

**MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL GREAT PEPPERS MEETING  
OF THE  
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**September 12, 1998**

Minutes of the Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc.'s Great Peppers meeting held in Del Rio, Texas on September 12, 1998.

The meeting was called to order by Mel Fitzhenry, President. Preston Shaw, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

The following Directors were present:

Mel Fitzhenry, Director  
Guy Smith, Director  
Preston Shaw, Director  
Jim Stateczny, Director  
Hut Brown, Executive Director  
Harvey West, Director  
Myrl Coultas, Director  
Cindy Reed, Director  
Jim Ezell, Director  
Jimmy Taylor, Director  
Vickie Childers, Director

## Reports

Hut Brown, Executive Director, gave the Credentials Committee report: 52 current pods present and 5 pods absent. (See attachment Schedule A)

A welcome to Del Rio, Texas was given by Richard Hinds, DRIP Great Pepper.

Mel Fitzhenry, President, addressed the group and welcomed all delegates and guests to the meeting.

• Motion was made by Cheryl Pierson to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Seconded by Robert Bell.

*Motion passed: (Unanimous)*

A report of 5 new pods requesting CASI affiliation and sanctioning was given by Hut Brown, Executive Director.

The pods were:

- Alpine Chili Society
- Blue Ridge Mountain Pod
- Classic CASI
- Georgia Chili Cookers Association
- Milquatay Pod

• Motion was made by Bruce Stewart to sanction the (5) pods. Seconded by Elton Homesley.

*Motion passed: Aye - 51 Nay - 1*

There were 68 recognized voting delegates to the meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Jim Stateczny

A report of the financial condition of CASI was distributed to the delegates and various expenses were discussed.

• Motion was made by Sue Caffey to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Richard King.

*Motion passed: (Unanimous)*

### Rancho CASI de los Chisos Report

Jimmy Taylor

- A. The floor in front of the main stage has been increased.
- B. A terrace and retaining wall were constructed in front of the judging area.
- C. Camping areas for cooks and spectators were increased with no effect on the OLD 320 spaces.

### Alcaldesa Report

Pat Krenek

- A. All Old 320 sites have been sold.
- B. The aisles have been remarked.
- C. All Old 320 sites have been remarked with new 4 inch markers.
- D. Various site owners are still paying via installments.
- E. A list of Old 320 owners who cannot be located was read and a request for assistance in locating these owners was made.

### TICC Report

Mel Fitzhenry

- A. Assignment of the TICC responsibilities was made at the August 1998 Board of Directors' meeting.
- B. Shirts will be given to both incoming and outgoing Great Peppers and Regional Referees at the 1998 TICC only. Thereafter, only the incoming officers will be issued shirts.
- C. Tasting cups will be issued to each cook.
- D. Trash pick-up will begin on Thursday.
- E. Carol Lilley will be in charge of the VIP Lounge.
- F. Tom and Dorathy Williams are requesting school supplies for the Terlingua area schools.
- G. Christmas gifts for school children (ages 5 years and up) are needed. Wrapping paper will also be appreciated.

### TallyMaster Report

Elton Homesley

Report is *attached (Schedule B)*.

The Tallymaster added comments regarding cancelled or rescheduled cook-offs not reported back to CASI, ~~therefore~~ all Great Peppers and Regional Referees should assist by notifying the Tallymaster of any schedule change or cancellation.

Elton Homesley also reported that 19 names would be added to the Memorial Board at the 1998 TICC.

### Membership Report

Mike Strack

Currently CASI has 1,342 members with 225 non-renewals during the current year. A reminder and request to re-join is being mailed. Over 100 members have joined via the Internet.

### Sponsorship Report

Guy Smith

Ancira Motor Homes, Rival Cookware and Pendery's have committed to be 1998 TICC sponsors. Jim Stateczny added that when visiting an Ancira dealership to always mention CASI. Contacts with Coors Brewing Company are continuing. Questions were asked if the Coors' agreements in the past were local or national. Guy Smith commented that Coors Brewing Company has 5 marketing divisions in the U.S. and that all divisions had been notified about CASI and the national sponsorship.

Friends of CASI, our in-house fund raising program, received approximately \$500 this year.

### Terlingua Trails Report

Myrl Coultas

It has been requested that care be taken when completing the cook-off request form. Promoters should be reminded to remit the \$5.00 fee with the form. If the request form is sent via fax, then the fee should be sent promptly to the Trails editor.

### Chilicity Report

Cindy Reed and Vickie Childers

Cindy Reed reported on the various inquiries received. These included:

- A. Food Festivals of Texas: A Travelers Guide and Cookbook
- B. Ft. Worth Zoo Documentary, including film of the 1992 TICC event
- C. Texas Braggin Rights - a book by Ft. Worth reporter Barry Schaltter
- D. Outdoor Cooking Unlimited
- E. First for Women - a national magazine with photos and an article.

Vickie Childers reported that additional passports to TICC are being printed and distributed.

