

Minutes of the
Great Pepper's Meeting
Of the
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

PENDING APPROVAL

Sheraton Hotel
Tysons Corner, VA
September 9th, 2017

President Hudspeth called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Everyone stood while the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.
President Hudspeth welcomed everyone to the 38th Annual Great Pepper's Meeting.

Secretary Noe called roll.

CASI Board members present were:

Keith Karaff
Kris Hudspeth
Susan Armand
Mary Ellen Gillen
Keith Longabaugh
Nancy Hewlett
Rick Powell
Don Hoy
Scotty Parker
Cindy Noe

Absent board member: Randy Pittman.

Secretary Noe called roll of the CASI Pods. Sixty pods were called and 59 were present. The Iowa Chili Pod was absent at roll call. A quorum was established.

Credentials Committee Report

Executive Director, Keith Karaff thanked the credentials committee for all their hard work. He stated the board had been presented with the credential committee report and had voted on it.

The credentials committee reviewed the application and associated paperwork for the Somewhere North of Warm Pod to be based in South Dakota. The credentials committee recommended the sanctioning as a CASI affiliated pod and that they be seated at the 2017 Great Peppers Meeting with all voting privileges and rights per Article 13.1.a-d of the CASI Bylaws.

Motion: Mogan Pod made a motion to accept the credential committee report to seat the Somewhere North of Warm Pod, seconded by Puget Pod.

Motion passed.

In reviewing the credentials for the CASI sanctioned Pods, the credentials committee recommended probation for violation of Article 13.1.d of the CASI Bylaws, Failing to hold a Pod cook-off in the regular chili year. Those Pods were: Central Arkansas Pod, Pod on the River, Puget Pod and Sunflower Pod.

In reviewing the credentials for the CASI sanctioned Pods, the credentials committee recommended Pepe's Pod and Virgin Pod be put on probation for the 2017-2018 chili year and that these Pods not be seated at the 2017 Great Peppers Meeting for violating Article 13.1 in its entirety.

The credentials committee was also advised that Central Texas Pod, Heart of Tennessee Pod and the Gladiator Pod have notified the Executive Director that they have dissolved.

President's Message

President Hudspeth welcomed everyone to the 38th annual Great Peppers Meeting. He thanked the CASINova, ChiliMAC, Capitol and Mason-Dixon Pods and all of the volunteers that worked on bringing the GPM to Virginia. He said the group has worked extremely hard for the last year and they have done a magnificent job. He said, "Thank you, your work has been very much appreciated."

He continued by saying, "I would also like to take a moment to recognize our Houston and Florida area members who were able to make this meeting. With the catastrophic flooding that has taken place in Houston in the last week, and the impending Florida hurricane, we are excited to see you! The entire organization has been watching, praying and worrying about our friends down South. Your efforts and dedication to being at this meeting are tremendous and deserve a round of applause!"

Over the last year CASI has celebrated the 50th Anniversary of TICC, had a total transformation of the Board of Directors, undertaken a major improvement of the Ranch, as well as some major financial accomplishments. None of these items would have been successful or a possibility without the commitment of the ten Directors that are sitting next to me. Each of these Directors have made immeasurable impacts on this organization over the last year, and I am extremely proud to have had the opportunity to serve with each one of you. Thank you for your time, dedication, and hard work that each of you have given this organization that we all so dearly love.

Today, we will embark on a new chapter in CASI. Three sitting Directors will be reelected to new terms, as well as bringing a new Director into the family. We will also have a direct impact on how cook offs are governed for the next three years. **DO NOT TAKE THESE RESPONSIBILITIES LIGHTLY.** This is your opportunity as the elected leaders of CASI to

positively impact YOUR organization. We will provide a lot of information over the next 6-7 hours. Use this information, and the discussions yesterday, to help you make your decisions today. When today is over, take this information home, COMMUNICATE with your pod members, and LEAD your area. For those areas that have more than one POD, communicate with each other. STOP THE INFIGHTING!! We are only going to be as strong as our weakest link. For CASI to continue to prosper, we must push ourselves to be as great as we can.

You are the leaders of the organization. You are the ones that are on the front lines, working with the local charities and running the local cook-offs. The 11 Directors are not on the front lines at every event the way that you are. Robin S. Sharma said, "Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence, and inspiration. Impact involves getting results, influence is about spreading the passion you have for your work, and you have to inspire teammates and customers." CASI will not stay the preeminent chili organization by name alone!

I hope that each of you leave this meeting with a renewed vigor and passion for chili, charity and fun and continue to strive to make a positive impact in someone's life through each pot of chili that is cooked."

Approval of Minutes of 2016 Great Peppers Meeting

A copy of the Minutes of the Great Peppers Meeting held in Austin, Texas on September 10th, 2016 was in the booklet.

Motion by Texas Hill Country, to approve the minutes of the 2016 Great Pepper's Meeting, seconded by the Black Sheep Pod.

Motion passed.

Report of Nominating Committee

Renee Moore reported that the committee has reviewed and accepted the candidates for the Board of Directors elections. The candidates for the four board positions are Mary Ellen Gillen, Don Hoy, Cindy Noe and Kit Rudd. Ballots will be passed out and only vote for two candidates for three year terms.

Ballots for Great Pepper will also be passed out. The candidates for Great Pepper are Beverly Maricle of Classic CASI pod, Kevin Stovall of Sho-Me Pod and Mike Watkins of Mason-Dixon Pod.

Executive Director Karaff thanked the Nominating Committee for their work and for the round table presentations the previous day.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Karaff thanked Wendell and Carol Rankin for their contributions of the artwork for the slide presentation. He gave the following report:

“Good morning everyone. First, I would like to thank the entire 2017 GP Meeting committee for the time, dedication and commitment for hosting this year’s meeting. Having been involved in the planning and execution of one of these meetings, I can tell you it takes a lot of coordination to be able to host one of these. A very special thank you to Larry and Nancy Netardus for making sure that the posters made it to the meeting. Thank you.

My first year as your ED has been an eye opening experience. This has been a very emotional, fun, informative trip for me. Some good, some great and some that I couldn’t believe was possible. We began our year coming off an extremely successful 50th TICC with record attendance and record participation. It was a week of what an international championship should be, and it was. Being a part of that experience only bolstered my commitment and drive to help CASI continue that positive forward momentum that we all felt. It was a fantastic way to conclude 2016. It was really great seeing a lot of the cooks that hadn’t been to TICC in a long time attend. We had a week of catching up with old friends, making new friends and creating great memories.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, this was designated the Year of the Pod. It started with the trifold brochure and the CASI Information booth banner. As the year progressed there was another rollout with the post cards. There was more contact with the GPs throughout the year. Some of these ideas have been embraced and utilized, some have not. These programs were based in trying to help the Pods help themselves and our organization grow and spread the word of what we do and why. The only people that can affect changes within our organization are sitting here in front of me and your members back home. You are the frontlines. You are the face to the public. The eleven people up here can’t do it alone. We are here to serve the membership. We are here to serve the organization as a whole. We don’t make the rules. We follow.

And speaking of the rules. As you all know this is a rule change year. Yesterday we spent several hours debating and discussing the benefit or lack of benefit of the proposed rule changes. Please remember, this afternoon when we once again discuss the proposed changes to be voted on, keep in your mind one thing...does this change benefit the organization as a whole...not a specific region. The rules that guide us should be universal...they should not be of advantage to one region while penalizing another. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Bill Pierson and the entire Rules Committee for organizing the proposed changes that in the long run will make my job much easier. After all the proposed changes were submitted, Bill and committee organized the proposals into groups. Each group were proposals that effected certain sections of the rule book. After organizing the proposals, the committee would then research the rule book to see if the proposal was in the right place, was it going to affect or be in conflict with any existing rule in the book so that we could address that as well. The committee also worked on wording of some of the proposals so that the language was consistent within the book without changing the intent of the proposal. These changes were sent to the submitting GP for approval or denial. So at the end of the day, if there are rules that are to be added, it will help expedite the updating of the Rule Book and we can get it distributed much quicker.

I would like to speak about credentials for a moment. I want to thank all of you for the timely delivery of your credentials. I had a fantastic team that reviewed ALL the material you sent in. I

think that for the most part, the credentials were reviewed and the Pods were notified of their status within 24 hours of submitting. A very special thank you to Janet Nash from Louisiana, Dianne Stimson from Texas and Cecilia Rivera from Kansas for all their hard work and commitment. It helped make my job a lot easier. Over the course of the last several months when I spoke about credentials, I repeatedly stated that the information block that contains what your Pod did to promote CASI was going to be a necessity. I asked that you thoroughly describe the activities of your Pod. The reason for this is that I approached the Board in January with an idea and I am excited to announce that the Board voted to add a new award that will be presented at TICC. The Executive Director's award for Pod of the Year. The decision will be based on the information you submitted on your credentials. A committee will review the information that was submitted and will select the 2017 Pod of the Year. It is a great way to end the Year of the Pod.

At the GP meeting last year we announced our partnership with Special Olympics-Texas. To date, not only in Texas but around the country, there were 10 successful cook-offs that raised over \$47,000 for this national charity. Many of our Pods designated Special Olympics-Texas and the Special Olympics organizations in their areas as their charity. I want to thank those that have embraced the partnership with our National Charity and continue to hope to see growth in that area.

In January, after a couple of years of work, we were proud to announce our partnership with HEB and Bolner's Fiesta to produce a retail CASI chili powder mix. To those of us newly elected to the board, we were extremely excited to learn of this new venture and have been looking forward to the release of this product and as you will hear later, it's closer than you think.

Over the next several months we were faced with some setbacks in sponsorship donations. We knew going into year 51 that at TICC this year we were going to be looking at decreased attendance. However we were not expecting to be going into this year with decreased funding. Everyone has been working diligently trying to find more sponsors and more in-kind donations to replace what we have lost. In our ever-changing society, it seems that if you don't have a hash tag attached to it, or can't come up with some new flavor du jour for something or a product or service that appeals to those social media addicted individuals that don't look up from their phones to keep from walking into poles, then no one's interested. It's tough out there. Trying to find those companies and individuals that will donate to our organization has become a huge game of roulette, all you can do is contact them, put it out there and hope the big wheel lands on your number. Sponsorship of TICC is a major part of our organization. Without the sponsorship donations, we have to make budget cuts, we have to look elsewhere and turn over every stone looking for donations so that we don't have to appeal for more donations from the already spent membership. For this endeavor, we always need your help. If you have a possible contact, let us know. We will be more than happy to get in touch with this business or individual. We have a sponsorship team in place, please utilize them.

While we are on the subject of sponsorship, I would like to revisit an old idea. Do you have a local bar, business, post or legion hall where you hold your cook-off year after year? Would you like a specific way to thank them? Even if you sponsor, promote and run cook-offs yourself, if

you use a business year after year because you have a personal working relationship with them...think about purchasing a corporate membership for them. The form is in EVERY Trails The cost is \$125.00 and it allows you to surprise your venue with a sign of public appreciation and recognition. Whomever you purchase it for; they get a very nice plaque with their name on it and are included in every edition of the Trails for a year. It promotes our organization and they are very proud and impressed with the recognition.

Last year, Don Hoy and other members made many trips to the Ranch to ensure that we were in a good place with its condition. When we arrived, we were in a great place. The Ranch looked great and there are continuing improvements going on as you will hear a little later on.

