

MINUTES
ANNUAL GREAT PEPPERS' MEETING
El Tropicano Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
September 6, 1986

Vann York, President of CASI-Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc., called the annual meeting of the Great Peppers to order at 9:00 p.m. at the El Tropicano Hotel San Antonio, Texas. The host Pods - SAP-CASI, SOT POD, PCP POD and HIGHLAND LAKES POD - were thanked for the hospitality extended for the meeting.

Frank Metz, Great Pepper of SAP-CASI, extended a welcome to San Antonio from the host pods.

Mike Gallagher and Harvey West were introduced as the Credentials Committee. Mike Gallagher, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, called roll of the CASI Pods who had cleared credentials. Those present were:

TALL IN TEXAS - Garner Albius
VASA POD - Mark McDonald
GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD - Robert Bell
NOB POD - Glyn Gaines
DAM POD - Carol Gibbs
HOT POD - Al Hopkins
CONCHO VALLEY POD - George Shelton (Incoming Great Pepper)
TOP OF TEXAS POD - Harvey West
HOUSTON POD - Peg Foster Martin
HOOCH POD - Debbie St. John
SPACE CITY POD - Frank Murphy
SAN ANTONIO POD - Frank Metz
PASADENA POD - Tom Skipper
GREEN COUNTRY POD - Ken Novy (by proxy)
CAP-CASI - Williams Rains
ROSE POD - Sandy Dunnaway
PUGET POD - Bob Whitefield
CHILIHEADS OF ARIZONA - Jim Sabo
COWTOWN POD - Ken Hudspeth
HIGHLAND LAKES POD - Ruby Frazier
LA CASI LOUISIANA POD - Bobby Aldridge
BELCH POD - Gary Scott
POD OF THE PASS - Hut Brown
SOT POD - Karen Moriarity
PCP POD - Bert Reinke

Mike Gallagher stated that two new Pods had applied for sanctioning--Border Chili Pod and Mesilla Valley Pod. Border Chili Pod is sponsored by Houston Pod and VASA Pod. Mike stated that Border Chili Pod was represented at the meeting by its Great Pepper, Frank Betancourt, and that the Pod had met all sanctioning requirements except for the requirement of 30 days notice to the Great Peppers. Hut Brown (POD OF THE PASS) made a motion that the 30-day requirement be waived. Tom Skipper (PASADENA POD) seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Peg Foster Martin (HOUSTON POD) made a motion to sanction the BORDER CHILI POD. Karen Moriarity (SOT POD) seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. BORDER CHILI POD was sanctioned, and Frank Betancourt, Great Pepper of BORDER CHILI POD, was seated as a voting delegate.

Mike Gallagher stated that the Mesilla Valley Pod was represented by its Great Pepper, Bill Dietz. Sponsors of the Pod are POD OF THE PASS and DAM POD. Mesilla Valley Pod met all sanctioning requirements except for the requirement of 30 days notice to the Great Peppers. Karen Moriarity (SOT POD) made a motion to waive the 30-day requirement. Robert Bell (GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD) seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hut Brown (POD OF THE PASS) made a motion to sanction the MESILLA VALLEY POD. Karen Moriarity (SOT POD) seconded. The motion carried. MESILLA VALLEY POD was sanctioned, and Bill Dietz, Great Pepper, was seated as a voting delegate.

Robert Bell (GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD) challenged the seating of the HEART OF TEXAS (HOT) POD and PASADENA POD. Mike Gallagher stated that both Pods had submitted the proper credentials. Robert Bell (GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD) challenged the seating of these Pods on the basis that these Pods had not promoted and supported C.A.S.I.-CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC., and that Al Hopkins, Great Pepper of HOT POD, and Tom Skipper, Great Pepper of PASADENA POD, were sponsors of the "Behind the Store" Cookoff. Robert Bell (GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD) made a motion that HOT POD and PASADENA POD be suspended as CASI-sanctioned Pods. Sandy Dunnaway (ROSE POD) seconded the motion. Tom Skipper (PASADENA POD) stated that he, individually, was a sponsor of the "Behind the Store" cookoff, but that the Pasadena Pod supports CASI. Al Hopkins (HOT POD) requested that the motion be split. Robert Bell (GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD) amended the motion for a separate vote on sanctioning on each Pod. Sandy Dunnaway (ROSE POD) accepted the amendment and seconded the motion as amended. Mark McDonald (VASA POD) made a motion to Table. Frank Murphy (SPACE CITY POD) seconded the motion to Table. Motion to Table was defeated with 5 delegates voting for the Motion to Table and 22 delegates voting against the motion to Table.