## Unfinished Business

A report by Preston Shaw was given concerning the results of the corporate sponsorship/donation survey. (Attachment   )

A sample Donation Request Form (Attachment   ) was distributed. This proposed form could be used to petition CASI for donations at the local pod level. Further discussion was held concerning the availability of funds for donations and it was stressed by Preston Shaw, Larry Burruss and Mel Fitzhenry that donations would be made only if surplus funds were available, and only after proper approval by the Board of Directors.

Ballots were distributed for the voting of "Great Pepper of the Year".

A report by Mel Fitzhenry was given regarding the motion passed by the Board of Directors at the August 7, 1998 Directors Meeting <sup>that</sup> which reduced the number of trophies awarded in large and small showmanship at TICC from 5 trophies to 3 trophies. Various comments were made by the delegates, and the Board of Directors will review this decision if the number of small and large show teams changes in the future.

Proposed Rule changes to 1998-99 CASI Rules (see attached)

## Motions

☛ Motion: Rescind the motion by Robert Bell and seconded by Dave Garner made at the Annual Great Peppers meeting held on September 6, 1997 at Asheville, North Carolina stating all cooks use the Old 320 area to cook in on Saturday, unless an exception for a handicap was granted.

Motion made by Elton Homesley                      Seconded by Bud Barrick  
*Motion (Passed)                      Aye - 52                      Nay - 13                      Absent - 3*

## Selection Sites for 1998-99 Open Cook-offs and Regional Cook-offs and waivers.

☛ Motion: made by Bruce Stewart to move the Texas Men's State Championship from San Marcos, Texas to Seguin, Texas in the year 2000. Dean Reynolds seconded.

Larry Burruss called a point of order stating the motion was out of order due to the 1994 Great Peppers meeting establishing San Marcos, Texas as the permanent site of the Texas Men's State Championship and Lewisville, Texas as the permanent site for the Texas State Open.

*No vote taken*

☛ Motion: by Glyn Gaines requesting that the 1999 Southwest Open be held at Wichita Falls, Texas. Seconded by Robert Bell.

*Motion (Passed)                      Unanimous*

20 Motion: made by Colleen Wallace that the 1999 Canadian International Open be held at Clover Dale, B.C. Seconded by Elton Homesley.

*Motion (Passed) Unanimous*

20 Motion: by Janie Bauer that the 1999 National Open be held in Washington D.C. Seconded by Charlie Walstrom.

*Motion (Passed) Aye - 66 Nay - 02*

20 Motion: made by Colleen Wallace that the 1999 Hand<sup>5</sup> Across the Border Regional be held at Anacortes, Washington and that a waiver of the 12 point state rule be granted. Seconded by Richard King.

*Motion (Failed) Aye - 04 Nay - 64*

20 Motion: by Bud Barrick that the Four-Corners Regional be held at Alpine, Arizona. Seconded by Chuck Duggan.

*Motion (Passed) Unanimous*

20 Motion: made by Preston Shaw that a permanent waiver be granted the Tennessee State Open Chili Cook-off for extending the qualifying points year beyond September 30<sup>th</sup>. The cook-off will be held on the final day of the Annual Mid-South in Memphis, Tennessee. The fair is a continuous event lasting 11 days beginning on a Thursday each September, no earlier than the 18<sup>th</sup> or later than the 24<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Preston Nickle.

*Motion (Passed) Unanimous*

### Site Selection for 1999, 2000 and 2001 Great Peppers Meetings.

The 1999 Great Peppers meeting will be hosted by the Chillini Pod and held in the Chicago, Illinois area.

20 Motion: made by Lyman Wilkinson for the Colorado Pod to host the 2000 Great Peppers meeting in Denver, Colorado. Seconded by Sue Caffey.

*Motion (Passed) Unanimous*

20 Motion: was made by Al Austin for the Houston Pod to host the 2001 Great Peppers meeting in Houston, Texas. Seconded by Robert Bell.

*Motion (Passed) Unanimous*

### New Business

Al Austin reported the Chili Hall of Flame would be seeking nominations from all pods.

• Motion: by Richard King to rescind the current rule (Chili Judging Rule II-A – Judging Cups – cups will be between 12 and 20 ounce styrofoam cups with lids) and allow up to 24 ounce cups, effective immediately. Seconded by Jerry Christensen.

*Motion (Passed) Unanimous*

• Motion: made by Jim Stateczny establishing a \$10,000 ceiling in the Great Peppers meeting fund. Any future excess would be retained in the CASI General Fund. Seconded by Bud Barrick.

*Motion (Passed) Aye - 39 Nay - 06 Abstain - 23*

Mel Fitzhenry reported that the Board of Directors and Elton Homesley donated \$344.67 to the Terlingua Archives Trust.

Nomination of Regional Referees must be turned in to the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Election of Executive Director: Johnye Harriman was elected to a two-year term.

Election of Directors: Preston Shaw and Myrl Coultas were elected to three-year terms. Mike Strack and Mel Fitzhenry were elected to two-year terms.

A brief recess was called to allow the Directors to vote on the 1998-99 Board officers.

The officers elected were:

Mel Fitzhenry	President
Jim Ezell	Vice President
Preston Shaw	Secretary
Jim Stateczny	Treasurer

Hut Brown was appointed Executive Director Emeritus.

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, was adjourned.

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President

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Secretary