

**CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
ANNUAL GREAT PEPPERS MEETING  
ASHVILLE, NC. SEPTEMBER 6, 1997**

CALL TO ORDER: MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT, RALPH HAY.  
DIRECTORS PRESENT:

RALPH HAY, PRESIDENT  
MIKE STRACK, VICE PRESIDENT  
MEL FITZHENRY, SECRETARY  
JIM STATECZNY, TREASURER  
HUT BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HARVEY WEST, DIRECTOR

MYRL COULTAS, DIRECTOR  
VICKI CHILDERS, DIRECTOR  
GUY SMITH, DIRECTOR  
CINDY REED, DIRECTOR  
PRESTON SHAW, DIRECTOR

PODS PRESENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ALAMO POD  
BLACK GOLD POD  
CAPITAL POD  
CENTRAL ARKANSAS POD  
CHILIHEADS OF ARIZONA INC.  
CHILLINI CHILI POD  
CONCHO VALLEY POD  
DALLAS AREA METROPLEX POD  
GOLDEN TRIANGLE POD  
HEART OF TENNESSEE POD  
HIGHLAND LAKES CHILI POD CASI  
IOWA CHILI APPRECIATION ASSOCIATION  
LLANO ESTACADO POD  
MESILLA VALLEY POD  
OLD DOMINION POD  
PASADENA POD  
POD OF THE PASS  
PUGET POD  
RED RIVER VALLEY POD  
RUIDOSO CHILI SOCIETY  
SAN ANTONIO POD  
SOUTH PLAINS OF TEXAS POD  
STATE OF TEXAS POD  
TEXAS HILL COUNTRY  
VICTORIA AND SURROUNDING AREAS  
YAVAPAL CHILI SOCIETY

ARKANSAS SOCIAL SOCIETY  
BODER-LINE CHILI HEADS INC.  
CASINOVA POD  
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY OF ARIZONA INC.  
CHILI PENN POD  
COLORADO CHILI POD  
COWTOWN CASI  
DEL RIO INTERNATIONAL POD  
GREEN COUNTRY CHILI AND BBQ TOO POD  
HIGH DESERT POD  
HOUSTON POD  
LA CASI LOUSIANNE  
MASON-DIXON POD  
NORTH OF BRAZOS  
PACIFIC POD  
PIEDMONT PEPPER POD  
POD OF THE RIVER  
PURGATORY CREEK POD  
ROSE CITY POD  
SAN ANGELO COOKERS ASSOCIATION  
SOTOL POD  
SPACE CITY POD  
TALL IN TEXAS POD  
TOP OF TEXAS POD  
VIRGIN POD

FIRST TIME PODS PRESENT: STATE OF ALABAMA POD, DESERT STORM POD, THOUSAND TRAILS LAKE  
TEXOMA POD, THOUSAND TRAILS LAKE WHITNEY POD.

PODS ABSENT FOR FIRST TIME: HOOCH POD, MO-KAN POD.

MEL FITZHENRY, SECRETARY, PRESENTED THE MINUTES OF THE GREAT PEPPERS MEETING FOR 1996 HELD IN MEMPHIS, TN. THERE WERE NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MINUTES. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED FOR APPROVAL. MOTION PASSED.

WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY GWEN CHAULKER AS WELL AS A PROCLAMATION READ BY JEWELL WILSON THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA. MAX JAMES REPRESENTING THE HOST PODS ALSO WELCOMED THE DIRECTORS, DELEGATES AND GUESTS.

HARVEY WEST, TALLYMASTER PRESENT A REPORT ON COOKOFFS BEING HELD DURING THE YEAR, NUMBERS OF COOKS AND PROJECTED MONIES BEING RAISED.

MIKE STRACK, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN PRESENT A REPORT ON CURRENT MEMBERSHIP. HE ALSO COVERED THE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST NOW IN PROGRESS. GENE SHOUSE WAS HONORED AS THE WINNER OF THE CONTEST LAST YEAR AND RECEIVED A VERY NICE JACKET FOR ALL HIS EFFORTS.

