

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

**SAN ANGELO CONVENTION CENTER  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2005**

President Mel FitzHenry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Renee Moore, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

The following Directors were present:

Mel FitzHenry, President  
Jim Ezell, Vice-President  
Jimmy Taylor, Vice-President Ranch Operations  
Renee Moore, Secretary  
Garnier Albus, Treasurer  
Mikie McGarity, Director  
Bill Pierson, Director  
Ken Rodd, Director  
Doug "Bucky" Seelig, Director  
Dorathy Williams, Director  
Alan Dean, Executive Director

The President called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

**Seeding of New Pods**

Executive Director Alan Dean announced there were two new Pods seeking CASI affiliation.

Tom Klug, Desert Breeze Pod, requested seeding of the Desert Breeze Pod.

**Motion** by Darrell Baxter, Thousand Trails – Lake Whitney Pod, that the Desert Breeze Pod be seeded. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

Jeff Netser, Indiana Pepper Pod, requested seeding of the Indiana Pepper Pod.

**Motion** by Johnye Harriman, Spice Up California Pod, that the Indiana Pepper Pod be seeded. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

Dean stated that there had been a request for a name change of the Grits Pod to the Georgia Pod.

**Motion** by Randy Moore, State of Alabama Pod, that the Grits Pod be allowed a name change to the Georgia Pod. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

### **Roll Call**

Secretary Moore called the roll, and President FitzHenry declared a quorum present.

The following Pods were not in attendance:

Del Rio International Pod  
Florida on the Panhandle  
Pepe’s Pod

This being the second consecutive absence from the Great Peppers’ Meeting for the Florida on the Panhandle Pod, the Pod is no longer recognized as an official CASI Pod.

### **Welcome/Report of the 2005 Meeting Committee**

State Representative Scott Campbell welcomed the delegates to San Angelo and read a Resolution passed by the Texas House of Representatives declaring the week of September 5, 2005, as Chili Appreciation Week.

Sammie Plant thanked everyone for coming to San Angelo and expressed appreciation to all those who have worked with her for the past two years.

### **Response**

President FitzHenry expressed appreciation to Representative Campbell for the Resolution and to Sammie Plant and her workers for one of the best Great Peppers’ Meetings ever.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **President’s Message**

The President stated that this is the culmination of his 11-year career on the Board and thanked all present and past Great Peppers, CASI members, the Board of Directors, and his wife, Diane, for the tremendous support over the years. FitzHenry stated that he would continue in certain aspects with the work of CASI.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Secretary Renee Moore presented the Minutes of the Great Peppers’ Meeting held September 11, 2004, in Baltimore, Maryland.

**Motion** by Bud Barrick, New Mexico Chili Society, that the Minutes be approved as presented. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

### **Rancho CASI de los Chisos**

Jimmy Taylor, Vice-President of Ranch Operations, stated that the Ranch is in good shape. A new pavilion has been constructed in Krazy Flats.

Taylor advised that TICC requires 96 portacans, and over 6 tons of trash were removed after last year’s TICC. When Taylor assumed Ranch operations, the total cost of portacans and trash was \$4,000; this year the cost will be \$17,878.00.

### **Old 320**

Alcalde Ralph Hay stated that there are two individuals who have Old 320 spots who he is trying to locate – Larry Ford from Arizona and Bill Forgotsen from the Dallas area. Mailings have been made to both, with all communications returned.

Hay stated that there will be a drawing for all those cooking in the Old 320 again this year.

Hay requested that the Great Peppers ask their Pod members who own Old 320 sites if they will be using them this year. If not, it would be appreciated if they would allow others to use them and advise Hay of such.

Hay stated that there is a waiting list of approximately 25 individuals who wish to purchase Old 320 sites.

**Terlingua International Chili Championship**

The President stated that the Ranch is in good shape. Over 650 Judges’ invitations have been mailed with a positive response thus far. It is hoped that the gas prices will not affect TICC attendance.