Beginning with TICC, we began to look at more ways to distribute information to everyone. Patti and Clayton Jones printed and donated cards for everyone with the TICC schedule for the week. These cards were handed out at the gate and distributed at all the main public gathering areas. For me personally, I liked having that card that I could keep in my pocket to look at when I needed to. In order to spread more information at TICC this year, we are adding two "information" centers so to speak. One will be located in Krazy Flats that will post events that hopefully would be of interest to the spectators. These will be the events that our guests that camp in the Flats can be an active part of. The other 'information' center will be located in the Main concession area. This board will be specifically for Pod Activities. If your Pod is sponsoring an event or holding a membership drive this will be the location to post that. After TICC, the BOD received an extensive list of observations and suggestions from Wally Roberts. One of his suggestions was to offer Pre-sale tickets to TICC and we are exploring every avenue to make this happen. Another suggestion that will be implemented is that there needs to be more information spread around the Flats and the Ranch in general in regards to the TICC schedule for the week and other information. I have gotten the materials donated and will be constructing 10, A-frame stands that will be spread throughout the back of the Flats and in major foot traffic areas of the Ranch. Letting everyone know what is going on this week is my prime objective. Hopefully adding these stands will help make finding information a little easier. . There are several additional items that the Board has discussed and are going to be implemented. The Veterans discount at the gate will be offered again to active and retired military. The backstage party for the top ten chilis and show teams is returning. On the nights when the band is playing, the main concession area is going to be turned into makeshift nightclub with new lighting and bar specials. One of the biggest challenges for TICC is trying to find vendors, food and merchandise, to come out and participate at TICC. Over the last several years it has gotten harder and harder to get the vendors to drive out to the desert. If you know of any vendors, please get with Scotty and let him know.

I would like to speak about my fellow board members. I have been around this organization long enough now to have gone through several different makeups of the BOD. When the five newest members came on board, we knew that we were in for a tremendous, however expedited, learning curve. We had relatively little time to learn the internal processes. I am sure that there were some mistakes made along the way early on, but by the time the winter board meeting came around, everyone was pretty much in the swing of things. The meeting went well and was productive. A few months ago we had the Summer board meeting. Once again, we all came together and had a very productive meeting. I am here to tell everyone that I am very proud to

be part of this board. When we sit in these meetings, you have 11, type A personalities all in one room at the same time. Everyone has an opinion and we respectfully listen, comment, compromise and brain storm without the need of mediators or referees. We do the best we can with what we have. We make the best decisions we can, based on the information we have. We always do what we think is in the best interest of CASI. Whether you agree, or not is your opinion and that's fine as well. But before you begin vocally admonishing the BOD for the decisions that have been made...ask yourself this question...Did you make your ideas, opinions known to the Board? I can pretty much answer that question for you. We can only do so much with what we are given...and it breaks down to this.....if you don't give.....you get what you get. One of our main objectives this year is and was transparency. If you have read the minutes from both our Winter and Summer BOD meetings, you will know exactly what is going on within the BOD and CASI. Every month the GPs have received an email regarding every vote the BOD has taken. The Financial reports have been attached to the minutes from each of the BOD meetings so that the membership knows where we are financially. You have seen every contract the board has approved, every donation made, every decision made over this last year. I heard a member at a cook-off make a comment about the 'secretive' Board. I can tell you that the only discussions that are never released are when the BOD is dealing with a specific matter where a member is involved directly. We have a responsibility to handle those discussions with the utmost discretion, and we do so.

CASI is a business. When you realize that we have grown into a large, non-profit sanctioning, organization raising over \$1 million a year now, it is rather impressive. For over 50 years now CASI has existed sanctioning cook-offs and raising monies for charity all across the country. We raise money for non-profits...we raise money for first responder organizations, we raise money for veterans organizations, we raise money for specialty organizations and we do all of this through chili cook-offs and side events. But more importantly, we help to raise money for individuals that need some financial help. This is what we are here to do. This is our purpose. This is our goal. Yes, CASI is a business, but we must take care that we do not lose sight that we are also an all- volunteer organization. We must be able to walk that fine line between business and charity. We must not lose our soul. A business such as ours must have a soul. If we become too "corporate"...if we become so strict in our guidelines and rules that we forget that this is a "hobby", that no one in this room or across the country HAS to do this...if we forget that simple fact, then we lose our soul and in the end we will have ruled ourselves out of existence. We are not a soulless corporate entity and should never be one.....we are a charitable organization run by people that have a passion and dedication to ensure that we continue helping others as we have for over 50 years now. Tread lightly when making decisions about how we guide this organization, it's too easy to lose your soul.

As the Executive Director for CASI, I would be remiss if I didn't address a rather unpleasant topic. In my time on the board this first year, I have experienced many things from members of this organization. I have seen generosity and goodness; I have seen selflessness and unwavering passion and dedication. On the reverse side of this I have seen levels of divisive actions, viciousness, and a complete disregard for others and have dealt with egos and personalities that see no issue with attacking someone simply because they feel they have the right. Privately, you can do whatever you want to do. You can say what you want to say. Don't really care, none of my business. However, social media, as wonderful a tool as it is for the dissemination of

information, has also become the cowards' tool. It's all too easy to sit behind a keyboard in the comfortable environment of your home and hurl accusations and insults with little thought. What you do on social media is your thing...until you begin to damage the reputation of this organization. Not only myself, but the BOD and the membership in general are responsible for the health, reputation and growth of this organization. We have many external entities and forces that are looking for anything they can use for propaganda and if you think that we are going to allow a few to tarnish what has taken decades to accomplish you are sadly mistaken. Never again will social media be used in the name of this organization to further someone's personal agendas.

When the bylaws were written, there was no social media. There was very little in the way of email. I am proposing to BOD that we take a long, hard look at social media and the effects it can have on an organization and come to a resolution. The BOD must have a way to handle negative situations that would require the BOD to assess and protect this organization from this negative impact.

I have now been involved with this organization since 1998, almost twenty years. I know that what we do is something to be extremely proud of. I know that what we do actually helps people. I know that what we do builds friendships that will last a lifetime. I know that what we do affects generation after generation. Just look at the members we have. Look at the families that have been and are still involved in what we lovingly call our "hobby". Two, three, four generations that are still with us. That is what is at stake. That is what can easily be demolished by negative actions.

As I close this, I ask you to take the time to consider why you are here today. Why did you travel across the country to sit in a business meeting? Why are you in the position you are in today as a CASI official? Why do you care? These are questions only you can answer. From the bottom of my heart, I truly appreciate your dedication, your time, your talent and above all, the love and passion you have for what we do.

Financial Committee Report

Director Cindy Noe presented the following report.

"The Finance Committee wishes to thank Cindy Hoey for her work as our reviewer for the years 2014 and 2015. With her resignation, the Finance Committee has worked hard to find a new reviewer for CASI and is happy to announce that as of July 26, 2017, we have a new reviewer.

Unfortunately, because of the lateness in finding a reviewer, the 2016 financials have not been reviewed by the time of this Great Pepper's meeting. We anticipate that the 2016 Financials will be completely reviewed by December 31st, 2017 and a report will be sent out to all Great Peppers mid January 2018.

Sheila D. Wilkinson has agreed to review the 2016 financials for CASI. She attended LSU before starting her career with the Federal Civil Service. She retired after a career 36 plus years.

During her tenure she worked as an auditor for the Inspector General of the Department of Treasury with the FBI. Early in her career she was responsible for office budgets, both submitting and justifying amounts required as well as distribution of the funds once received.

She has since returned to college and graduated with honors and holds an Associate of Applied Science, Computer Information Systems. She has worked for H & R Block since 2012. She says she enjoys a good challenge and is looking forward to working with CASI.

During last year's review, it was noted that not all W-9's were requested prior to producing 1099's. This has been corrected.

The reviewer observed that the sales tax check was dated in the correct year, but written in January of the following year. This check is always dated the previous year, but is not written until January, after all sales taxes are calculated.

The reviewer noted that several purchases had sales tax on them. The Treasurer now makes sure that all who make purchases on behalf of CASI has a sales tax exemption certificate.

The A/R Aging schedule had some errors that needed to be cleaned up. Cindy Noe researched this and found that the entries would need to be moved to other accounts and that doing so would affect the financial statements for the years affected. This would change the financial numbers reported on the 990 for each year. Since the A/R Aging is just a schedule, it was decided to leave it as is to prevent having to submit corrected 990 statements.

The committee continues to review the financials on a monthly basis and reviews the comparisons to the approved budget for any unusual variances and suggest corrections if needed.

The 1099's for 2016 were produced and filed timely. Also, the 2016 990 and 990T have been filed with the IRS before the deadline of May 15, 2017."

Treasurer's Report

Director Noe presented the financial reports which were included in the GPM booklet. **See Addendum A.**

Statement of Financial Position 2016 vs. 2015

This statement shows a comparison of 2016 vs. 2015.

The self insurance fund was started over three years ago and the funds are kept in West Texas bank for TICC. This fund was started when we dropped the property insurance. The fund was increased by \$8,000 in 2016. We are hopeful that we can increase this fund more after the Winter meeting in early 2018. We would like to see this account grow to \$30,000 to \$40,000 to help with any catastrophic events affecting the property at the ranch.

The West Texas National Bank account is kept for use at TICC and we usually leave \$10,000 in the account for start up funds.

The Capital One checking has been closed and the funds were moved to the Frost Bank checking, which is our main checking account.

The Life Membership fund was increased in 2016 to the required \$100,000 balance.

The Scholarship fund is exactly what it says it is for.

Total current assets at the end of 2016 show an increase of \$50,347 over 2015.

Total fixed assets include office equipment, signs and etcetera items at the ranch.

There are no liabilities; therefore we own everything that we have.

Revenue less depreciation of our assets, leaves a net increase of \$43,212 over 2015. We did well last year. The 50th celebration had a lot to do with that.

Comparison of each different revenue source (Excel worksheets) TICC 2016 vs 2015

Friday Events: Looking at the spreadsheet for TICC 2016-2015 we see that there are no revenues for the Friday events because all the funds go to the scholarship fund. The expenses are all related to the payouts and trophies. In 2016 the increased expense is all trophy related.

Bars: The bars came in under 2015 by \$1,036. The revenues for the bars together were down \$1,516 compared to 2015 and product costs were up \$3,800 in anticipation of larger a crowd for the 50th celebration. Ice expenses were less in 2016 because we received credit for ice that we returned after TICC in 2015. License costs were up \$500 in 2016. At the time of application for the 2015 permit, there was no county commissioner so the application was given to Ronnie Dodson. He said he would take care of it for us. The permit was issued but we were never charged the \$500.00 for it. The sales tax was more because of higher revenues in 2016 over 2015.

Stores: The stores had a positive of \$4,809 in 2016 over 2015. The combined revenues were \$46,905 versus expenses of \$32,163 which resulted in net revenues of \$14,742. The 50th anniversary items contributed to the success of the stores.

Participant Related Events: These produce no revenue other than Friends of CASI. The expenses for 2016 are over \$3,977 because the 2016 expenses include judge shirt expense and we did not provide judge shirts in 2015.

Other TICC expenses: Expenses were \$3,204 more in 2016 than 2015. Gate admissions were up \$8,581 due to increased participation because of the 50th anniversary. Band expenses were up \$6,900 because we provided three nights of entertainment at both the main stage and in Crazy

Flats. The net revenues for the Tuesday cook-off were up \$1,346 over 2015 because of more participants. Judging supplies increased due to purchase of items for final judging table, paper goods, spoons and cheese. We spent \$1,955 on pendants and goodie bags due to the 50th anniversary. The items in miscellaneous were hotel charges for the emcee, Friends of CASI decals, banners, pennant flags and name badges for sponsors and amounted to \$301 more in 2016.

Area Contributions: We always give back to the Terlingua area and in 2016 we gave \$15,000. We also gave \$4,000 to the Special Olympics to show that we are truly committed to the partnership we formed. Sponsors are very important to TICC. Without our sponsors we would have been in the red \$39,855 in 2016. Thankfully we have Friends of CASI and sponsorships to help us put TICC on. Our sponsors give us product that is included as sponsor underwrite. Last year that amounted to \$18,790. Those are items that we did not have to pay for. That only brings our loss to \$21,065 and adding in our sponsor cash of \$45,460 we actually had a positive \$24,395 which was \$26,959 less than 2015's positive amount of \$51,354. Keep in mind that our expenses were \$36,852 (179,127-142,275) more than 2015 which resulted in the decrease in net revenues of \$26,959 for 2016.