GUY SMITH, SPONSORSHIP CHAIRMAN, PRESENTED HIS REPORT, WE HAVE HAD A GOOD YEAR FOR SPONSORSHIP. COORS, RIVAL COOKWARE ARE NOW GOLD SPONSORS, PENDRY'S SPICES AND ANCIRA MOTORHOMES ARE NOW SILVER SPONSORS. GUY ALSO INTRODUCED RAY KING, WHO REPRESENTS OUR RIVAL SPONSOR. RAY DISCUSSED THE PLANS FOR RIVAL AND WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO. GUY ALSO STATED THAT RAY IS THE CONTACT FOR RIVAL AND GUY SMITH IS THE CONTACT FOR COORS. GUY ALSO STATED THAT ANCIRA WILL HAVE A TECNICIAN AT TERLINGUA THIS YEAR TO DO MINOR REPAIRS DURING THE COOKOFF.

VICKI CHILDERS, CHILICITY REPORT, SHE STATED CASI HAS RECEIVED SOME COVERAGE FROM NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, AS WELL AS OTHER MAGAZINE ARTICLES. THESE ARTICLES WILL BE MENTIONED IN THE TERLINGUA TRAILS TO ALERT THE MEMBERSHIP TO READ THEM. SHE ALSO STATED WE HAVE BROCHURES TO BE USED AT COOKOFFS.

CINDY REED, SITE CHAIRMAN GAVE A REPORT ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RANCH AREA. SEVERAL AREAS WERE COVERED, A NEW WIDER ENTRANCE ROAD, EXPAND THE JUDGING AREA ROOF, PAINTING AREAS THAT NEED IT, THE AREA BETWEEN THE JUDGING AREA AND THE MAIN STAGE WILL BE REDONE. THE TRAILER WILL BE LOWERED TO THE GROUND BY REMOVING THE WHEELS. A NEW PARKING AREA FOR MOTORHOMES AS WELL AS GUEST PARKING WILL ALSO BE DONE.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING COOKING IN THE 320 AREA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT BELL TO HAVE ALL COOKS USE THE 320 AREA TO COOK IN ON SATURDAY. THE HANDICAP WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THIS RULE. SECOND BY DAVE GARNER. MOTION PASSED

MEL FITZHENRY, SECRETARY, ANNOUNCED THERE WOULD ONCE AGAIN BE A \$250.00 DRAWING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY DURING THE COOKOFF. ALL REGISTERED COOKS WILL BE ENTERED IN THE DRAWING, THE WINNER MUST BE COOKING IN THE 320 AREA TO WIN, THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. THE BOARD HOPES TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO COOK IN THIS AREA. WE EXPECT OUR SPONSORS TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES AT THIS YEARS TICC, WE WANT TO SHOW THEM AS WELL AS OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS JUST HOW GREAT THE TICC IS. COOKS DO NOT HAVE TO OWN A 320 SITE TO COOK IN THE AREA, PLEASE TRY TO COOK IN THE 320 AREA, IT WILL MAKE OUR COOKOFF MUCH MORE ENJOYABLE FOR EVERYONE.

MYRL COULTAS, TERLINGUA TRAILS CHAIRMAN REPORTED ON THE TRAILS, ASKED THAT COOKS SEND HIM MORE PICTURES AND BE SURE TO GIVE HIM AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. MYRL HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB WITH THE NEW FORMAT OF THE TRAILS AND WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE.

HARVEY WEST, GAVE A REPORT ON THE FRIENDS OF CASI. HE STATED THAT THE BOARD HAS DECIDED TO GIVE ALL THE MONEY RAISED BY FRIENDS OF CASI TO GO TO CHARITY. HE REPORTED ON ALL THOSE

THAT HAVE RAISED OR GIVEN MONEY FOR A TOTAL OF APPROX. \$4700.00. HE ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO WITH THESE MONIES. ONE AREA THAT WAS BROUGHT UP WAS THE TERLINGUA MEDICS AS WELL AS A NATIONAL CHARITY. IT WAS ALSO BROUGHT UP THAT SOME OF THE MONEY COULD BE USED TO HELP A CASI MEMBER IN NEED.

MIKE STRACK REPORTED ON THE CASI 2000 PROGRAM. HE COVERED THE PROGRAM AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SINCE LAST YEAR. THE PROGRAM WILL BE ON GOING AND A REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM WAS MADE.

JIMMY TAYLOR, ALCALDE REPORTED HE HAS SOLD 16 NEW 320 SITES AND THERE ARE JUST 36 REMAINING. HE ASKED FOR HELP IN LOCATING THE 320 MARKERS ON WED BEFORE THE TICC ON SATURDAY.