FitzHenry encouraged individuals to volunteer to assist at TICC.

**Tallymaster**

Tallymaster Bill Pierson reported that there have been 517 cookoffs thus far this year with a total of \$857,709.00 raised for charities. Thus far, there have been 517 cookoffs with 15,233 cups of chili judged. A total of 392 cooks and 163 show teams have qualified.

Pierson stated that occasionally there are cookoffs submitted that do not indicate the amount raised for charity. Please submit this information even if it is after the fact in order that accurate amounts may be recorded.

Pierson advised that currently there are 2 delinquent cookoffs – the June Oswego, New York, cookoff and the July Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, cookoff.

Pierson announced that Virginia has become a 9-point state and Illinois has become a 12-point state.

Pierson stated that the registration hours at TICC will be Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**Membership**

Director Mikie McGarity stated that CASI membership is now over 1,700 members. McGarity challenged each and every one of the Great Peppers to bring in a new member.

McGarity reported there has been some discussion to change the membership term back to anniversary date renewals rather than the current annual renewal. McGarity encouraged the Great Peppers to speak to their members and ascertain their feelings in this matter.

McGarity reminded the Great Peppers that each Pod is eligible for a special rate for one corporate membership. This is a wonderful way to express appreciation to a sponsor.

McGarity recognized Dale Reinecker for his contribution to the CASI brochure. This brochure has been very well received.

*Sponsorship*

Vice President Jim Ezell stated that CASI had a record year in sponsorship. When the Scholarship Program was started with the Friday events several years ago, a challenge was issued to the local businesses to give them an option to put their money into CASI and receive recognition as a sponsor with their funds remaining in the local economy.

Ezell reported that a matching funds program was started with CASI funding up to \$2,000 to the local school program with those funds donated by local businesses. A total of \$10,000 was contributed by the local businesses in Terlingua last year with an additional 17 Corporate members represented in the area.

Sponsors for 2005 TICC are:

Irving Elks  
Chisos Mining Co. - Easter Egg Valley Motel  
Cappadonna Electric  
Tyson Foods  
Conwood Sales – Levi Garrett  
Tyson Foods  
Lajitas Resort  
Mrs. Renfro’s  
Texas Lottery  
Permian Distributing Company – Miller Lite  
Desert Eagle Distributing Company – Budweiser  
HEB  
Monosite, Inc.

Ancira is now in its fourth year as a Legacy Sponsor of the Ancira Hospitality Pavilion. Ancira continues to be a Gold Sponsor.

Hill Country Software and Support, Inc. is a Gold Sponsor and contributed a \$4,000 scholarship to CASI this year.

Bruce Foods is a Gold Sponsor and also becomes a Legacy Sponsor this year with the Judging Pavilion to be named the Bruce Foods Mexene Chili Powder Judging Pavilion. Bruce Foods will also sponsor a significant cookoff this year.

Mexene Chili Powder has become the official chili powder of CASI. Ezell presented the Mexene Chili Powder advertising campaign for the coming year, introduced Cody Oliveira of Bruce Foods and recognized his efforts for CASI.

Ezell reported that total sponsorship for the year is \$100,000 in cash and services.

Ezell and Mikie McGarity presented the TICC 2005 official poster.

**Terlingua Trails**

Director Doug Seelig presented the following costs for production of the 2004 *Terlingua Trails*:

\$13,212.05 to *Kerrville Daily Times* for production  
Approximately 2,825 copies are produced each month  
\$.39 per issue for production/\$.55 per issue with bulk postage rate added  
\$15.46 per box with approximately 45 boxes mailed per month

Seelig requested pictures and articles be submitted for the *Trails*.

**Upcomings**

Director Dorathy Williams encouraged everyone to use the new CASI CIS program for input of Upcomings. Williams expressed appreciation to all for their time and efforts over the past year.

**Chilicity**

Director Ken Rodd reported that TICC press releases will again be sent to the Great Peppers for dissemination to their local press outlets. The Great Peppers were encouraged to actively participate in this endeavor, as well as contacting local high schools to make them aware of the CASI National Scholarship Program.