The vote was taken on the suspension of HOT POD. The Vote was 18 for suspension and 9 against suspension. The motion to suspend HOT POD carried; delegate credentials were removed from Al Hopkins, Great Pepper of HOT POD, and he left the voting delegate area.

Robert Bell (GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD) stated that he would withdraw his motion to suspend the PASADENA POD when Tom Skipper, Great Pepper of the PASADENA POD, offered to step down as Great Pepper. Tom Skipper relinquished his office as Great Pepper of the Pasadena Pod, and requested that the Great Pepper-elect, Sue Bjornseth, be seated as the delegate for PASADENA POD. Ken Hudspeth (COWTOWN POD) made a motion that Sue Bjornseth be seated as acting Great Pepper of PASADENA POD. Harvey West (TOP OF TEXAS) seconded the motion.

Judy King (BOARD OF DIRECTORS) asked Sue Bjornseth if she was willing to support CASI. She responded that she would support the Pod. The vote was taken on the motion, and the motion carried. Sue Bjornseth was seated as a voting delegate for PASADENA POD.

Mike Gallagher reported that the Virginia Pod and the State of Nevada Pods had failed to meet the requirements to maintain their status as CASI-sanctioned Pods and were, therefore, suspended.

Larry Burruss, Executive Administrator, called the meeting to Executive Session. All but voting delegates left the room. A transcript of the Executive Session is attached hereto.

Following the Executive Session, Vann York explained to the spectators the subject of the Executive Session--the proposed lawsuit by the heirs of Frank Tolbert challenging use of "Chili Appreciation Society International" and the proposed litigation by International Chili Society challenging the use of "World Chili Championship." The vote was taken that the corporation proceed with whatever action necessary to protect the use by the corporation of Chili Appreciation Society International and World Chili Championship.

Pat Irvine, Treasurer, gave the financial report, a copy of which is attached.

Rex Jones, Talleymaster, reported that there had been 267 chili cookoffs this year. As of the date of the meeting, 168 cooks and 37 show teams had qualified to participate at Terlingua. Three cookoffs were placed on probation. One cookoff was inadvertently sanctioned, and sanctioning was withdrawn on the Galveston-Cozumel cookoff. Rex requested that referees print and sign their names on the Talley Sheets submitted to the Talleymaster. He also requested that cooks and showteams use the same name each time, and that he be notified of any changes of address.

Ray King, Newsletter Chairman, reported that a number of newsletters had been returned. He requested the assistance of the Great Peppers in obtaining the current address of the individuals whose newsletters had been returned because of incorrect addresses.

Vann York introduced the Board of Directors present: Ray King, Judie King, Frank Fox, Mike Gallagher, Larry Burruss, Pat Irvine, Richard Knight, Rex Jones, and Vann.

Larry Burruss then opened discussion on proposed rules changes for the 1986-1987 Terlingua year. All rules changes proposed by HOT POT were deleted from the proposed rules changes. The proposals and votes were as follows:

- SECTION I #5 proposed by CAP-CASI was defeated.
- SECTION II. #1 proposed by PUGET POD passed.
- #2 proposed by HOOCH POD passed.
- #3 proposed by PASADENA POD was defeated.
- #4 proposed by CAP-CASI was defeated.

- #7 proposed by HOOCH POD passed.
- #10 proposed by HOOCH POD and HOUSTON POD passed.
- #17 proposed by HOUSTON POD was defeated.

JUDGING RULES:

- Coin Envelopes - Rules proposed by SOT POD passed.
- Judging Sheets - Rule proposed by HOOCH POD passed.
- Duplicate Set of Numbers - All proposed changes passed.
- Checking In and Marking Judging Cups -
Proposal by TIT POD passed. Proposal by PASADENA POD was defeated.

Judging the Chili:

- #4 Proposal by NOB POD was tabled for rewording.
Proposal by VASA POD was defeated.
- #6 Proposal by TOT POD was defeated.

Judging Guidelines requested by TOT POD were approved. Ray Calhoun will re-word the Judging Guidelines and send them to Larry Burruss.

