 1 cookoff per day.
Jo Carol Byran made the motion and Rick Bell seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

10. Showmanship must be limited so as to not interfere with other teams.
Larry Burruss made the motion and Duke Walton seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Duke Walton made a motion that showmanship teams will be judges only at their booth set-up. Bob Glispin seconded.
Vote -- For -- 8, Against -- 10

III TERLINGUA SHOWMANSHIP POINTS

1. No change.
2. No change.
3. No change.

Showmanship Judging Sheet --- to be changed according to the new rules voted upon by the Great Peppers.
Tally Sheet --- to be changed according to new rule voted upon by the Great Peppers.

Duke Walton made a motion that the Great Peppers give a vote of confidence to CASI and to support Ray King in his position and to support the CASI cookoff.
Larry Burruss seconded.
Vote -- For -- 12, Against -- 4

Abstentions Robert Bell
 Jim Lund
 Ennis Penland
 Jo Carol Byran

Ray Calhoun moved a vote of confidence in CASI.
Al Hopkins seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Regional and Local Referees

Al Hopkins made a motion that Central Texas be separated from Austin and made a region by itself. Duke Walton seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Lund made a motion that the Great Peppers will meet with their Regional Referee and appoint local referees.

Dave Hackworth seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Referee

Northwest Texas	Glyn Gaines
Dallas/Ft. Worth	Tom Tyler
Oklahoma	Don Ingle
Arkansas/Northern	
Louisiana	C. J. Wilson
Austin	Lyn Hejtmancik
Houston/Southeast Texas	Ralph Hay
Texas Gulf Coast	Jim Carmony
San Antonio	Herman Cellmer
Far West Texas/New	
Mexico	Jim Holmes
Central Texas	John Raven

BOARD OF GOVENORS

Clyde Griffin made a motion that one representative from each of the ten regions to serve on the Board of Govenors. Rick Bell seconded.

Vote -- For -- 11, Against -- 8

Darrel Folse moved that the ten members for Executive Board of Govenors be nominated from existing Great Peppers and that they continue in office until a new Executive Board of Govenors is elected at the annual Great Peppers Meeting. Bob Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and then withdrawn that the Great Peppers that are here now return next year as Great Peppers with their Grear Pepper elect.

Board Of Govenors

Jo Carol Byran

Ray Calhoun

Stan Pitts

Darrel Folse

Larry Burrus

Duke Walton

Dee Horton

Tom Pike

Jim Holmes

Al Hopkins

Ray King then introduced Ron Charlton who will be in charge of showmanship at Terlingua. Ron Charlton asked that Showmanship Judging be held between 12:00 and 2:00. A motion was made and carried unanimously. He then ask the Great Peppers to send him a name or names of people to be showanship judges.

Clyde Griffin will be in charge of chili judging at Terlingua. He ask the individual Pods to send in names for chili judges

and/or table monitors.

Houston Pod said that they would like to have next years Great Peppers Meeting in Houston. The Golden Triangle and NOB Pod also said that they would like to host next years meeting.

Vote-- Houston -- 11

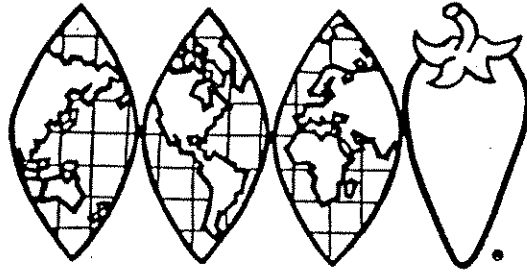
Golden Triangle & Nob -- 9

Next year in Houston.

Great Pepper of the Year is Duke Walton.

Ray King ask for imput from the Great Peppers on individual people for Chilihead of the Year. Tom Skipper nominated Tom Tanski, Duke Walton Seconded. He then said that there would be two Pods asking for recognition in the new year. Bert Kibble of Space City Pod discussed his Pod and said that they were not asking for recognition now but that they would later. Tim Lantham of the Rose City Pod discussed his Pod and said that they were applying for CASI membership. Ray Calhoun suggested that they be reinstated. Robert Bell made a motion that the Rose City Pod be reinstated in CASI. Ray Calhoun seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ray King then called for a vote on whether a Dodge truck was to be presented to the winner of Terlingua for the Champions use during the year. It was decided unanimously not to present a truck to the winner. Bob Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Dave Hackworth seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CASI



July 20, 1983

To: All Great Peppers
From: Ray King
Subject: Local & Regional Referees

Local Referees are chosen for the coming chili year at the Great Peppers meeting. In the past there have been instances where people chosen for this position should not have been. They had more ego than chili knowledge.

I has been suggested by Duke Walton, Great Pepper of the Houston Pod, that this year each Great Pepper bring a short dossier on the candidate they wish to have for a local referee and a photograph if possible. I think this is a very good idea. It is hard for you to vote on someone that you don't know. With as many pods as we now have, one local referee from each pod should give us as much coverage as needed.

Regional Referees are chosen by geographic location. Those are:

1. Northwest Texas
2. Dallas/Ft. Worth
3. Oklahoma
4. Arkansas & Northern Louisiana
5. Austin & Central Texas
6. Houston & Southwest Texas
7. Texas Gulf Coast
8. San Antonio
9. Far West Texas & New Mexico

All local referees in an area answer to the regionals and we need the most knowledgeable chili people we have in these positions.

If you have any further suggestions on referees, please let us know.

Regards,