Rodd stated that *Taste of the South* magazine will spotlight Texas chili and TICC in their fall issue.

Rodd encouraged TICC attendees to visit the Terlingua Corporate Sponsors and let them know you appreciate their efforts.

Rodd reported on the new facility at Krazy Flats. Money is always a problem, so the Krazy Flats Charter Membership was established and \$10,000 was raised in 52 days to make the Krazy Flats pavilion a reality.

Meeting recessed for 15 minutes and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

**CASI Scholarships**

Hut Brown, CASI Scholarship Chair, advised that the National Scholarship Program Applications have been distributed to all the attendees. Brown stated that contributions from Pods, cookoffs, individuals, and memorials are very much appreciated and greatly enhance the Scholarship Fund.

There are currently 18 students in the scholarship program. Brown advised that Jim Staczny had contacted him relative to funding a scholarship for a particular individual who needed assistance. After contacting the Scholarship Committee, it was determined that there was no objection to this. Megan Dreibrodt has been awarded a CASI Scholarship; as it turns out, she was the next in line after the scholarships were awarded this year.

**Memorial Board**

Renee Moore advised that the Memorial List of Chili Friends has been distributed to all the attendees. Moore encouraged everyone to review the list and advise if there were others who needed to be added to the Memorial Board.

**Financial**

Treasurer Garnier Albus stated that due to the fact that we accumulate money to be spent on scholarships and the building of structures, our net income as stated on the balance sheet is somewhat misleading. Albus presented several slides relative to the General Fund, TICC Revenues and Expenditures, and General Fund Revenues and Expenditures.

Albus advised that the non-business related revenues – *Terlingua Trails* ads, cell tower revenues, and dirt revenues – are revenues outside of the CASI charter and are not related to the normal course of business. Income tax is paid on these non-business related revenues.

Albus reported that construction of buildings and land improvements are not treated as expenses and do not lower CASI’s net profit. These assets are simply moved from cash to land and building as a transfer of assets.

The 2004 \$25.00 packet fee analysis was presented:

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Revenues Generated                 | \$12,790.00     |
| Less: Upcomings Department Expense | 9,458.06        |
| <i>Terlingua Trails</i> Expense    | <u>3,500.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                     | \$12,968.06     |
| NET PROFIT                         | \$ (168.06)     |

Albus reminded the attendees that the \$3.00 for each cook is used as: \$1 to the General Fund to subsidize the Tallymaster, TICC, and some CASI administrative costs; \$1 to the Great Peppers’ Meeting Fund to subsidize the Great Peppers’ Meeting fund; and, \$1 to the CASI Liability Insurance Fund to subsidize the various insurance policies.

The 2004 Cookoff Sanctioning Fees analysis was presented:

General Fund \$16,273.00

Great Peppers’ Meeting Fund 16,211.00

Sponsoring Pods can receive up to \$10,000 for the Meeting with the remaining funds transferred to the General Fund.

The Board spends an average of \$2,000 for other Great Peppers’ Meeting expenses over and above the \$10,000 given to the Host Pod.

CASI Liability Insurance Fund \$16,258.00

Fiscal Year 2004 Premiums \$16,636.00

The General Fund will subsidize all shortcomings of this fund.

When questioned about the differing amounts reflected for each Fund, Director Pierson advised that funds received from cookoffs are not always the correct amount. When there is an overage, that amount is put in the Insurance Fund.

Albus stated that when Sponsors are approached regarding supporting TICC, they are told that their funds will be used to finance TICC, support the CASI Scholarship Fund, and finance major improvements at Rancho CASI de los Chisos. Sponsorship monies are not used to pay the normal, day-to-day expenses. Albus reiterated that some of those funds attributed to sponsorship are actually received as donations of products, not actual cash.