JIM STATECZNY, TREASURERS REPORT. JIM DISCUSSED SEVERAL DIFFERENT AREAS OF NEED FOR SPENDING. HE ALSO PRESENTED A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF OUR FINANCIAL STATUS. HIS FINANCIAL REPORT WILL BE SENT TO EACH GREAT PEPPER. PRESTON SHAW ALSO REPORTED ON AN INTERNAL AUDIT CONDUCTED ON THE CASI FINANCIAL STATUS. MOTION MADE BY KEN ROBBINS TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECOND BY HUT BROWN.

SUZIE SHAW MOTIONED TO TRANSFER \$25,000 FROM THE GREAT PEPPERS MEETING FUND, TO THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND. SECOND BY DICK BRUCE. MOTION PASSED DURING BUSSINESS SESSION.

NEW BUSINESS:

RAY KING DISCUSSED CREATING A COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE FORMATION OF A CASI ARCHIVES OR SOME TYPE TO MUSEUM FOR CASI AND ITS PAST AND PRESENT HISTORY. RAY HAS OFFERED TO START A FUND TO HELP WITH A DONATION OF \$1000.00 RAY ASKED THAT ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION TO CONTRIBUTE PLEASE CONTACT HIM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VICKI CHILDERS TO HAVE RAY KING CHAIR THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CREATION OF A CASI ACHRIVES. SECOND BY HARVEY WEST. MOTION PASSED.

JIM STATECZNY DISCUSSED THE FUNDING OF WORK TO BE DONE AT THE RANCH BY TRANSFERING \$25000.00 FROM THE GREAT PEPPERS MEETING FUND TO THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND. HE STATED DOING THIS TRANSFER WOULD ALLOW THE WORK TO BE DONE AND ALSO ALLOW FOR A LARGE DONTATION TO A MAJOR CHARITY.

ROBERT BELL MOTIONED THAT NO NEW RULES CHANGES BE MADE FOR TWO YEARS, SECOND BY JOHN CAFFEY. MOTION FAILED

RULES CHANGES: COPIES OF ALL PROPOSED RULES CHANGES WERE GIVEN TO ALL GREAT PEPPERS. THOSE THAT WERE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON AND PASSED OR FAILED ARE INCLUDED.

REQUESTS FOR OPENS:

REQUESTS FOR REGIONAL COOKOFFS: COLLEEN WALLACE REQUESTED A WASHINGTON STATE COOKOFF. DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THEIR BEING A NINE POINT STATE AND RULES STATE YOU MUST BE A TWELVE POINT STATE TO HOLD A REGIONAL COOKOFF. JOE CANAVAN MOTIONED FOR A WAVIER TO THE RULE, SECOND BY RICHARD KING. MOTION PASSED.

LYMAN WILKINSON MOTIONED THE FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL BE HELD IN DENVER. SECOND BY MIKE STRACK, MOTION PASSED.

JIM EZELL MOTIONED FOR THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TO BE HELD IN WICHITA FALLS, SECOND BY HARVEY WEST. MOTION PASSED.

JERRY HARRIS OF THE DEL RIO POD PRESENTED TO THE DELEGATES AN UPDATE ON THE 1998 GREAT PEPPERS MEETING TO BE HELD IN DEL RIO. A TAPE WAS SHOWN OF THE DEL RIO AREA, IT APPEARS AS IF

THE MEETING IN DEL RIO WILL BE ANOTHER GREAT ONE, MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND.

BIDS FOR THE 1999 GREAT PEPPERS MEETING WERE REQUESTED, NO BIDS WERE MADE.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

VICKIE CHILDERS, HARVEY WEST WERE RE-ELECTED TO THE BOARD. JIM EZELL AND JIMMY TAYLOR WERE ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FOR THE FIRST TIME.

RALPH HAY, DID NOT RUN FOR RE-ELECTION, MIKE STRACK WAS NOT RE-ELECTED. THE CASI MEMBERSHIP WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THESE GENTLEMEN FOR THE MANY IMPROVEMENTS, HARD WORK AND SUPPORT THEY HAVE BROUGHT TO CASI WHILE SERVING AS CASI DIRECTORS.

THE NEXT ANNUAL GREAT PEPPERS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1998 IN DEL RIO, TX.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CHERYL PIERSON , SECOND CHUCK DUGGAN.