#7 Robert Bell (GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD) requested that a sentence be added. "Each cup of chili shall be judged with a new spoon.: Proposal passed.

#11 Proposal by Pasadena Pod passed.

#13 Proposal by PASADENA, SOT, and SAP passed. Added to proposal was "emcee/announcer."

IV. Ken Novy (GREEN COUNTRY POD) made a motion that the fee to CASI per entry be \$1.00. Mike Gallagher (Board) seconded. Motion carried.

SHOWMANSHIP:

II. #1 Frank Fox (BOARD) made a motion that time limit be changed to 1-1/2 hours. There was no second. VASA POD proposal passed adding "Promoter and"

#3 TIT POD proposal was defeated.

#4 HOOCH POD proposal passed.

#6 Sandy Dunnaway (ROSE POD) made a motion to delete "No guns will be allowed in Terlingua for show." Hut Brown (POD OF THE PASS) seconded. Motion carried.

III. #1 TIT POD and HOOCH POD proposals were defeated.

LA CASI proposal was withdrawn by the Pod.

Unclassified Rules Changes:

1. SAP-CASI proposal was passed. "Referee" was added instead of "cookoffs."

2. Proposal by SAP-CASI was defeated.

3. Proposal by SAP-CASI passed.

Other Suggestions

LA CASI proposal was defeated.

VASA proposal was defeated.

Mike Gallagher suggested that a committee be appointed to rewrite the rules and prepare a Policy and Procedures Manual.

The meeting proceeded to election of Directors for the 1986-1987 year. Nominated for Executive Administrator were Ken Hudspeth and Rex Jones. Ken Hudspeth was elected as Executive Administrator.

Nominations for the Board from the Nominating Committee were: Pat Irvine, Larry Burruss, Darrell Baxter, and Darrel Folsie. Nominations from the floor were: Glyn Gaines, Ken Novy and Ralph Hay. Elected for three year terms were Larry Burruss and Pat Irvine. Elected for a two-year term was Darrell Baxter.

Vann York adjourned for Lunch.

At 1:10 p.m. Vann York reconvened the meeting. He announced that the Board of Directors had elected officers during the noon recess. The Officers are 1986-1987 are: President - Larry Burruss
Vice-President - Mike Gallagher
Secretary-Treasurer - Pat Irvine
Tallemaster - Rex Jones

Sandy Dunnaway (ROSE POD) made a motion that a new region be created for the Tyler area. Karen Moriarity (SOT POD) seconded. Motion carried.

Bobby Aldridge (LA CASI) made a motion that Louisiana be a new region. The motion was seconded and carried.

Frank Fox (BOARD) made a motion that the Pods be responsible for determining their Regional and Area Referees. Motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned briefly for the selection of Regional Referees which were then submitted to the Secretary.

Vann York reported that the annual championship cookoff will be on November 1, 1986 at Villa De La Mina. CASI will receive from Glen Pepper \$1.00 per spectator.

HOOCH POD requested that Oklahoma be the site of the 1987 Great Peppers' Annual Meeting. CAP CASI requested that Arkansas be the site of the 1987 Great Peppers' Annual Meeting. A vote was taken, and Arkansas was chosen as the site for the 1987 Great Peppers' Meeting.

Vann York reported that Pete and Lil Drake will be in charge of Judging at Terlingua and Doug Bieck will be in charge of Showmanship.

Vann announced that Robert Bell had been selected as Great Pepper of the Year.

Two letters had been received requesting sanctioning for cookoffs. Hut Brown (POD OF THE PASS) made a motion that the Northern California Cookoff be sanctioned. Mike Gallagher (BOARD) seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn. Bobby Aldridge (CAP-CASI) made a motion that the ST. THOMAS VIRGIN ISLANDS Cookoff be recognized as an open cookoff effective this Terlingua year. Sandy Dunnaway (ROSE POD) seconded. Motion carried.

TALL IN TEXAS POD and POD OF THE PASS requested that the Southwest Open be held by their Pods. A vote was taken, and El Paso (POD OF THE PASS) was selected for the site of the 1987 Southwest Open.

Richard Knight requested that each Great Pepper, Pod and Board of Directors contribute to the defense fund.

Clyde Griffin requested contributions of funds and books for the Library at Redford, Texas.

Ken Hudspeth stated that he looked forward to serving as Executive Administrator and working with the Board and Great Peppers for a successful organization.

Meeting adjourned.