### **Report of the Executive Director**

Executive Director Dean recognized a group that is often left out in comments in general and that is the spouses of the Board members. Dean encouraged the Great Peppers to thank them. Dean also expressed appreciation to his wife for the assistance she’s given him this year.

Dean presented his CASI Wellness Initiative for the 2006 chili year:

1. Respect one another. Treat each other with kindness and generosity.
2. Be cooperative and work together.
3. Clearly define policies.
4. Accept titles as obligations to the group, not as rank or a label of superiority.
5. Read the CASI rules; seek understanding.
6. Always ask “What’s best for CASI?”
7. Be proud and promote CASI every day.



President FitzHenry reminded the attendees to bring toys to TICC for Christmas gifts for children 4-12 years old. They are much appreciated. School supplies are no longer needed.

**CALL FOR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business to be discussed.

**CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS**

**Requests for Waivers**

**Motion** by Myrl Coultas, Chiliheads of Arizona Pod, that a waiver be granted for the Southeast Regional Cookoff to be held September 24, 2005, comprised of the States of Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion failed.*

**Site Selections**

**Motion** by Tina Barnes, Cowtown Pod, that the Southwest Regional Open be held on Memorial weekend 2006 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Motion duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

**Motion** by Myrl Coultas, Chiliheads of Arizona Pod, that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Midwest Regional Chili Cookoff be held in Lenexa, Kansas, on October 15, 2005. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

**Motion** by Ken Peach, Puget Pod, that the Tri-State Open be held in Amarillo, Texas, on January 14, 2006. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

**Motion** by Janie Bauer, CASINOVA Pod, that the North American Open be held June 17, 2006, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

**Motion** by Ken Peach, Puget Pod, that the Mexico International Chili Championship be allowed a one-year location change due to the current unrest in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico,

at a destination to be determined, with the desired location to be Piedras Negras, Mexico. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

**Motion** by Bill Buschel, Thousand Trails-Lake Tawakoni Pod, that the 3-I Regional Open Cookoff be held in Dubuque, Iowa, on June 10, 2006. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

**Motion** by Greg Monger, High Desert Pod, that the Four Corners Regional Cookoff be held on Memorial weekend in 2006 at Tombstone, Arizona. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

**Motion** by Darrell Baxter, Thousand Trails-Lake Whitney Pod, that the Mid-South Regional Cookoff be held on June 10, 2006, at Parker’s Crossroads, Tennessee. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

**Motion** by Randy Moore, State of Alabama Pod, that the Southeast Regional Cookoff be held on September 23, 2006 in Poulan, Georgia, and that a waiver be granted for such. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed.*

The meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

### **Rules Change Proposals**

Barbara Taylor, Pod on the Pedernales, withdrew the Pod’s proposed rule changes to Rule VI.C., Recognition of Open Championship Winners, and VII.D.1.a., Residents.

Ava Horan, Piney Woods Pod, withdrew the Pod’s proposed change to Rule II.C. and II.C.1., Levels of Chili Judging, Preliminary.

Carrie Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, withdrew the Pod’s proposed change to Rule VI.C., Recognition of Open Championship Winners.

Pat King, Classic CASI, withdrew the Pod’s proposed change to Rule V.A.5., Have Required Number of Eligible Cooks Present and Cooking.

**Motion** by Richard Knight, Heart of Tennessee Pod, that the remainder of the rule changes be withdrawn.

*Motion died for lack of a second.*

**Motion** by Ava Horan, Piney Woods Pod, that Rule I.G. and Rule III.B.5., Pyrotechnics, be changed to read: No chili/showmanship contestant may discharge firearms or use any *pyrotechnics\** or explosives at a chili cookoff. Contestants discharging firearms and/or using explosives or other *pyrotechnics\** will be disqualified from the chili cookoff. *\*A firework or any of various similar devices (as for igniting a rocket or producing an explosion), a combustible substance used in a firework. – Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary-Tenth Edition.*

*Motion died for lack of a second.*

**Motion** by Ken Peach, Puget Pod, that Rule II.B., Chili Judges, be changed to read: Judging will be done using preliminary and final judges, and, when applicable, intermediate level judges. (Five or six judges per table are suggested for all levels below final. The final table *should* have ten or more judges, *but must have a minimum of five; the number should be at the discretion of the head judge.*) Judges must be adults (18 years or older).

