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**Chili Appreciation Society International .  
Annual Great Peppers Meeting  
Lubbock Texas - September 12, 1994**

**Call to order** - Meeting was called to order by  Old Dominion Pod  
President Robert Bell. Directors present:

Robert Bell, President	John Caffey, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pacific Pod
Ralph Hay, Vice President	Vickie Childers, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Palmetto Pod → <i>out</i>
Myrl Coultas, Secretary	Glyn Gaines, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pasadena Pod
Mike Strack, Treasurer	Ken Large, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Piedmont Pepper Pod
Bruce Pinnell, Director	Guy Smith, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pod of the Pass
Hut Brown, Executive Director		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Puget Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pod of The River
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purgatory Creek Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red River Valley Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rio Grande Valley Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rose City Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Angelo Cookers Association
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Antonio Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sotol Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Plains of Texas Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Space City Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State of Texas Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tall In Texas Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Texas Hill Country
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Top of Texas Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria and Surrounding Areas
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yavapai Chili Society
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State of Washington Pod
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virgin Pod

**Pods present are as follows:**

- Alamo Area Pod
- Arkansas Social Society
- Black Gold Pod
- Border-Line Chili Heads Inc.
- Capital Pod
- CASINOVA Pod
- Central Arkansas Pod
- Chili Appreciation Society of Arizona
- Chili Heads of Arizona, Inc.
- Chillini Pod
- Classic CASI
- Colorado Chili Pod
- Concho Valley Pod
- Cowtown CASI
- Crossroads Chili Cookers Pod
- Dallas Area Metroplex Pod
- ~~Drip Pod~~
- Golden Triangle Pod
- Green County Chili & BBQ Too
- Heart of Oklahoma Chiliheads
- High Desert Pod
- Highland Lakes Chili Pod
- Houston Pod
- Iowa Chili Appreciation Assn.
- La CASI Lousianne
- Llano Estacado Pod
- Mason-Dixon Pod
- Mesilla Valley Pod
- MO-KAN Chili Pod
- New Mexico Chili Society ✓
- North Idaho Pod →
- North of Brazos Pod ✓
- Oak Pod of Oakton →

**Pods Absent for the first time**

Palmetto Pod

**Welcome (Host Pods)** Boomer Kingston of the host pods (Black Gold, Concho Valley, Crossroads, Llano Estacado, North of Brazos, South Plains of Texas and Top of Texas Pods) welcomed the Directors and Delegates.

**Welcome (Lubbock Convention & Visitors Bureau)** - Jeannie Campbell from the Lubbock Convention & Visitors Bureau welcomed the Directors and Great Peppers.

**Response** - Robert Bell thanked the host pods for their excellent work.

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**President's Message** - Robert Bell reported that this has been a great year for CASI. There has been harmony and cooperation in the ranks working to further CASI and promote chili. There have been a lot of improvements at Rancho CASI De Los Chisos and Robert is looking forward to another great year in 94-95.

**Introduction of Parliamentarian** - Hut Brown introduced Lisa Beardon, a certified Parliamentarian from Lubbock who will monitor today's meeting.

**Reading of 1993 Great Peppers Meeting Minutes** - Myrl Coultas presented the minutes to the 1993 Great Peppers Meeting held in Tucson, Arizona.

**Financial Report** - Mike Strack, Treasures, presented the financial status of CASI. Attached

**Report of the Tallymaster** - Ralph Hay, Tallymaster, presented the status of sanctioned chili cookoffs. He reported that last year there were a total of 486 sanctioned cookoffs, with 386 cooks and 101 show teams qualifying for Terlingua. We raised a total of \$648,652.28 for charity. This year as of September 8, we have had 460 cookoffs reported 331 qualified cooks and 74 show teams. We have raised \$735,873.86 for charity with all most all of the month of September to go.

**Membership** - Mike Strack, Membership Chairman, reported that we have 960 members. Mike reminded everyone that if dues are not paid by October the 1st, their last Terlingua Trails will be the November issue. Robert Bell and Mike Strack will provide a case of tequila and limes for the pod who has the biggest increase in annual members. The winning Pod will be announced at Terlingua. Any new life members will count as 13 new members.

**Sponsorship** - Bruce Pinnell reported that we have 2 Gold Sponsors. Gaviscon and Wolf Brand. We are not sure about Gaviscon or Wolf Brand for next year. Glyn Gaines and Jim Ezel have lined up Budweiser as a new Gold Sponsor for this year. We have a very

strong message as a group, we raise money for charity and we have a lot of good people who work hard all year long. We need more members to find more sponsors to help us with various things. It's difficult to identify a key contact in an organization. So if any member knows of a contact, please contact Bruce or Glyn Gaines.