CASI Daily Operations

Membership: Revenues in 2016 were \$23,310 which includes annual, corporate and life members and ads in the Trails. The total net was a negative \$10,521 over 2015.

Total memberships were under \$8,608 in 2016 versus 2015. If you'll remember our life memberships were raised to \$425 in 2015 from \$225 and therefore not many life members signed up in 2016. Corporate memberships were down \$1,340. The Trails had a net expense of \$1,608 (21,289-2,003)-(18,857-1,179) which is due to increase in postage costs.

Admin: Revenues of \$27,784 which includes miscellaneous contributions, sanctioning fees and cook off registration fees. Expenses were \$9,678 resulting in a net positive of \$18,106 which was \$2,672 more than 2015. Director's expenses were under \$3,116. Hotel expenses decreased because of using personal motor homes at meetings. We expect these expenses to increase in 2017 because of the travel to this GP meeting. Rules and sanctioning were under because it was not a rule change year and we didn't have those printing costs. We will have additional printing costs for 2017 because this is a rule change year.

Miscellaneous: Includes the Cookin for CASI and the online store. The Cookin for CASI is under about a \$1,000. The online store expenses were more than 2015 because in 2015 we had to have start up funds. The net of the two programs is a positive \$6,878 over 2015.

Insurance: The cook's fees are down \$1,510 due to a decrease in cook offs held. This is the fee assessed each cup of chili judged to help with the costs of insurance. The total insurance costs were \$19,680 which is \$1,137 more than 2015. Currently there is only one insurance company that will write for this type of organization and we are at their mercy. The total net is a decrease of \$2,647.

GPM: The revenues for cooks fees and GPM admin fees were \$15,194 which is \$685 less than 2015. The meeting expenses were \$13,703 which is \$134 less than 2015. The net resulted in a decrease of \$551.

Ranch: The cell tower and Krazy Flats donors produced \$8,000 in revenues. The Old 320 money from chili sales was used for new speakers in the judging area. The total of ranch improvements (\$6,192), maintenance (180) and miscellaneous (2,179) was \$8,551 for 2016. In 2015, ranch improvement expenses were only \$1,153. There were many ranch improvements made in 2016 which included the take down and rebuild of the wall around the stage, power to city hall, power for the four sites added for band motor homes, power for the sheriffs pavilion, re-run of power to the main gate, new signs and an exhaust fan in the stage building. Utilities were less in 2016 because we received a refund in 2016 for an overcharge of \$915 in 2015. The net of utilities and improvements resulted in a net loss of \$5,999 over 2015. If you were at the ranch last year, you would agree that that was money well spent. "Thank you, Don. The ranch looked great."

IT Development: Spending for IT includes recurring and non-recurring expenses. The expenses in 2016 were \$4,061 which was \$1,186 more than \$2,875 spent in 2015. These expenses include several domain name renewals at a cost of \$857 in 2016.

Total Daily Operations: We had revenues of \$113,341 and expenses of \$87,008 resulting in a positive of \$26,334. This was a net loss of \$11,354 over 2015. The formula was incorrect when the booklets were printed in the IT Development section. The Diff P & L of (\$4,061) should have been (\$1,186) and was corrected on the attached **Addendum A**. The Total Daily Operations Diff P & L changed from (\$14,229) to (\$11,354) as a result of the corrected formula in IT Development.

Scholarships

Scholarship funds brought in total revenues of \$29,285 and we paid out \$26,825 for scholarships. These are being paid out for four year terms.

IRS & Legal

Revenues were collected for NSF checks in the amount of \$144 in 2016. We had legal expenses of \$540 to investigate trademarks for "World Championship" events for Beans, Wings and Salsa.

Analysis Summary

We had net revenues of \$346,292 from our different venues and expenses of \$303,080 for a net profit of \$43,212 for 2016. Expenses in 2016 were \$28,115 (\$303,080-\$274,965) more than the 2015 expenses. We knew our expenses were going to be higher because of the 50th anniversary expenses and all the preparations. We still ended the year with a positive cash flow of \$51,547 which was only \$31,246 under 2015. TICC attributed a \$26,959 loss of this \$31,246.

Director Noe brought the members up to date as of July 31st, 2017 compared to July 31st, 2016 and gave a handout of the comparison in **Addendum B**.

January 1 through July 31st, 2017 Profit and Loss

Income

Currently we are showing a decrease of \$17,278 from the same period in 2016. Sponsorships are down, but they are starting to come in now. Cook-off fees are down because of decreased cook offs held. Scholarships are currently down \$8,047. This is because Penderey's did not donate to the scholarship fund this year. They donated \$8,000 last year for a scholarship to the Housing Crisis Center and chose to support the Special Olympics this year.

Expenses

TICC expenses will begin to be greater over the next few months as we get our contracts signed for porta potties, trash and waste services.

IT expenses are over \$2,006. Expenses include the monthly fees to Caspio, Quickbooks, Office 365 and a two year renewal of the Weebly site for casichili.net.

CASI Director expense is over due to flights booked early for the GP meeting.

Ranch expenses are currently under. These funds will be used over the next two months to get the ranch ready.

The GP meeting expense is over because of deposits made on the hotel contract.

Total expenses at July 31, 2017 are \$5,020 under the expenses of July 31, 2016.

Net Income

At July 31, 2017 we currently sit with a positive net income of \$39,241 even though we are \$11,933 less than 2016. This amount is attributed to the \$8,000 decrease in scholarships and the prepaid GP meeting expenses of \$4,286.

Executive Director Karaff reminded everyone to make sure they had a ballot when they return from the break. He said that Donna Conrad was taking up collections to purchase plastic tubs for hurricane victims of Rockport, TX.

At 10:30 am the meeting resumed. Cindy Noe call the roll for the Iowa Chili Pod and they were present.

Review of 2017 51st Annual TICC Event

President Hudspeth reported that this year when the board reviewed the budget, knowing that it wasn't going to be the same as the 50th budget, we went back and looked at the revenues and expenses for 2015. When we did our budget for 2017, we did cut back a lot of expenses. We went back to one band on the main stage on Thursday and Friday. That band is going to be Casey Pilgreen. Blue Kountry band will play at Krazy Flats on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night.

We've added two new contests this year. The Desert Burger Bash will be run by Donna Conrad in Krazy Flats on Thursday afternoon. Donna and Dianne Stimson will get more info about the rules out to everyone and how that will work.

Donna and Dianne will also run the Sharp Dressed Man Bra decorating contest in Krazy Flats.

Executive Director Karaff and Director Hoy will run the golf cart parade. The theme is "Hillbilly Christmas." Start planning your ensembles now.

The last contest is the ABC (Anything But Chili) HEB contest. A lot of credibility goes out to Ted Fichtl and Richard Knight over the last couple of years. They worked with Bolner's Fiesta Foods and HEB to bring the CASI chili mix to the stores. The contest will be to use the chili mix in/on anything but making a bowl of chili. When you turn in, you will present a recipe so that we can put it on the CASI website and the HEB website to help promote the launch of the chili mix. This contest will be run by the VASA pod in Krazy Flats.

Sponsorship Report

President Hudspeth reported that as discussed in the Winter Board Meeting, Sponsor Chair Richard Knight has handed the program over to him and Richard has taken on a more advisory role.

He was sad to report that due to a restructure for Woodbridge Wines, they will not be returning as CASI Sponsors. Also, McCormick Distilling will be reducing their role as a Sponsor to only the Ladies Party. Without Woodbridge and McCormick Distilling, that equates to a \$10,000 loss in sponsorship. He has contacted Republic Distributing to try to get wine for TICC and they are working to try to mix and match two or three brands to take the place of Woodbridge. He asked that if anyone had any leads for a winery, to please get in touch with him or Executive Director Karaff.

He thanked Directors Susan Armand, Nancy Hewlett and Cindy Noe for their contribution to the sponsorship committee. Both with talking with sponsors and running our Friends of CASI program this year. The Friends of CASI program has 58 members this year, whether in kind or monetary donations. We are looking to be about \$30,000 again this year. This equals to three gold sponsors.

Confirmed Silver Sponsors are Mrs. Renfro's, Pendery's, Choctaw Resorts, Big Bend Resorts, Statewide Remodeling and Lone Star Spices. Outlaw Cigar is touch and go.

On a positive note, Teasdale Foods, SE Mills (Louisiana Hot Sauce), HEB, Tyson's, Glazer's and L&F Distributors have all committed to returning as CASI Gold Sponsors.

President Hudspeth showed a picture of the new HEB CASI chili mix. He said the product will launch on September 18th and will be available on the HEB website in mid November. The packaging is similar to the Wick Fowler chili mix. The chili mix will be placed on a HEB eye level shelf. He said, "Ted Fichtl and Richard Knight deserve a huge pat on the back for making this come to fruition and we are very appreciative of their hard work."

There will be an Anything But Chili competition and a package of the mix will be handed out at registration for the event. The VASA pod will provide more information later in the meeting. The price of the mix will be just under \$3.

Ranch Report

Director Don Hoy reported that it has been a busy year at the ranch getting ready for the 51st TICC. Several trips have been made to Terlingua already and several more are planned. After the big rain last year, during TICC, it was very apparent that the drainage problem behind the main concession and storage area need to be corrected before more damage is done to the buildings.

He said that we had a contractor there a couple of weeks ago and he cleaned out behind and opened up some drainage. This was at a cost of \$25,000. It is not totally complete because his bid was to take it back to 8 feet but we have to go back 12-14 feet. We will have some more clean up to do and we will have to replace the walls of the buildings due to rusting out.

To help alleviate the cost of the project, we have four spots available for electricity. We are raffling them off for \$10.00 per ticket. The drawing will be October 11th, 2017. If you do not want to leave your spot at Terlingua then just make a \$20 donation.

Director Hoy challenged everyone on the board today to donate \$20.00 to the wall. He said, "The ranch belongs to the membership, not to me or the board. If you have damage at your house, you fix it. If we got every member to put up \$20, we would have enough to pay for the wall. Let's pay for our place. Pass the hat."

Raffle tickets can be purchased here, see Dianna Hoy, or contact Ken Rodd. The electric sites come with one sewer clean out. There are two thirty amp and two fifty amp sites.

Pictures of the clean out behind the main concession and storage buildings showed the road behind the buildings. The gentleman that did the work was out of Alpine. He brought a back hoe with a jackhammer and blew out three tires while cleaning it out. The new road slopes down at each end to remove the water.

Krazy Flats will have several different caps, key chains and bumper stickers for sale.

Old 320 Report

Bob Steinle reported that the 50th edition of TICC was a great success with 237 cooks preparing chili in the Old 320 arena. Two Wendell Rankin stoves were raffled off to the participants. They were won by Christy Watkins of Maryland and Janie Burruss of San Marcos. The board has approved the raffle of two stoves for this year.

He reported that he had 15 volunteers mark the chili and show spots. He spoke on volunteerism and asked that every GP take back these sentiments to their pod. "I believe that when you go to a CASI sanctioned event that every single member should be willing to do a little something to make that chili cook off successful. Whether you volunteer as a monitor, sit at the judging table or run beer, everybody should be willing to do something. On a macro level we have TICC. Believe it or not, these 11 people here do not do all the work! Volunteering is the most rewarding act there is. When you go to TICC, please find something to volunteer for. One session at the gate, show judge, cut veggies... just do something! Yes, TICC is your vacation, but just find one job to do and it will make it easier for everybody."

The new speakers purchased with money from the previous year's chili sales were installed and the improvements were well received. We will add a third speaker this year with the sales. We will also pipe in some music and will be purchasing a Sirius XM receiver.