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion passed to approve the Rule change.*

**Motion** by Ava Horan, Piney Woods Pod, to amend the proposed rule change to II.D. Judging Criteria and Scoring to read: A single score takes into consideration the five criteria for scoring chili: Aroma, Consistency, *Red Style*, Taste, Aftertaste.

*Motion died for lack of a second.*

**Motion** by Beverly King, Old Dominion Pod, that Rule III.E.1., Judging Sheets, be changed to read: The CASI Official Judging Sheets included in the official CASI packet must be used for judging. *At the option of the Chief Judge either the sheet that allows for comments or the sheet that does not have space for comments may be used.*

Motion was duly seconded.

**Motion** by Beverly King, Old Dominion Pod, that the proposed rule change be amended to state *Head Judge* rather than *Chief Judge*. Motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed* to consider the amendment as follows: The CASI Official Judging Sheets included in the official CASI packet must be used for judging. *At the option of the Head Judge either the sheet that allows for comments or the sheet that does not have space for comments may be used.*

After a lengthy discussion, **motion** by Mel FitzHenry that the question be called. The motion was duly seconded.

*Motion passed to cease discussion.*

*Motion failed to consider the amended Rule change.*

**Motion** by Charmaine Rogers, SAP CASI, that Rule II.E.5., Number the Cups, be changed to read: After the number of chilis per judging table has been determined **and taken to the appropriate judging tables, a table monitor** will mark a judging designation (letter and number) on the side of each judging cup. This process will continue until all cups turned in are properly marked.

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed to consider the Rule change.*

**Motion** by Pat King, Classic CASI, that Rule II.F.1., Tabulate in Observable Area, be changed to read: Tabulation must be done in an area designated for tabulating that provides accessibility to observers and protection for judging sheets and computer equipment (if used). The head judge and/or CASI cookoff Referee will observe tabulation, which must be done by **four (4)** or more persons. The chili receiving the highest score will be the winner, placing in reverse order to tenth place for CASI points.

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed to consider the Rule change.*

**Motion** by Beverly King, Old Dominion Pod, to amend Rule II.G.4., Announcing Winners, to read: ***After the announcement of winners, the regional referee and chief judge will make available all chili judging cups judged. In addition, the Chief Judge will also make available the judging sheets and the tally sheet for inspection by the cooks. Cooks may either take their judging cups or leave them on the table to be disposed of.***

Motion was duly seconded.

**Motion** by Beverly King, Old Dominion Pod, to amend the proposed rule change to II.G. 4. Announcing Winners, to read: ***At the option of the Head Judge after the announcement of winners, judging sheets and tally sheets may be made available to the cooks. Cooks may either take their judging cups or leave them on the table to be disposed of.***

Motion to amend the proposed Rule was duly seconded. *Motion to amend failed.*

*Motion to approve the change to the Rule as originally stated failed.*

**Motion** by Nancy Klug, Alpine Chili Society, to change Rule III.A.1. Show Teams Also Must Enter Chili, to read: Showmanship teams must have a minimum of one cook

entered in the chili competition in order to qualify for showmanship points. ***The show team captain must be present at all cookoffs in which the team is entered.***

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed to consider the Rule change.*

**Motion** by Cheryl Pierson, Chillini Pod, to change Rule III.A.2., One Name per Show Team, to read: Showmanship teams must enter all cookoffs in a chili year under one name and ***with the same team captain*** in order to avoid confusion in the recording of showmanship points. Teams ***may change their name or team captain*** at the beginning of the chili year.