**Chilicity** - Vickie Childers gave the Chilicity report. Vickie reports that she is still in need of media contacts in each area. She has a pretty good list, but still needs more. The passport has been very helpful with inquires from all over the country, the most recent from National Geographic Magazine. They are doing an article in the National Traveler, to be released in October. Vickie has mailed passports to all of the RV parks and visitor centers in Texas. If you need any passports to Terlingua brochures, contact Vickie. There is a new letter, that Vickie has assembled that tell potential sponsors about CASI. Vickie suggests that these be reproduced and distributed to pod members. (Copy Attached)

**Executive Director** - Hut Brown, Executive Director, Thanked Johnye Harriman of El Paso and Nancy Coultas of Tucson, for their work on the nominating committee and setting up the caucus. Hut also thanked Dee Hay, Diane Fitzhenry, Shirley Statszency, & Ruth Ann Newman Curtiss for their work on the Credentials Committee. We have 55 Pods represented and as of Saturday morning 18 had not sent items required by the Credentials Committee. Hut asks that next year, please, please, send the required documents to the Executive Director. Hut did mention several times that he is assembling a "HIT" list. Next year Hut is looking forward to having all 58 Pods sending him everything he needs by the cutoff date. There are 2 new pods who have their necessary paperwork. The new Pods are:

**Virgin Pod** George Anne Peters GP  
**State of Washington Pod** Marleen Bennet GP

A motion was made by the Pacific Pod and second by the Idaho Pod, to seed the new Pods. Motion passed.



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Hut Brown introduced the new delegates. Hut is working on several new pods for next year. These Pods are located in Wyoming, New Zealand, Alabama, and California.

**Rancho CASI de los Chisos Site Report** - John Caffey. John reported on the new conditions at the ranch. There is now some landscaping around the entrance. There is also a culvert across the road, just past the entrance where the road used to wash out every year. The road is now 3 lanes, 2 lanes in and 1 out at the start of the event and then reversed to 2 out and 1 in at the conclusion. There is now an area on the left by the old mine road, which has been leveled off for short time visitor and spectator parking. Stage Road has been widened and all of the concessions will now be located on either side of Stage Road. We now have concrete steps (native rocks) going up to the judging area. The showmanship and Old 320 areas are now fenced off. Please do not park in this area. At the end of Ancho Avenue, there has been more area bladed off for parking. All work has been supervised by Van York. The landscaping was completed with plants transplanted from the ranch property. We now have a flag pole. The money was raised by Dave Reynolds, who ran 50/50s during the year to raise the money. It was hauled to the ranch and installed by Gene Shoust

**Alcalde Report** - Shirley Stateczny. Road work by the ticket booth is being done at no charge, by the Volunteer Fire Dept. We now have 210 members in the Old 320.

**Terlingua International Chili Championship Report** - Robert Bell reports that we have added some music, with performances starting on Thursday night at 6 o'clock. Tommy Almison and Boot Hill will play from 6 to nine. Bill Smallwood and the Jazz Cowboy Band will come on from nine to midnight. Black Gold Pod is doing their fish fry again this year with the proceeds going to the Terlingua Medics. The Fajita Feed will take place as usual on Thursday night. The bean cookoff will be on Friday night. The top 10 in chili and the top 5 in small and large show, will receive a unique jacket this year. This jacket will be carried

forward each year and will be easily identified as a Terlingua winner's jacket. This is made possible by Windell and Joe's painting and raffling of stoves. The hot wing's contest will be run by David Garner and details will be published in the Terlingua Trails as well as in the cooks' packages. The concession stand is in the process of being closed in, so we won't have to take the beer and T-shirts out every night. We can just close and lock the doors every night. Judging cups will be passed out when you register this year. The Board is asking that you not rope off areas for friends and Pod members who are coming in late. We have a lot of space going to waste. If you want a particular area, plan on arriving earlier. Space should be on a first come first serve basis. There may be areas reserved for corporate sponsors and the past year's winner may reserve a space.

**Showmanship** - Mel Fitzhenry reported that showmanship will have a few changes. Showmanship Teams will be located around the perimeter of the Old 320 area and not scattered around the arena. Drawings can be made as early as Monday and Show Teams may set up any time after that. There will be security on the show sites. We have had at least one Show Team say that they are going to return to the Ranch this year. Mel is trying to address any problems that Show Teams may have and would appreciate any feedback on what they need or would like to have changed. Mel wants no trailers or motor homes, or pop-ups on the show sites, unless they are an intricate part of the show team. As usual, the VIP lounge will be available. There will be information about the VIP lounge in the cook's package. The Fire Dept., will run the gate again this year. The Alpine 4-H will sell T-shirts.

**Cooks' Packets** - Bruce Pinnell is making up the cook's packet and wants feedback on his package as soon as possible. If you know of anything that is missing or date changes, please contact Bruce. Anyone who arrives on site early should contact a board member before parking their RV's.

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**Terlingua Trails Report** - Ken Large reported that changes of address's should be sent to the membership chairman (Mike Strack), to ensure that you get your Terlingua Trails. The deadline for articles and upcoming cookoff is the 15th day of the month prior to the next issue. If you want an article in the Terlingua Trails for the month of Oct., it should be into the Terlingua Trails by the 15th of Sept. This is the last year of Terlingua Trails Editor for Ken Large. He had asked for a job and he got one. Ken has enjoyed being your Terlingua Trails Editor.