He said that he requested guidance from the board during the summer meeting regarding the manner in which 320 sites were passed on. There has been some confusion over the years as to how the process works and to who the sites are passed. He was instructed by the board to consult with the 320 members at the annual meeting in TICC. He said discussion will be held thirty minutes prior to the Old 320 meeting and then the decision on how to proceed would be brought up in the meeting. He said he would be happy to discuss this with any Old 320 member before the meeting at TICC.

Governance Report

The following report was included in the GPM booklet:

Since the Governance Committee's new team started working, we have reviewed 6 issues/concerns/proposals and suggested changes to the Policy Book on all but 2.

- 1 – Definition of meetings due to an issue from the Sunday TICC closing meeting at TICC 2016
- 2 – NSF checks
- 3 – Visiting and camping at The Ranch outside of TICC
- 4 – Official CASI logo usages
- 5 – Rewrite of Policy Book, chapter IX regarding TICC
- 6 – Director self-evaluation

Number 1 was to clarify and define CASI board meetings and what is official and what is unofficial. Number 6 was tabled at the Winter Board meeting, 2017.

Regarding a Director's Self Evaluation, the purpose and intent of this is multifaceted. First, and foremost, it is meant to help not only each director assess their jobs and how they feel they are doing, but to have a tool for new, inexperienced directors to express their feelings, and voice their questions about their adjustments as a director.

Secondly, it will aid the Executive Committee to know the strengths of each director and if their assessment of their assignments is what CASI expects and needs.

This is a tool used from large corporations to small businesses to evaluate their employees' progress and goals, and is strongly encouraged that nonprofits adopt this practice. The Council of Nonprofits encourages this stating it demonstrates the progress towards the nonprofit's set goals, as well as it will show strengths and weaknesses. They suggest that at the very least, self-evaluations are done once a year, but think they need to be done bi-annually or even as often as each board meeting, depending on the board's harmony.

Numbers 2 through 5 have been voted on and changed/corrected as needed. The Policy Book has been updated with all changes and amendments.

There is a newer version of the Policy Book that has been distributed to the directors to review and compare with the current version. The newer, "Easy-To-Find" version, makes it much easier to pinpoint a policy you are looking for because the Table of Contents page is detailed making a search much easier. As of 6/30/17 there has been no discussion about the new version.

Governance Committee members:

Susan Armand, Chair
Randy Pittman, Co-Chair
Dick DeiTos, GP
Ted Fichtl, Member at-large
Dave Richardson, GP, Governance Committee Secretary
Clyde Rogers, Member at-large
Deanna Johnson, Member at-large
Bill Pierson, Outside Advisor

Director Susan Armand said that a couple of changes had been made since the report in the booklet. There were 12, instead of 6, items reviewed and all but 2 were approved and have been submitted to the policy book. Some of the additions included the Ranch camping policy, added CASI logo and trademark usage, updated general policies, added a policy on Picnic Time chairs and vendors. CASI is now a vendor so if you need chairs for your cook off, you can purchase them through CASI. The Food Allergy policy and the new easy find version of the Policy book were also approved and added to the policies.

She thanked her team, listed above. The only thing she leaves undone is the Director Self Evaluation. This has been tabled both times the committee brought it up. She believes this is a very valuable tool for the team and should be reconsidered. It is valuable to use with the new and

the existing members of the board. She proposed that whoever takes over governance, with her retirement from the board, continues to pursue this.

At the conclusion of Director Armand’s report, it was announced that the hat passed for the wall donations amounted to \$673. The board applauded the GP’s and the gallery.

Membership Report

Director Keith Longabaugh presented the following membership report.

	2015	2016	2017
Annual	787	711	645
Corporate	21	20	10
Life	525	549	633
Total	1333	1280	1288

He said there is a decline in memberships in 2017, with the annuals at 645, which is attributed to the life membership. Corporate is down and we are working to increase them. He said that any assistance the GP’s or members can lead him to get new corporate members would be greatly appreciated.

The Cookin for CASI had seven cook offs this year. It didn’t take off as quickly as he had hoped. He reminded everyone that a Cookin for CASI cook-off does not count toward the state cook off count and encouraged everyone to participate. He said those seven cook offs brought in \$7,600 for the CASI general fund.

Director Longabaugh presented the memorial board list included in the booklet. A moment of silence was taken for those loved ones on the list.

Tallymaster Report

In the absence of Randy Pittman, Executive Director Karaff reported the following:

	2016	8/4/17
COOK-OFFS HELD	443	390
QUALIFIED COOKS	439	322
QUALIFIED SHOW TEAMS	161	112
DOLLARS RAISED	\$1,212,233	\$1,141,246

This report reflects results from cook-offs that have been held and the paperwork has been received by the Assistant Tally Master through 8/4/2017.

Assistant Tallymaster, Melissa Pate gave the following update as of September 9th, 2017:

397 Cook offs, 329 Qualified Cooks, 114 Qualified Show and total dollars \$1,208,857.58.

Events Committee Report

Director Noe presented the events report. She thanked her committee members. She reported that the following were recommended for approval:

The DFW Metroplex Regional that was held at SMU Campus, April 2017

The North East Texas Regional that was held in Telephone, TX, July 2017.

West Texas Regional to be held in Terlingua TX in January 2018.

The 2018 US Open to be held in Glenrose, TX, February 2018.

The SE Regional, which will be held in Orlando, FL, in February 2018.

All of these recommendations were approved by the board via email vote.

There was one other recommendation for a CASI Special Open Championship. Executive Director Karaff told of how he was contacted by Herbert Merd of the Texas Honky Tonk and Cantina in Tallinn, Estonia. (Website address is texas.ee.) They have been doing chili cook-off's with the Chamber of Commerce and wanted to do a CASI sanctioned chili cook-off so they could participate in TICC.

Executive Director Karaff met with them in Galveston, TX, the week before hurricane Harvey, and gave them the paperwork and a lesson in how to run a sanctioned cook-off. They will be bringing three crew members from the most popular television station in Estonia with the winner to TICC. They are very excited to come and film their adventure at TICC.

They scheduled the cook-off for September 3rd, 2017 and were not able to get back because flights were cancelled due to hurricane Harvey. So it has been rescheduled for September 30th, 2017.

Executive Director Karaff said this was a wonderful opportunity for CASI and asked everyone to make sure they said hello to them while at Terlingua. It was asked that he put a picture of them on the blog and Facebook so that everyone would know who they were to say hi to them.

Events

Director Nancy Hewlett told the gallery that she had the best volunteers and asked that all volunteers go to sign up genius and sign up for volunteering at TICC. She said that H & R Block reported that \$1,200 was raised for CASI this past tax season.

She said “The CMS went live on 10/13/2017 and we have input 561 events into the system since that date. Thirteen have been canceled for assorted reasons. Five were subject to a date change. I am pleased with the progress of people using the system to input their cook-offs. A few still contact me to do the inputting due to slow internet, no internet or just do not want to use the system. One change with the new system was how the packets are distributed. If no tickets or rule books are required then the forms are included as a PDF file in the event approval email. The forms are generic and the contact must print out the PDF file. The referee is required to file in the date, event number, name and location in the upper right-hand corner. If these are misplaced then they can be replaced by downloading the forms from casichili.net under Resources. Forms are still mailed when tickets and rule books are requested. When planning a cook-off please use the casichili.net under Find Cook-offs, Date Range to look at other cook-off’s in the past year and the current year. This helps you have a successful cook-off.”

Scholarships

Keith Nash showed a new modernized logo for Scholarship, designed by a young man at his school who is a sophomore.

He thanked the members of his committee for the tireless reading through 70 to 80 applications. He reported that donations received from January 1, 2017 to date were \$4,238 and \$795 donated from Texas Ladies State.

There will be a raffle at TICC again this year to help raise funds for the scholarship fund. This year we will be raffling a Laptop Computer, 32 inch flat screen TV, a blue tooth home sound bar, a new Kindle Fire, a Men’s Bulova watch, multiple EZ Up pop-ups, and a hand painted stove with the new Scholarship Fund logo. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and are on sale now. He encouraged all Great Peppers to sign out and pledge to sell 15 tickets at home in their respective Pods. Monies and tickets can be mailed to him or given to him at TICC. He will be asking for volunteers to help sell the tickets at TICC. He said the more we raise the more scholarships we can look at awarding to very deserving students.

He said that the committee received 72 applications. Five of those applications were for technical/trade schools. Five academic scholarships plus the two from Big Bend High School and one technical/trade scholarship has been awarded. He said he would like to grow the number to 9 or 10 scholarships awarded. He said that the young man awarded the technical scholarship has opened his own business while continuing his studies.

2017 Academic Scholarships Awarded

- Zoe Brignon Red Oak, TX
- Jaci Fulton Telephone, TX
- Taylor Luttrell-Williams Big Bend High School, TX
- Samuel Lutrull Rowlett, TX
- Ashley Manning Shreveport, LA
- Kyle Valencia Seymour, IN

- Damian Villanueva Big Bend High School, TX

2017 Technical Trade Scholarships Awarded

- Colby Orton Marble Falls, TX

TICC Main Store Report

Director Armand reported that the 2017 Budget was cut at the summer board meeting from \$14,000 to \$12,000.

The 2017 lapel pin is of the chili head man from the 2017 poster. The 2017 charm was designed by Sunny Fichtl. There are 2 different colored CASI window decals; the typical red and one requested by Kris Hudspeth that is white. A new bumper sticker will be offered in limited quantities and will be one everyone will want.

Sticking with the unofficial “throwback” theme this year, we will also offer a mug that was suggested by Michael Watkins, from his extensive research from last year’s poster. It is the 1973 poster logo that was used on the bibs CASI used to give the judges. This is a limited quantity item.

Some of the other items we will be selling will be the winning t-shirt design, 2 men’s caps and 1 ladies cap, walking sticks and walking stick medallions, CASI flags, a ladies tank top, long sleeve t-shirts, and a few special items that will be a surprise.

The poster was unveiled. The poster is a poster from 1985 by Jim Harper. Twenty five of the original posters were donated by the Hudspeth family to sell in the TICC store this year. The number 320 poster will be framed and raffled at TICC this year as part of the Old 320 arena raffles. It was decided at the winter board meeting to use the poster as the 2017 TICC poster and have a t-shirt contest incorporating a “throwback” theme.

President Hudspeth said a huge amount of credit goes to Mike Watkins for his help in creating the 2017 TICC poster. There were twelve submissions for the t-shirt design. Once again Mike Watkins submitted a design and is the winner of the t-shirt design contest. Congratulations were given to him. These limited edition t-shirts and hoodies will be sold at the TICC store. There will be a signing by Mike Watkins on Thursday afternoon at TICC.

Online Store Report

Director Armand reported that the budget has been frozen and the store is working within the budget. As of 07/18/17, we have spent a total of \$3,386.28 from our 2017 budget of \$5,000. The items selected this time were all from suggestions from CASI members.

In 2017, there have been a total of 64 orders, totaling \$2,312.35, averaging \$36.13 per order. There has been a turnover of the online store team with Brandy Reid taking over as the lead, She is a fast learner and is enjoying it very much, developing marketing plans and being very open and an excellent communicator.

The store team realizes that the online store was never set up to be CASI's "cash cow" and should never been considered the best and most profitable method for CASI to make money. The online store is a way for people from all over the USA and beyond, to purchase CASI branded merchandise, and wants those who are unable to attend TICC to make CASI purchases and still show their support of CASI. As long as the store is not losing money, it needs to be an active part of the organization. It is exposure for CASI.

She said since July, they have started a brand new sale and they are cleaning out the shelves so they can buy new stuff. She encouraged everyone to go look at the tremendous clearance sale. Several items are \$5, \$10 and \$15.

She thanked her store team and said that Brandy Reid will be taking the reins and will continue after Director Armand retires from the board.