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed to consider the Rule change.*

**Motion** by Nick McGarity, Top of Texas Pod, to change Rule IV.C.1., Duration, to ***delete the entire section*** which currently reads: For cookoffs with twelve (12) or fewer showmanship entries in any individual category, this two-hour period will be continuous. For cookoffs that have more than twelve (12) showmanship entries, this two-hour period may be broken into two (2) one-hour periods and separated by a rest period of not more than forty-five (45) minutes with proper notification to all contestants by either written cookoff announcements or by a showmanship contestants’ meeting held prior to competition. This provides time to have preliminary show judging during the first hour, tallying and selection of show finalists during the rest period, and final judging during the last hour.

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed to consider the Rule change.*

Executive Director Dean noted that the next three rule changes proposals all deal with Rule V.A.4. Dean stated that if one passes, the remaining rule change proposals would not be considered.

**Motion** by Charmaine Rogers, SAP CASI, to change Rule V.A.4., Have a CASI Referee on Site, to read: All Cookoffs seeking CASI sanctioning must have on site a CASI Regional Referee, CASI Area Referee, CASI Great Pepper, CASI official, or an authorized CASI representative of one of the above. It is the responsibility of the cookoff chairman to contact the CASI Regional Referee responsible for the location in which the cookoff is held or to contact the CASI Executive Director who can appoint a CASI representative for the cookoff. ***It is the responsibility of the Regional Referee to review the Trails and contact the cookoff promoter.***

Motion was duly seconded.

**Motion** by Carrie Kennison, Highland Lakes Pod, to amend the proposed rule change to V.A.4. to read: All Cookoffs seeking CASI sanctioning must have on site a CASI Regional Referee, CASI Area Referee, CASI Great Pepper, CASI official, or an

authorized CASI representative of one of the above. ***It is the responsibility of the Regional Referee to review the Trails and contact the cookoff promoter.***

Motion to amend the proposed Rule was duly seconded. *Motion to amend failed.*

*Motion to approve the change to the Rule as originally stated failed.*

**Motion** by Dani Medlin, Dallas Area Metroplex Pod, to change Rule V.A.4., Have a CASI Referee on Site, to read: All Cookoffs seeking CASI sanctioning must have on site a CASI Regional Referee, CASI Area Referee, CASI Great Pepper, CASI official, or an authorized CASI representative of one of the above. It is the responsibility of the cookoff chairman ***or promoter*** to contact the CASI Regional Referee responsible for the location in which the cookoff is held. ***If attempts to make contact with the Regional Referee for that area fail, then*** contact the CASI Executive Director, who ***will*** appoint a CASI representative for the cookoff.

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed to consider the Rule change.*

**Motion** by Beverly King, Old Dominion Pod, to change Rule V.A.4., Have a CASI Referee on Site, to read: All Cookoffs seeking CASI sanctioning must have on site a CASI Regional Referee, CASI Area Referee, CASI Great Pepper, CASI official, or an authorized CASI representative of one of the above. It is the responsibility of the cookoff chairman to contact the CASI Regional Referee responsible for the location in which the cookoff is held or to contact the CASI Executive Director ***if no CASI officials will be in attendance at the event so that an official can be designated.***

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed to consider the Rule change.*

Executive Director Dean noted that the next four rule change proposals all deal with Rule V.A.6. Dean stated that if one passes, the remaining rule change proposals would not be considered.

**Motion** by Bud Barrick, New Mexico Chili Society, to change Rule V.A.6., Send Results Sheet, Entry List, and Fees to CASI within 30 Days, to read: The CASI official for the cookoff must forward an entry list, complete with names and addresses, official CASI Results Sheet, as well as three dollars (\$3.00) for each cook entered in each cookoff to CASI (e.g., 38 cooks entered, send CASI \$114.00 along with the Results Sheet and entry list), plus ***ten dollars (\$10.00)*** for the cookoff registration fees.

Motion was duly seconded.