**Deviation from the agenda** - Glyn Gaines announced that Anhauser Bush is now associated with Terlingua and introduced the Retail Sales Manager, Paul Auberry. Paul said that he was proud to have the nations #1 beer associated with the #1 chili in the world. He encourages everyone to contact their local distributor and let them know about their sponsorship of the Terlingua event.

**Deviation from the agenda** - Hut Brown read a letter stating that a cookoff that was held on October 31, 1993, was not posted in the Goat Gap until September of 1994. Referee's must send cookoff results to CASI within 30 days of the cookoff. There is no excuse for cookoff's not being reported to the Tallymaster in a timely manner.

**Rules Changes** - See Attachment

**Selection of Sites for 1994-1995 Opens**

Ben Berry of High Desert Pod, proposed a new International open, to be held in the State of Sonora Mexico in January. Proposal failed.

SAP-CASI requested that the Southwest Open be held in San Antonio in March. Tall in Texas Pod in Amarillo also requested the Southwest Open to be held in July. The Great Peppers voted to have the Southwest Open in Amarillo.

The North Idaho Pod asked for the North West Regional to be held North Idaho. At a date to be determined. Proposal passed.

A new Regional Championship was proposed by the Pacific Pod, which will include the states of Alaska, and Washington and the Canadian Province of British Columbia. This Championship will be sponsored by the Elks Club and rotated between British Columbia, Washington and Alaska. Proposal passed.

Colorado Chili Pod proposed having the 1994-1995 4 Corners Regional on October 22, in Commerce City Colorado. Proposal passed.

A motion was made and seconded, to authorize New Zealand to have an International Open. Motion passed.

**Request for 1994-1995 waivers.** Pod of the River proposed that Tennessee remain a 6 point state for 1 year to allow more people to compete. They had 9 cookoff's in 1993-1994. A motion was made and seconded to allow the waiver. Motion passed.

**Report of the 1995 Great Peppers Meeting Committee** - Diane Fitzhenry reported that the Pods putting on the 1995 Great Peppers Meeting are, the Top of Texas Pod, Cowtown Pod, NOB Pod, Dam Pod and the Golden Triangle Pod. They want this to be a back to basics Great Pepper Meeting and they are encouraging Great Peppers to bring along their Pod members to this meeting. If anyone has any suggestions on how to improve the meeting, Diane would like to hear from you.

**Selection of the site of the 1996 Great Peppers Meeting** - Tabled. Tennessee and Central Arkansas Pod will get together and see if they can possibly host this meeting. They will meet and get back to us. Site selection was tabled.

**Other New Business**

Peggy Robbins proposed that the Texas State Open be permanently held in Lewisville. Peggy knows that they are able to put the State Open anywhere they want without a vote by the Great Peppers, but she wants a



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consensus on how they Great Peppers feel. Second by many. Motion Passed.

Mike Strack announced that the CASI Connection had been purchased by Rosemary & Jack Smith of Tucson Arizona.

Hut Brown announced that Dee Hay will be taking nominations for entry into the Chili Hall of Fame. If anyone has any questions, they should contact Dee. Dee has a partial list of those already inducted into the Hall.

Hut Brown has been approached by several people about having some way to memorialize at Terlingua, those chiliheads who have passed on. Some suggestions were plaques. The motion was made that each pod be assessed \$5 a year to plant a tree in Terlingua for each Chilihead that has passed on. Motion was seconded. Motion failed. A Motion was made to form a committee to study this proposal. Harvey West has volunteered to chair the committee. The CASI President will appoint the committee. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

A proposal was made to Hut Brown, that the names of deceased chiliheads, be read every year over the public address system. Hut says we will take this into consideration.

The motion was made and seconded that San Marcos be the permanent home of the Texas Men's Open. Motion passed. This motion was not required by CASI by-laws, but was made to get a consensus of the Great Peppers.

**Election of Directors** - There are four Director positions open, two three-year terms and two two-year terms. The Candidates were, Keith Bennett, Edmonds Wa; Joe Canavan, Seattle Wa; Vickie Childers, Amarillo Texas; Mel Fitzhenry, Garland TX; Jim Stateczny, Boerne TX; Mike Strack, Sierra Vista AZ; and Harvey West of Wylie TX. Each candidate gave a short presentation.

**Results of the Directors Election -**

Elected to 3 year terms were Mike Strack and Vickie Childers. Elected to two year terms were Jim Stateczny and Mel Fitzhenry.

The meeting was recessed while the Board of Directors held a short meeting to elect officers.

**CASI 1994 - 1995 Officers**

President	Robert Bell
Vice President	Ralph Hay
Secretary	Mel Fitzhenry
Treasurer	Mike Strack

**Great Pepper of the Year** - Robert Bell Announced that the Board had selected Diane Fitzhenry as Great Pepper of the year.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the 1994 Great peppers meeting. Motion passed

Myrl Coultas  
Secretary