Terlingua Trails

Director Armand said that there have been a few issues with distribution of the Trails. The page numbers were off and pages were off, but the Kerrville Daily Times gave us credit for their mistake. Pam Clark, Editor, was given a computer and it has been having issues and she is working through those and she asked for patience. Some areas are not receiving the Trails until the 9th or 10th and we are working through those issues.

IT Committee report

Director Longabaugh said that in the booklet is a list of trouble items that the committee has received and that they are working diligently to correct those issues. He said an ad was put in the Trails for a new member since losing a member of the committee and that the development has rested solely on Dave Hewlett. The ad produced a new member, Jeff Netser. He said they are working to bring him up to speed.

President Hudspeth thanked our off board support, Melissa Pate, Asst. Tallymaster, Dave Hewlett and Jeff Netser, IT committee, Pam Clark, Trails Editor, Bob Steinle, Old 320 Alcalde, Ken Rodd, Public Relations Committee, Bill Pierson, Senior Referee, Richard Knight, Webmaster and Renee Moore, our Parliamentarian for this meeting. He said, "Without these off board support, our directors would be between a rock and a hard place. They are behind the scenes, they don't get out front and very often don't get the credit that's due. They deserve a pat on the back and a round of applause."

Old business

None to discuss.

New business

Executive Director Karaff presented the rule changes. See **Addendum C**. He asked that each Great Pepper representing the rule read the proposed change. Then he said he would ask for a motion and a vote.

Rule number 1 was defeated due to lack of a motion.

Rule numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were withdrawn during discussion on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Rule number 7. **Motion:** Red River Valley pod made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to revise rule E.9, seconded by Rose City pod. **Motion failed.**

Rule number 8 was withdrawn during discussion on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Rule number 9 was defeated due to lack of a motion.

Rule number 10. **Motion:** Black Sheep pod made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to rule V.A.2, seconded by East of Dallas pod. **Motion passed.**

Rule numbers 11 and 12 were defeated due to lack of a motion.

Rule number 13. High Desert pod amended the proposed rule change from the number “20” to “25”. **Motion:** Pod of the Pass made a motion to approve the proposed change to rule V.A.5, seconded by Chili Appreciation Society of Arizona. **Motion failed.**

Rule numbers 14, 15, 16a and 16b were withdrawn during discussion on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Rule number 17 was defeated due to lack of a motion.

Rule number 18 was withdrawn during discussion on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Rule number 19 was defeated due to lack of a motion.

Rule number 20. South East New Mexico Chili Society amended the proposed rule change by adding “or state issued ID” and deleted the last sentence. **Motion:** Tall in Texas made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to rule V.D.1.a, seconded by Mogan. **Motion passed.**

Rule number 21 was defeated due to lack of a motion.

Rule numbers 22 and 23 were withdrawn during discussion on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Rule number 24. **Motion:** Mogan made a motion to approve the amendment to rule V.E.1.i, seconded by Concho Valley. **Motion passed.**

Rule number 25a and 25b were combined to add “referee” behind the words “head judge”. The rule was defeated due to lack of a motion.

South East New Mexico Chili Society challenged every pod to donate \$100 to the porta potty fund. The board donated \$200 to the porta potty fund.

Election of New Directors

The newly elected Directors are:

Cindy Noe - 3 year term with 50 votes

Don Hoy – 3 year term with 31 votes

Mary Ellen Gillen - 2 year term with 27 votes

Kit Rudd – 2 year term with 20 votes

The meeting was recessed for election of new officers at 1:56 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:11 p.m.by Executive Director Karaff.

The 2017-2018 CASI officers are:

President – Kris Hudspeth

Executive Director – Keith Karaff

Vice President – Keith Longabaugh

Treasurer – Mary Ellen Gillen

Secretary – Cindy Noe

He welcomed Kit Rudd to the board. He gave a huge, enormous Thank You to Director Armand and said, “You will be missed!”

Closing Statements

Executive Director Karaff thanked everyone for coming. He reminded everyone to pick up their electric and scholarship raffle tickets before leaving.

President Hudspeth reiterated that Susan Armand deserves a huge Thank You and also to Ken Armand saying it's not just one on the board, it is both the spouse and/or family members.

He said we will be asking for volunteers to help with TICC. Please go to sign up genius to volunteer. You will receive a shirt for showing up to volunteer.

The 39th annual Great Pepper's meeting will be held on September 8th, 2018 at the Sheraton in Arlington. Harvey West of Red River Valley pod stated, "As much fun as we have at the GP meetings and spending \$10,000 a year, we don't accomplish anything." He suggested that we have the GP meeting every three years at the site in Arlington and have a two hour meeting the other years in Terlingua and save money. President Hudspeth said that the contract at the Sheraton is for the next three years, but it is something that could be taken to the board in the winter workshop. Maybe in four years be presented at the GP meeting if the GP's support that idea.

Motion: Black Sheep pod made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Golden Triangle pod.

Motion passed.

CASI-Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2016

	TOTAL			
	AS OF DEC 31, 2016	AS OF DEC 31, 2015 (PY)	CHANGE	% CHANGE
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts				
100000 Cash in Banks				
100100 Ranch Property Self-Insurance Fund	10,000.38	2,000.00	8,000.38	400.02 %
100101 West Texas National Bank MMA	10,002.23	10,001.35	0.88	0.01 %
100110 Capital One Checking	0.00	4,549.79	-4,549.79	-100.00 %
100115 Frost Bank Checking	139,427.15	142,443.45	-3,016.30	-2.12 %
100116 Frost Bank - LMIF	100,000.00	51,000.00	49,000.00	96.08 %
100117 Frost Bank - Scholarship Fund	123,777.07	122,865.66	911.41	0.74 %
Total 100000 Cash in Banks	383,206.83	332,860.25	50,346.58	15.13 %
Total Bank Accounts	\$383,206.83	\$332,860.25	\$50,346.58	15.13 %
Total Current Assets	\$383,206.83	\$332,860.25	\$50,346.58	15.13 %
Fixed Assets				
110209 Net Office Equipment				
110200 Office Equipment	17,642.67	17,642.67	0.00	0.00 %
110205 Accumulated Depreciation Off Eq	-16,117.00	-14,569.00	-1,548.00	-10.63 %
Total 110209 Net Office Equipment	1,525.67	3,073.67	-1,548.00	-50.36 %
110219 Net Ice Merchandiser				
110210 Ice Merchandiser	2,574.68	2,574.68	0.00	0.00 %
110215 Accum Depr - Ice Merchandiser	-1,449.00	-999.00	-450.00	-45.05 %
Total 110219 Net Ice Merchandiser	1,125.68	1,575.68	-450.00	-28.56 %
110239 Net Sign & Plaque				
110230 Sign & Plaque	8,917.03	7,717.03	1,200.00	15.55 %
110235 Accumulated Depr - Sign & Plaq	-7,888.03	-7,717.03	-171.00	-2.22 %
Total 110239 Net Sign & Plaque	1,029.00	0.00	1,029.00	
110319 Net Land & Buildings				
110300 Land	39,968.00	39,968.00	0.00	0.00 %
110303 Land Improvements	71,847.00	71,847.00	0.00	0.00 %
110310 Buildings	204,561.42	204,561.42	0.00	0.00 %
110315 Accumulated Depr - Bldgs	-87,695.00	-81,529.00	-6,166.00	-7.56 %
Total 110319 Net Land & Buildings	228,681.42	234,847.42	-6,166.00	-2.63 %
Total Fixed Assets	\$232,361.77	\$239,496.77	\$ -7,135.00	-2.98 %
Other Assets				
190100 Postage Deposit	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00 %
192000 Trademark Fees	3,870.00	3,870.00	0.00	0.00 %
Total Other Assets	\$5,370.00	\$5,370.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
TOTAL ASSETS	\$620,938.60	\$577,727.02	\$43,211.58	7.48 %
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Liabilities				

	TOTAL			
	AS OF DEC 31, 2016	AS OF DEC 31, 2015 (PY)	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Total Liabilities			\$0.00	0.00%
Equity				
303000 Unrestricted Net Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	
310000 General Op Fund Balance	301,183.49	247,010.39	54,173.10	21.93 %
320000 GP Meeting Fund Balance	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00 %
330000 Life Member Fund Balance	109,425.00	100,000.00	9,425.00	9.43 %
340000 CASI Schol Fund Balance	156,507.71	155,504.21	1,003.50	0.65 %
350000 CASI Liab Ins Fund (CLIF) Bal	610.82	-9,103.89	9,714.71	106.71 %
Net Revenue	43,211.58	74,316.31	-31,104.73	-41.85 %
Total Equity	\$620,938.60	\$577,727.02	\$43,211.58	7.48 %
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$620,938.60	\$577,727.02	\$43,211.58	7.48 %

TICC 2016-2015		2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	Diff P&L
		Revenues	Expenses	P & L	Revenues	Expenses	P & L	2016-2015
Friday Events								
400-105	Beans		\$ 1,761			\$ 1,682		
400-143	Hot Wings		\$ 1,670			\$ 1,590		
400-240	Salsa		\$ 2,115			\$ 1,874		
		\$ -	\$ 5,546	\$ (5,546)	\$ -	\$ 5,145	\$ (5,145)	\$ (401)
Bars								
300-130	Bar - Main	\$ 6,909			\$ 8,569			
300-131	Wine Sales - Main	\$ -			\$ 1,250			
300-132	400-113 Wine Sales-Pre-Ordered	\$ 14,385	\$ 14,511		\$ 12,892	\$ 12,871		
300-135	Bar - KF	\$ 8,697			\$ 5,521			
300-120	400-140 Ice	\$ 8,595	\$ 4,200		\$ 4,725	\$ 4,300		
	400-110 Product Cost		\$ 14,572			\$ 10,739		
	400-160 Licenses		\$ 962			\$ 462		
	Share-Sales Tax		\$ 2,975			\$ 2,184		
		\$ 38,586	\$ 37,220	\$ 1,366	\$ 32,957	\$ 30,556	\$ 2,402	\$ (1,036)
Stores								
300-170	400-210 Store - Main	\$ 17,103	\$ 16,936		\$ 12,508	\$ 12,613		
	400-212, 400-							
300-171	213 Square Sales - Main	\$ 11,641	\$ 359		\$ 8,458	\$ 488		
300-172	400-209 Post/Pre CASI Store Sales	\$ 3,008	\$ 402		\$ 1,881	\$ -		
300-175	400-211 Store - KF	\$ 9,735	\$ 10,751		\$ 7,016	\$ 8,691		
300-174	Post/Pre KF Store Sales	\$ 1,842			\$ 1,956			
300-173	400-214 Square Sales - KF	\$ 3,576	\$ 98		\$ 2,231	\$ 74		
	Share-Sales Tax		\$ 3,617			\$ 2,252		
		\$ 46,905	\$ 32,163	\$ 14,742	\$ 34,051	\$ 24,118	\$ 9,933	\$ 4,809
Participant Related								
xxxxxx	Participant Revenue							
400-145	Jackets		\$ 1,348			\$ 1,074		
400-180	Shirts		\$ 9,457			\$ 7,647		
440-525	Champion's Travel		\$ 5,000			\$ 3,390		
400-225	Trophys & Stoves		\$ 10,610			\$ 10,329		
		\$ -	\$ 26,415	\$ (26,415)	\$ -	\$ 22,439	\$ (22,439)	\$ (3,977)