**Motion** by Bud Barrick, New Mexico Chili Society, to amend the proposed rule change to read: The CASI official for the cookoff must forward an entry list, complete with names and addresses, official CASI Results Sheet, as well as three dollars (\$3.00) for each cook entered in each cookoff to CASI (e.g., 38 cooks entered, send CASI \$114.00

along with the Results Sheet and entry list), plus *fifteen dollars (\$15.00)* for the cookoff registration fees.

Motion to amend the proposed Rule was duly seconded. *Motion to amend failed.*

*Motion to approve the change to the Rule as originally stated failed.*

The rule change proposed by Piney Woods Pod relative to V.A.6., Send Results Sheet, Entry List, and Fees to CASI within 30 Days *failed* as no motion was made.

**Motion** by Randy Moore, State of Alabama Pod, to change Rule V.A.6., Send Results Sheet, Entry List, and Fees to CASI within 30 Days, to read: The CASI official for the cookoff must forward an entry list, complete with names and addresses, official CASI Results Sheet, as well as three dollars (\$3.00) for each cook entered in each cookoff to

CASI (e.g., 38 cooks entered, send CASI \$114.00 along with the Results Sheet and entry list), plus twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the cookoff registration fees. ***Subsequent cookoffs (i.e., cookoffs at the same location by the same group) will be assessed a cookoff registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00).***

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed to approve the Rule change.*

**Motion** by Nick McGarity, Top of Texas Pod, to change Rule V.B.3., Multiple Cookoffs on One Site, to read: Only one cookoff will be held at any site on any one day. (Exception: Men’s and Women’s State Championships may be held on the same day at one site.)

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed to approve the Rule change.*

**Motion** by Beverly King, Old Dominion Pod, to change Rule VI.B., Establishing Open Championships, to read: ***A State holding a State Championship for the first time must request approval to sponsor the event from the CASI Board and by vote of the Great Peppers. Such approval is only required for the first year of the event. In subsequent years, CASI approval from the Executive Director or PODS in the State is not required for the event or when a change in sponsorship occurs. Regular State Cookoffs may be sponsored by a CASI POD, any charitable organization in the State, a business or group of individuals who are interested in promoting chili within the State. In cases where 2 or more organizations are in competition to hold the same event, priority shall be given to: 1. Organizations who have previously sponsored the State cookoff. 2. Organizations or individuals who have first contacted CASI and placed an ad in the Terlingua Trails.***

*Motion died for lack of a second.*

The rule change proposed by Piney Woods Pod relative to Rule V.A.6.a.3. *failed* as no motion was made.

**Motion** by Ava Horan, Piney Woods Pod, to change Rule VI.C., Recognition of Open Championship Winners, to read: In all State, Regional and International Open Championships, the top three (3) chili winners and top showmanship team will be recognized as the State, Regional, or International Open Champions. The chili champion and ***second and third place chili winners*** and the showmanship champion will be entitled to the privileges of these titles.

*Motion died for lack of a second.*

**Motion** by Lyman Wilkinson, Colorado Chili Pod, to change Rule VII.D.1.b., Nonresidents, to read: Any cook at a State Open Championship finishing ***first will automatically qualify to cook at TICC. Cooks placing second or third,*** but residing outside that state, will receive points only toward the CASI TICC.

Motion was duly seconded.

**Motion** by Barbara Taylor, Pod on the Pedernales, to amend the proposed rule change to read: Any cook at a State Open Championship finishing ***first will automatically qualify to cook at TICC, in addition to the resident cooks described in Rule VII.D.1.a.***

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion passed* to consider the amendment to the rule change.

*Motion passed to approve the amended Rule change.*

**Motion** by Ava Horan, Piney Woods Pod, to change Rule VII.E.1.d., Current State, Regional or International Championships with Over 300 Entries, to read: CURRENT STATE, REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH OVER **200** ENTRIES – A current Men’s State, Women’s State, State Open, Regional or International Championship that maintained at least **200** entries for three consecutive years will additionally qualify a ***fourth and fifth place chili winner.*** In the event a qualified cookoff falls below **200** entries in any year, the cookoff will qualify only the champion and ***second and third place chili winners*** the following year, and re-qualification will be required.