		Other TICC								
300-140	Vendor Fees	\$	2,150		\$	2,445				
300-150	400-130, 235 Gate Admissions	\$	43,351	\$ 610	\$	34,595	\$ 435			
	400-215 Share-Sales Tax			\$ 3,343			\$ 2,388			
300-190	Misc Income	\$	1,214		\$	510				
	400-100 Band & Sound - Main		\$ 13,000			\$ 5,800				
	400-101 Band & Sound - KF		\$ 1,200			\$ 1,500				
	400-190 Posters - Banners		\$ 1,232			\$ 1,096				
	400-195 Radios		\$ 965			\$ 1,065				
	400-200 Security		\$ 2,435			\$ 2,025				
	400-217 Sponsor Plaques		\$ 1,285			\$ 570				
	400-220 Trash Services		\$ 6,074			\$ 5,994				
	400-221 Site Clean Up		\$ 2,400			\$ 2,300				
300-155	400-222 Portable Restrooms	\$	3,100	\$ 20,205	\$	2,951	\$ 19,305			
300-242	400-242 Tuesday CCO	\$	3,965	\$ 432	\$	3,020	\$ 833			
	440-510, 512, 515 Chilicity Expenses		\$ 268			\$ 208				
	400-150 Judging Supplies - Chili		\$ 1,795			\$ 719				
300-190	400-151 Judging Supplies - Show		\$ -			\$ -				
	400-170 Name Tags		\$ 276			\$ 76				
	400-250, 251, 50th Special Expenses - Activities,									
	252 Pendants & Goodie Bags		\$ 1,955			\$ -				
	400-299 Misc Expenses		\$ 1,305			\$ 1,004				
			\$ 53,780	\$ 58,782	\$ (5,002)	\$ 43,521	\$ 45,318	\$ (1,797)	\$ (3,204)	

		Area Contributions								
900-100	Sul Ross Rodeo Club		\$ 2,000		\$	1,500				
900-105	Brewster County		\$ 4,000		\$	4,000				
900-115	Terlingua EMS & VFD		\$ 5,000		\$	5,000				
900-125	Terlingua School		\$ 2,000		\$	2,000				
900-130	Terlingua Area Matching		\$ 2,000		\$	2,000				
900-140	Terlingua Chamber of Commerce		\$ -		\$	200				
900-145	Special Olympics Texas		\$ 4,000		\$	-				
900-000	TICC Contributions	\$	-	\$ 19,000	\$ (19,000)	\$ -	\$ 14,700	\$ (14,700)	\$ (4,300)	
TICC	Without Sponsors	\$	139,271	\$ 179,127	\$ (39,855)	\$ 110,529	\$ 142,275	\$ (31,746)	\$ (8,109)	
300-180	Sponsor Underwrite	\$	18,790	\$ 18,790		\$ 16,278	\$ 16,278		\$ 2,512	
TICC	With Underwrite	\$	158,061	\$ 179,127	\$ (21,065)	\$ 126,807	\$ 142,275	\$ (15,468)	\$ (5,598)	
320-000	Sponsorships-Cash Donations	**	\$ 45,460	\$ 45,460		\$ 66,822	\$ 66,822		\$ (21,362)	
	*Cash Donations - Underwrite									
TICC	With Sponsorships	\$	203,521	\$ 179,127	\$ 24,395	\$ 193,629	\$ 142,275	\$ 51,354	\$ (26,959)	

Note: 2015 TICC Sponsors were given a credit of \$63,500 for products and services!

Note: 2016 TICC Sponsors were given a credit of \$63,100 for products and services!

CASI Daily Operations		2016			2015			Diff P&L
		Revenues	Expenses	P & L	Revenues	Expenses	P & L	2016-2015
General Admin								
Membership								
310-200	Annual	\$ 17,107			\$ 17,550			
310-205	Corporate	\$ 1,600			\$ 2,940			
310-210	Life	\$ 2,600			\$ 9,425			
330-400	Trails	\$ 2,003			\$ 1,179			
410-000	Trails Expense		\$ 21,289			\$ 18,857		
460-000	Membership Expenses		\$ 665			\$ 360		
310-000	Total Membership/Trails	\$ 23,310	\$ 21,954	\$ 1,355	\$ 31,094	\$ 19,217	\$ 11,876	\$ (10,521)
Admin								
340-580/585/586/591	Misc Income - Contributions	\$ 2,055			\$ 6,131			
355-400	Sanction CCO Fees	\$ 13,374			\$ 14,129			
355-300	CCO Registration Fees	\$ 12,350			\$ 12,500			
390-000	Interest Income	\$ 5			\$ 7			
450-559	President Exp		\$ 319			\$ 196		
450-569	Secretary Exp		\$ -			\$ 54		
450-579	Treasurer Exp		\$ 675			\$ 1,019		
450-589	ED Expenses		\$ 19			\$ 385		
450-599	Other Directors		\$ 4,261			\$ 6,736		
440-514	Chilicity Expenses		\$ -			\$ -		
490-000	Rules/Sanctioning		\$ 2,504			\$ 5,636		
480-000	Tally		\$ -			\$ -		
495-000	Misc Exp Less Legal & Online Store		\$ 1,900			\$ 3,307		
	TOTAL ADMIN	\$ 27,784	\$ 9,678	\$ 18,106	\$ 32,768	\$ 17,334	\$ 15,434	\$ 2,672
Miscellaneous								
340-500	Cooking for CASI	\$ 5,518			\$ 6,594			
340-515	495-915 Online Store	\$ 6,788	\$ 5,104		\$ 2,557	\$ 8,827		
		\$ 12,306	\$ 5,104	\$ 7,202	\$ 9,151	\$ 8,827	\$ 324	\$ 6,878

CASI Daily Operations

		2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	Diff P&L
		Revenues	Expenses	P & L	Revenues	Expenses	P & L	2016-2015
Insurance								
355-100	CLIF Cooks Fee	\$ 26,748			\$ 28,258			
700-100	General Liability		\$ 10,443			\$ 8,800		
700-200	Miscellaneous Insurance		\$ -			\$ 798		
700-140	D&O Ins		\$ 1,329			\$ 1,273		
700-160	Volunteers Ins		\$ 506			\$ 487		
700-220	Umbrella		\$ 7,401			\$ 7,185		
	TOTAL INSURANCE	\$ 26,748	\$ 19,680	\$ 7,068	\$ 28,258	\$ 18,543	\$ 9,715	\$ (2,647)
GPM								
355-200	GPM Cooks Fees	\$ 13,374			\$ 14,129			
340-535	GPM Admin Fees	\$ 1,820			\$ 1,750			
340-510	GPM Misc Income	\$ -			\$ -			
600-000	GPM Expenses		\$ 13,703			\$ 13,837		
	TOTAL GPM	\$ 15,194	\$ 13,703	\$ 1,491	\$ 15,879	\$ 13,837	\$ 2,042	\$ (551)
Ranch								
340-525	Cell Tower	\$ 7,200			\$ 7,200			
340-520	Old 320 Income	\$ -			\$ 400			
340-587	KF Donors	\$ 800			\$ 700			
470-700	Improvements		\$ 6,192			\$ 503		
470-715/720/7								
30	Telephone, Utilities & Taxes		\$ 4,198			\$ 5,976		
470-705	Maintenance		\$ 180			\$ 585		
470-735	Memorial Wall		\$ 79			\$ -		
470-725	Miscellaneous		\$ 2,179			\$ 65		
	TOTAL RANCH	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,828	\$ (4,828)	\$ 8,300	\$ 7,129	\$ 1,171	\$ (5,999)
IT Development								
430-100	Recurring		\$ 3,962			\$ 2,238		
430-200	Non-Recurring		\$ 99			\$ 637		
	TOTAL IT DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$ 4,061	\$ (4,061)	\$ -	\$ 2,875	\$ (2,875)	\$ (1,186)
	TOTAL DAILY OPERATIONS	\$ 113,341	\$ 87,008	\$ 26,334	\$ 125,449	\$ 87,761	\$ 37,688	\$ (11,354)

		2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	Diff P&L	
		Revenues	Expenses	P & L	Revenues	Expenses	P & L	2016-2015	
Scholarship									
300-100	Friday Event Entries	\$ 7,310			\$ 6,950				
300-142	42 Domino Tournament	\$ 450			\$ 390				
300-160	TICC Related Events	\$ 4,566			\$ 275				
370-000	Contributions	\$ 16,959			\$ 22,589				
475-000	Admin Expense		\$ 1,246			\$ 1,661			
950-000	Scholarships		\$ 26,825			\$ 34,700			
	TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 29,285	\$ 28,071	\$ 1,214	\$ 30,204	\$ 36,361	\$ (6,157)	\$ 7,372	
IRS Legal									
340-590	495-925	Legal & Other Expenses	\$ 144	\$ 540	\$ (396)	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ (91)	\$ (305)
Depr	420-300	Depreciation	\$ -	\$ 8,335	\$ (8,335)	\$ -	\$ 8,477	\$ (8,477)	\$ 142

Analysis Summary:								
	TICC	\$ 203,521	\$ 179,127	\$ 24,395	\$ 193,629	\$ 142,275	\$ 51,354	\$ (26,959)
	Daily Operations	\$ 113,341	\$ 87,008	\$ 26,334	\$ 125,449	\$ 87,761	\$ 37,688	\$ (11,354)
	Scholarships	\$ 29,285	\$ 28,071	\$ 1,214	\$ 30,204	\$ 36,361	\$ (6,157)	\$ 7,372
	IRS Legal	\$ 144	\$ 540	\$ (396)	\$ -	\$ 91	\$ (91)	\$ (305)
	Depreciation	\$ -	\$ 8,335	\$ (8,335)	\$ -	\$ 8,477	\$ (8,477)	\$ 142
	Net P&L	\$ 346,292	\$ 303,080	\$ 43,212	\$ 349,281	\$ 274,965	\$ 74,316	\$ (31,104)
	CASH FLOW	\$ 346,292	\$ 294,745	\$ 51,547	\$ 349,281	\$ 266,488	\$ 82,793	\$ (31,246)

CASI-Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc. Profit and Loss

January - July, 2017

	Total			
	Jan - Jul, 2017	Jan - Jul, 2016 (PY)	Change	% Change
Income				
300-000 TICC Revenues	362.60	33.00	329.60	998.79 %
310-000 Membership	9,402.72	9,880.00	-477.28	-4.83 %
320-000 Sponsorships	20,000.00	25,500.00	-5,500.00	-21.57 %
330-000 Terlingua Trails	886.00	1,491.00	-605.00	-40.58 %
340-000 Miscellaneous Income	9,894.49	10,563.89	-669.40	-6.34 %
355-000 Cookoff Fees	37,278.00	39,587.00	-2,309.00	-5.83 %
370-000 CASI Scholarship Fund Income	7,429.11	15,476.15	-8,047.04	-52.00 %
Total Income	\$85,252.92	\$102,531.04	\$ -17,278.12	-16.85 %
Gross Profit	\$85,252.92	\$102,531.04	\$ -17,278.12	-16.85 %
Expenses				
400-000 TICC Expenses	11,090.76	19,583.49	-8,492.73	-43.37 %
410-000 Terlingua Trails Expenses	10,559.38	10,832.63	-273.25	-2.52 %
430-000 IT Expenses	3,739.25	1,733.52	2,005.73	115.70 %
440-000 Chilicity Expenses	3,212.78	3,870.45	-657.67	-16.99 %
450-000 CASI Director Expenses	3,742.70	2,393.19	1,349.51	56.39 %
460-000 Membership Expenses	70.57		70.57	
470-000 Rancho CASI de Los Chisos Exp	2,708.26	5,601.96	-2,893.70	-51.66 %
475-000 Scholarship Administrative Exp	719.62	598.29	121.33	20.28 %
490-000 Rules & Sanctioning Expenses	485.29	1,133.46	-648.17	-57.19 %
495-000 Miscellaneous Expenses	4,370.83	4,278.49	92.34	2.16 %
600-000 GP Meeting Expense	4,285.82		4,285.82	
700-000 CLIF Expenses	526.39	506.06	20.33	4.02 %
Total Expenses	\$45,511.65	\$50,531.54	\$ -5,019.89	-9.93 %
Net Operating Income	\$39,741.27	\$51,999.50	\$ -12,258.23	-23.57 %
Other Expenses				
950-000 CASI Scholarships	500.00	824.74	-324.74	-39.37 %
Total Other Expenses	\$500.00	\$824.74	\$ -324.74	-39.37 %
Net Other Income	\$ -500.00	\$ -824.74	\$324.74	39.37 %
Net Income	\$39,241.27	\$51,174.76	\$ -11,933.49	-23.32 %