Motion was duly seconded.

**Motion** by Ava Horan, Piney Woods Pod, to amend the proposed rule change to read: CURRENT STATE, REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH OVER **200** ENTRIES – A current Men’s State, Women’s State, State Open, Regional or International Championship that maintained at least **200** entries ***and chilis judged*** for three consecutive years will additionally qualify a ***fourth and fifth place chili winner.*** In



the event a qualified cookoff falls below **200** entries and **chilis judged** in any year, the cookoff will qualify only the champion and **second and third place chili winners** the following year, and re-qualification will be required.

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion passed* to consider the amendment to the rule change.

*Motion passed to approve the amended Rule change.*

**Motion** by Ava Horan, Piney Woods Pod, to change Rule VII.E.2, Qualified Showmanship Teams, to read: Qualifying to compete in showmanship at CASI TICC requires the same number of points as qualifying in chili. All chili cookoffs, including Open, State, Regional, and International Championships, will award points on this basis. Current champions (first place only) of recognized CASI State, Regional, and International Open Championships automatically qualify in showmanship at the CASI TICC. ***A current Men’s State, Women’s State, State Open, Regional or International Championship that maintained at least 200 entries for three consecutive years will additionally qualify a second and third place showmanship winner. In the event a qualified cookoff falls below 200 entries in any year, the cookoff will qualify only the champion the following year, and re-qualification will be required.*** Residency requirements for the state champion are the same as for chili.

Motion was duly seconded.

**Motion** by Myrl Coultas, Chiliheads of Arizona Pod, to amend the proposed Rule change to read: Qualifying to compete in showmanship at CASI TICC requires the same number of points as qualifying in chili. All chili cookoffs, including Open, State, Regional, and International Championships, will award points on this basis. Current champions (first place only) of recognized CASI State, Regional, and International Open Championships automatically qualify in showmanship at the CASI TICC. ***A current Men’s State, Women’s State, State Open, Regional or International Championship that maintained at least 200 entries and chilis judged for three consecutive years will additionally qualify a second and third place showmanship winner. In the event a qualified cookoff falls below 200 entries and chilis judged in any year, the cookoff will qualify only the champion the following year, and re-qualification will be required.*** Residency requirements for the state champion are the same as for chili.

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion passed* to consider the amendment to the rule change.

*Motion passed to approve the amended Rule change.*

**Motion** by Karen Reinke, Purgatory Creek Pod, to change Rule XI.B.3, Starting the Judging, to read: At random, remove each cup from the cooler and inspect that cup for marks, floating objects, etc. NOTE: Any questions regarding the disqualification of any

chili will be referred to the head chili judge. Using a permanent marker, mark a letter (your table designation) and number (cup designation) on the side of each cup until all have been inspected and numbered.

Motion was duly seconded. *Motion failed.*

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

President FitzHenry called for the election of Directors.

For the 2005-2006 CASI year, the following Directors were elected:

Renee Moore, 3-year term; Dorathy Williams, 3-year term; Chuck Taylor, 2-year term; and Mikie McGarity, 2-year term.

A recap of the vote totals:

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| Renee Moore      | 70 |
| Dorathy Williams | 65 |
| Chuck Taylor     | 60 |
| Mikie McGarity   | 56 |
| Bob Luney        | 41 |

A brief recess was called to allow the Board of Directors to elect the 2005-2006 officers.

President FitzHenry announced the following officers:

President – Jim Ezell  
Vice-President – Renee Moore  
Vice-President, Ranch Operations – Jimmy Taylor  
Secretary – Chuck Taylor  
Treasurer – Garnier Albus

**CALL FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

The Executive Director announced that the 2006 Great Peppers’ Meeting will be held in Austin, Texas.

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

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Mel FitzHenry, President

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Renee Moore, Secretary