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**PROPOSED CHANGES
TO THE 2017 CASI OFFICIAL RULES**

No.	Current Rule	Proposed Change	Rationale	Sponsoring Pod
I. CHILI COOKING RULES				
1	<p>A. CHILI COOKED ON SITE</p> <p>1. CHILI COOKED FROM SCRATCH - "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. No marinating is allowed. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes ("just add meat" mixes that contain premeasured spices) are NOT permitted.</p>	<p>A. CHILI COOKED ON SITE</p> <p>1. CHILI COOKED FROM SCRATCH - "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. No marinating is allowed. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes ("just add meat" mixes that contain premeasured spices) are NOT permitted.</p> <p><i>a. Meat is defined as the edible portion of a mammal, such as beef, venison, buffalo, elk, antelope, etc.</i></p>	<p>This is to define "raw meat."</p>	<p>Piney Woods Pod</p>
2	<p>C. COOKS MUST SIGN NUMBER SLIPS - Chili cooks must sign their secret ticket slips in ink with their first and last names at the time cups are issued. A cook will not be eligible to win (place in the top 10), if their secret ticket is unsigned when presented. NOTE: Cooks must present their signed secret ticket to win.</p>	<p>C. COOKS MUST SIGN NUMBER SLIPS - Chili cooks must sign their secret ticket slips by <i>printing their first and last name</i> in ink as it appears on the Entrants List, with their first and last names at the time <i>the judging cups are</i> is issued. A cook will not be eligible to win (place in the top 10), if their secret ticket <i>slip</i> is assigned incorrectly signed when presented. NOTE: Cooks must present their signed secret ticket to win.</p>	<p>To stop cheating. People are scribbling their name so badly that no one can read it. Plus some are using initial and last name. Example D. Richardson for Darlene. I saw one Richardson for Darlene. I saw one case where a person placed and only their last name was on the ticket. Registration people are just stating "don't forget to sign your ticket" and not verifying the ticket was signed. I saw one cook just put there initials on the ticket at the registration table. When called to the attention of the person doing registration they said "oh, I didn't notice."</p>	<p>San Antonio Pod</p>
3	<p>F. CHILI TURN-IN - Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the cooks meeting or as otherwise designated by the head judge.</p>	<p>F. CHILI TURN-IN - Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the cooks meeting or as otherwise designated by the head judge. <i>Chili will be turned in at the time listed in the Terlingua Trails, unless there are weather or other extenuating circumstances.</i></p>	<p>We had a cookoff where they wanted to change the turn-in time well after the cooks meeting. Needless to say we had some really upset cooks. Time did stay the same, but it's been argued about at our cookoffs and meetings.</p>	<p>Sunshine State Pod</p>

No.	Current Rule	Proposed Change	Rationale	Sponsoring Pod
II. CHILI COOKING RULES				
4	<p>B. CHILI JUDGES</p> <p>3. FINAL JUDGES - Final judges must abstain from tasting chili prior to judging. Final judges must not be associated with any cook at that cookoff (e.g., one spouse cooking and the other spouse judging; member of cooking team judging if another member of same team is cooking).</p>	<p>B. CHILI JUDGES</p> <p>3. FINAL JUDGES - Final judges must abstain from tasting chili prior to judging. Final judges must not be associated with, <i>or related to</i>, any cook at that cookoff (e.g., one spouse cooking and the other spouse judging; member of seeking team judging if another member of same team is seeking).</p>	<p>Clarification of who can and cannot judge on final table; narrowing down the definition of "associated with" and adding "related to." To close a loophole. Prior rule left an opening for misinterpretation.</p>	Piney Woods Pod
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6	<p>C. LEVELS OF JUDGING</p> <p>4. TIES - The scores in the predetermined number of chilis that come off the preliminary or intermediate level judging tables will not be broken. Ties are to be passed on for further judging. Only ties on the final table will be broken. (See Section II.F.2).</p>	<p>C. LEVELS OF JUDGING</p> <p>4. TIES - The scores in the predetermined number of chilis that come off the preliminary or intermediate level judging tables will not be broken. Ties are to be passed on for further judging. <i>Only ties within the predetermined number of chilis are to be passed on for further judging.</i> Only ties on the final table will be broken. (See Section II.F.2).</p>	<p>Some people take the second sentence to mean "all" ties are to be passed on.</p>	ACES Pod
7	<p>E. JUDGING THE CHILI</p> <p>9. NO SMOKING - Smoking is not allowed in the judging area during the chili judging process. The judging process begins with the arrival of chili for turn-in and ends when the final tally is completed and the winning cups have been marked for transport to the announcement area.</p>	<p>E. JUDGING THE CHILI</p> <p>9. NO SMOKING - Smoking is not allowed in the judging area during the chili judging process. <i>This includes vapors and electronic cigarettes.</i> The judging process begins with the arrival of chili for turn-in and ends when the final tally is completed and the winning cups have been marked for transport to the announcement area.</p>	<p>No smoking means of any type of device. It is time to make this rule current with today's trends. It also encompasses everyone that might be in and around the judging area including workers, competitors, judges, public.</p>	Piney Woods Pod

8	<p>G. ANNOUNCING WINNERS</p> <p>2. CLAIMING AWARDS - Upon the announcement of the winning numbers on a ticket, cooks must present the signed ticket with the matching numbers to claim awards and points as sanctioned by CASI.</p>	<p>G. ANNOUNCING WINNERS</p> <p>2. CLAIMING AWARDS - Upon the announcement of the winning numbers on a ticket, cooks must present the signed ticket with the matching numbers to claim awards and points as sanctioned by CASI. <i>The ticket verifier must ensure the cooks name is properly printed on the ticket, and that the name announced as the winner is the same as on the ticket. The ticket verifier must verify the number also.</i></p>	<p>Sometimes the ticket verifier does not know the cooks or is a new cook. Sometimes it is an accident but other times it is on purpose. The cook notices that the verifier is not checking the names and cooks are switching tickets. One cookoff a cook gave his name when awarded 6th place. But when 1st [lace was announced his wife said that he won the cookoff, that he was holding the wrong ticket. The first place qualified him. When names are scribbled or initials are used it is easy to cheat when the verifier does know the cook. The verifier has no way of know who the ticket belongs to.</p>	<p>San Antonio Pod</p>
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No.	Current Rule	Proposed Change	Rationale	Sponsoring Pod
9	<p>A. SELECTION OF SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES</p> <p>2. ANONYMITY OF JUDGES - Showmanship judges must remain anonymous to everyone during the judging. Showmanship judges' scores may be revealed after results are announced.</p>	<p>IV. SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING RULES</p> <p>A. SELECTION OF SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES</p> <p>2. ANONYMITY OF JUDGES – All showmanship judges must remain anonymous to everyone during the judging. will wear a badge, tag, or sign indicating they are showmanship judges, being visible to all. No showmanship judge will share their score with anyone, nor compare scores with other judges. All showmanship judges will work and travel independently, not visiting teams in judging pairs or more. Only one judge per team at a time. Showmanship judges' scores may be revealed after results are announced.</p>	<p>Most non chili cookoffs that include showmanship use judges that are not anonymous. This will make judges accountable for their scores and add a new level of enthusiasm for the showmanship contestants. There are instances where a stationary show is not ever visited by a judge. Being visible as a judge will only make showmanship better. To those participating in showmanship know that they have been judged and given the opportunity to be judged and not forgotten. It also encourages non-cooks to be judges. Worries about teams only showing during judging appearances can be addressed by "visible" and "from afar" judging. Should a judge see a team/individual show not participating during the set show time, they can lower that team's score.</p>	Piney Woods Pod

No.	Current Rule	Proposed Change	Rationale	Sponsoring Pod
10	<p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASI-SANCTIONED COOKOFF</p> <p>2. PUBLICIZE COOKOFF - All cookoffs <u>MUST</u> be publicized in the <u>TERLINGUA TRAILS</u> in the month prior to the entrance deadline. Cookoffs may also be advertised in the Goat Gap Gazette or other media. All cookoffs must be advertised as using "CASI rules" only. Any cookoff during month of September not publicized in the above manner will be guilty of a flagrant violation.</p>	<p>V. CHILI COOKING RULES</p> <p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASI-SANCTIONED COOKOFF</p> <p>2. PUBLICIZE COOKOFF - All cookoffs <u>MUST</u> be publicized in the <u>TERLINGUA TRAILS</u> in the month prior to the entrance deadline, <i>or be approved and appear in the CASI website cookoff calendar 30 days prior to the date of the cookoff.</i> Cookoffs may also be advertised in the Goat Gap Gazette or other media. All cookoffs must be advertised as using "CASI rules" only. Any cookoff during month of September not publicized in the above manner will be guilty of a flagrant violation.</p>	<p>This will create more opportunities to hold cook-offs where the promoter has contacted the local pod after the Terlingua Trails deadline on the 15th of the month. In order for a cook-offs that would occur toward the end of the month to receive 30 days advertising in the Trails, the publishing deadline of the 15th of the month for the upcoming issue imposes up to a ten-week lead time between the Trails submission deadline and the actual date of the cook-off. Casichili.net cook-off calendar should be on equal footing with the Terlingua Trails when it comes to publicizing a cook-off. This will allow us to entertain additional cook-off opportunities, which will expand the number of potential cook-offs. Publicizing a cook-off a full 30-days prior to the event via the casichili.net cook-off calendar is in the spirit of the original rule and allow sufficient time to promote the cook-off and attract all potential cooks.</p> <p><i>If approved, item #9 under GETTING STARTED in Section VIII must be edited.</i></p>	Mason-Dixon Pod

11	<p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASI-SANCTIONED COOKOFF</p> <p>3. RESTRICTIONS – Any cookoff restrictions (e.g., ground meat only, entry date different from cookoff date, limit on number of entries, local ordinances, etc.) must be clearly stated in all forms of publication. CASI Referees will not be responsible for enforcing local ordinances (e.g., no propane stoves, no open fires, must cook in enclosed area, etc.). Enforcement will remain the responsibility of the cookoff promoter.</p>	<p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASI-SANCTIONED COOKOFF</p> <p>3. RESTRICTIONS – Any cookoff restrictions (e.g., ground meat only, entry date different from cookoff date, limit on number of entries, local ordinances, etc.) must be clearly stated in all forms of publication. CASI Referees will not be responsible for enforcing local ordinances (e.g., no propane stoves, no open fires, must cook in enclosed area, etc.). Enforcement will remain the responsibility of the cookoff promoter.</p> <p><i>a. Open meat refers to any cut of meat. All cookoffs are considered open until they adopt a meat restriction.</i></p>	<p>This is to establish categories: Chili Grind vs. Open.</p> <p><i>This proposal is about chili grind, which is an allowed restriction. Thus, this addition should be applied to that rule.</i></p> <p><i>The restrictions rule was not numbered; it should be #3 with the following rules renumbered.</i></p>	Piney Woods Pod
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13	<p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASI-SANCTIONED COOKOFF</p> <p>5. HAVE REQUIRED NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE COOKS PRESENT AND COOKING – The number of cups of chili, turned in for judging by cooks who were present and cooking, required to sanction a cookoff is fifteen (15), regardless of the number of state cookoffs in any given chili year. At Regional, National and International Championships, a minimum of twenty-five (25) cups of chili, turned in for judging by cooks who were present and cooking (See Section VI.A.3.) The CASI official at each cookoff will verify the minimum number of cooks required for sanctioning at that event.</p>	<p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASI-SANCTIONED COOKOFF</p> <p>5. HAVE REQUIRED NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE COOKS PRESENT AND COOKING – <i>According to CASI Rules</i> – The number of cups of chili, turned in for judging by cooks who were <i>are</i> present and seeking, required to sanction a cookoff is fifteen (15) <i>twelve (12)</i>, regardless of the number of state cookoffs in any given chili year. At Regional, National and International Championships, a minimum of twenty-five (25) <i>(20)</i> cups of chili, turned in for judging by cooks who were <i>are</i> present and cooking (See Section VI.A.3.) The CASI official at each cookoff will verify the minimum number of cooks required for sanctioning were <i>is responsible for verifying that the minimum number of cooks required for sanctioning were</i> at that event.</p>	<p>It is becoming increasingly difficult to meet the standards for sanctioning regular and Regional cookoffs except where pods are close together or near major population centers. The end result is canceled cookoffs or creative accounting for cooks and cups of chili. It is not in CASI's best interests to have events canceled. It is not in CASI's best interest to create circumstances leading to creative account for cooks and cups of chili. The adjustment of the number of required cups will show a positive leadership reaction to the CASI chili world which is changing with the economy and the demographic of cooks.</p>	High Desert Pod
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14	<p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASI-SANCTIONED COOKOFF</p> <p>6. SEND RESULTS SHEET, OFFICIAL CHILI ENTRANTS LIST, OFFICIAL SHOW TEAM ENTRANTS LIST, AND FEES TO CASI WITHIN 30 DAYS – The CASI official for the cookoff must forward the chili and show team entrants lists, complete with names and addresses, official CASI Results Sheet, as well as four dollars (\$4.00) for each cook entered in each cookoff to CASI (e.g., 38 cooks entered, send CASI \$152.00 along with the Results Sheet and entry list), plus twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the cookoff registration fee.</p>	<p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR A CASI-SANCTIONED COOKOFF</p> <p>6. SEND RESULTS SHEET, OFFICIAL CHILI ENTRANTS LIST, OFFICIAL SHOW TEAM ENTRANTS LIST, AND FEES TO CASI WITHIN 30 DAYS – The CASI official for the cookoff must forward the chili and show team entrants lists, complete with names and addresses, official CASI Results Sheet, as well as four dollars (\$4.00) for each cook entered in each cookoff to CASI (e.g., 38 cooks entered, send CASI \$152.00 along with the Results Sheet and entry list), plus twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the cookoff registration fee.</p> <p>c. <i>JUDGING SHEETS – All automatic qualifying cookoffs must submit all original final table judging sheets along with the original tabulation sheet to the TallyMaster to hold for a period of 30 days. This is to retain proof in the event of a protest or problem. Should a protest or issue happen, the records will be retained for a period of 6-months, or until the Rules Committee deems resolved. The originals may be sent as an electronic file or via USPS.</i></p>	<p>In the event of a challenge or protest, all judging sheets are available, including the tabulation and tally sheets. If there is no protest, the sheets may be destroyed after a 30-day period; otherwise they will be retained for a six-month period, or until the Rules Committee deems the issue resolved. The forms and/or files may then be permanently deleted.</p>	Piney Woods Pod
15	<p>B. OTHER CASI RULES THAT AFFECT SANCTIONING</p> <p>5. CHILI COMBINED WITH OTHER COOKOFFS – Other cookoffs (e.g., beans, barbecue, gumbo, etc.) can be held in conjunction with a CASI cookoff provided CASI rules are followed for the chili cookoff and separate judging and turn-in for the chili cookoff are maintained.</p>	<p>B. OTHER CASI RULES THAT AFFECT SANCTIONING</p> <p>5. CHILI COMBINED WITH OTHER COOKOFFS – Other cookoffs (e.g., beans, amateur chili, barbecue, gumbo, etc.) can be held in conjunction with a CASI cookoff provided CASI rules are followed for the chili cookoff and separate judging and turn-in for the chili cookoff are maintained.</p> <p>a. <i>In the case of a amateur chili cookoff, a CASI member may only cook in the sanctioned chili cookoff OR the amateur chili competition, not both.</i></p>	<p>When there is a amateur chili competition, it is discouraging to those amateur cooks when a CASI cook competes and places. The amateur cooks are, in most cases, using the amateur competition as a preface to a CASI competition. These amateur chili cooks could be potential members for CASI and should be encouraged to continue cooking chili.</p>	North of the Brazos Pod

16.	B. OTHER CASI RULES THAT AFFECT SANCTIONING	B. OTHER CASI RULES THAT AFFECT SANCTIONING 8. <i>PODS AND COOKOFFS – Sanctioned cookoffs must be affiliated with, associated with, or hosted by an established Pod of CASI. At least one or more pods may be published as affiliated with a cookoff.</i>	Any cookoff being promoted by CASI should be affiliated, associated with, or hosted by a established Pod of CASI. We should be promoting and acknowledging Pods through CASI, not having cookoffs only be promoted by individuals.	Piney Woods Pod Space City Pod
17		D. <i>POD COOKOFFS – Every POD Auto Qualifying cookoff must offer a Junior cookoff in addition to their regular cookoff.</i>	New rule. This is a way to promote and motivate young cooks. Whether any juniors attend the POD AQ CCO or not is not the point, but requiring each POD to offer the availability is the point.	Piney Woods Pod

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VI. CASI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS				
18	<p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>3. NUMBER OF COOKS - At Regional, National and International Championships, a minimum number of twenty-five (25) cups of chili must be turned in for judging for cooks who were present and cooking. (one entry per individual per cookoff). State Championships require the same number of cups of chili turned in for judging as is required for all other CASI-sanctioned cookoffs. (See Section V.A.5.) For State men's championships, the required minimum number of cups of chili turned in for judging must be prepared by male cooks who were present and cooking; conversely, for State women's championships, the minimum number of cooks must be prepared by female cooks who were present and cooking. All cooks must be</p>	<p>A. REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>3. NUMBER OF COOKS - At Regional, National and International Championships, a minimum number of twenty-five (25) (20) cups of chili must be turned in for judging for cooks who were present and cooking. (one entry per individual per cookoff). State Championships require the same number of cups of chili turned in for judging as is required for all other CASI-sanctioned cookoffs. (See Section V.A.5.) For State men's championships, the required minimum number of cups of chili turned in for judging must be prepared by male cooks who were present and cooking; conversely, for State women's championships, the minimum number of cooks cups cups must be prepared by female cooks who were present and cooking. All cooks must be</p>	<p>The changes suggested for this rule bring it into alignment with the change proposed to V.A.5 and corrects a syntax error in the sentence pertaining to Women's Championships.</p>	High Desert Pod
19	<p>B. ESTABLISHING OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>3. NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – The National Open Championship may be held anywhere in the Continental United States. Approval of the National Championship shall be made by the CASI Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the CASI Events Committee and Executive Director.</p>	<p>B. ESTABLISHING OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>3. NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – The National Open Championship may be held anywhere in the Continental United States <i>or its territories</i>. Approval of the National Championship shall be made by the CASI Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the CASI Events Committee and Executive Director.</p>	<p>Why limit this to the continental US, when there is a Hawaii, Alaska and the US Virgin Islands that might want to take this on. Let's open it up to any US territory and possibly help a much needed area. Opening it up to US Territories could encourage pod development. Yes, a pod/pods have to sponsor this CCO, but it does not mean a pod from a different area/state can do it.</p>	Piney Woods Pod

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VII. THE CASI TERLINGUA INTERNATIONAL CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP (TICC)				
20	<p>D. CHAMPIONSHIP COOKOFF POINTS</p> <p>1. AWARDING OF CHILI POINTS - CASI- sanctioned cookoffs will award four (4) points for first (1st) place, three (3) points for second (2nd), two (2) for third (3rd), and one (1) point each for fourth (4th) through tenth (10th) places in chili.</p> <p>a. RESIDENTS - In State Open, Men's Open and Women's Open Championships, first (1st) through third (3rd) place finishers residing in that state automatically qualify to cook at the CASI TICC.</p>	<p>D. CHAMPIONSHIP COOKOFF POINTS</p> <p>1. AWARDING OF CHILI POINTS - CASI- sanctioned cookoffs will award four (4) points for first (1st) place, three (3) points for second (2nd), two (2) for third (3rd), and one (1) point each for fourth (4th) through tenth (10th) places in chili.</p> <p>a. RESIDENTS - In State Open, Men's Open and Women's Open Championships, first (1st) through third (3rd) place finishers residing in that state automatically qualify to cook at the CASI TICC. <i>Residency will be determined by the state that issued the cook's valid driver licenses. Residency can also be claimed by a valid passport.</i></p>	<p>State championships attract cooks from several states. Some cooks could claim two states as their residency. This has been policy for years, but most cooks do not have access to policy. If placed in the rule book, there will be no doubt of the intent of the rule.</p>	<p>SE New Mexico Chili Society</p>
21	<p>E. QUALIFICATION FOR CASI TICC</p> <p>1. QUALIFIED CHILI COOKS - To compete in chili, cooks must be:</p> <p>g. CASI POD COOKOFF - All established sanctioned Pods, in good standing for 5 years or more are eligible for their annual recognized (one official Pod Cookoff per year) Pod cookoff winner to be automatically qualified for TICC, regardless of number of cooks.</p>	<p>E. QUALIFICATION FOR CASI TICC</p> <p>1. QUALIFIED CHILI COOKS - To compete in chili, cooks must be:</p> <p>g. CASI POD COOKOFF - All established sanctioned Pods, in good standing for 5 years or more are eligible for their annual recognized (one official Pod Cookoff per year) Pod cookoff <i>chili and show</i> winner to be automatically qualified for TICC, regardless of number of cooks.</p>	<p>Adding 1st place showmanship to encourage more shows and qualifying more shows, which would hopefully increase the number of attendees at TICC.</p>	<p>Piney Woods Pod</p>

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24	<p>E. QUALIFICATION FOR CASI TICC</p> <p>1. QUALIFIED CHILI COOKS - To compete in chili, cooks must be:</p>	<p>E. QUALIFICATION FOR CASI TICC</p> <p>1. QUALIFIED CHILI COOKS - To compete in chili, cooks must be:</p> <p>i. <i>MILITARY SERVICE – Active military and their spouses will only be required to obtain six (6) points to qualify to cook at TICC</i></p>	<p>Due to their situation many active military and their spouses are often reassigned during the chili year, and they tend to have a difficult time gathering their points. They move several times a year or may be deployed overseas. Most importantly they are serving our great country.</p>	<p>SE New Mexico Chili Society</p>
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XI. GUIDELINES FOR COOKOFF OFFICIALS				
25	<p>A. HEAD JUDGE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - The head judge may be the head chili judge and/or the head showmanship judge, but he/she must be a chilihead or other individual with knowledge of CASI rules. The head judge also may be the CASI official at the cookoff. The role of the head judge depends on the size and timing of the events at the cookoff. The head judge must be identified at the cooks' meeting. All contestants and cookoff workers must know who the head judge is at a particular cookoff.</p>	<p>A. HEAD JUDGE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - The head judge may be the head chili judge and/or the head showmanship judge, but he/she must be a chilihead or other individual with knowledge of CASI rules. The head judge also may be the CASI official at the cookoff. The role of the head judge depends on the size and timing of the events at the cookoff. The head judge must be identified at the cooks' meeting. All contestants and cookoff workers must know who the head judge is at a particular cookoff.</p> <p>1. HEAD JUDGE IDENTIFICATION – <i>The head judge and cookoff referee must wear an identification badge with their name during the cookoff. The name of the head judge and CASI referee should be prominently displayed, at the registration area.</i></p>	<p>Head judge in charge needs to be prominently displaying and known for cookoff. This way any questions arising during cookoffs can be directed to the Head Judge of the day/cookoff. Everyone will know who the head judge is and he/she can be notified if questions/problems occurs. Subsequent rules re-numbered.</p>	Piney Woods Pod