

## Kris Hudspeth transcript:

Good Afternoon from Victoria Texas. Thank you for joining Keith and I today. I'd like to start off thanking the VASA Pod and their members for the fellowship this weekend and being such gracious hosts.

This weekend the Board took the time to meet and discuss the state of the organization, work on planning for TICC and the GPM, and analyze the financial health. It was a very productive meeting, with a full day workshop on Saturday full of lively discussion, and an effective Board meeting today.

TICC has weighed heavily on our minds through this pandemic. While we continue planning for our annual trip to the desert, I must remind each of you that our cookoff is dependent 100% on Brewster County approving our Mass Gathering Permit.

Today we discussed the impact that COVID has had on our organization financially and what changes are needed. At the winter meeting the Board has agreed to suspend the Director Reimbursement for Board Meetings. We have agreed to additional cuts for TICC Budgets, and GPM budgets. Additionally, the time has come for the Board to institute a Facility Usage Fee for TICC. All qualified cooks, show teams, old 320 members, and Directors will be charged at \$25.00 usage fee at TICC starting this year. Friends of CASI members and CASI Sponsors will be excluded. This is a big change for our organization, and one we did not take lightly.

We have also had quite a few questions about the 30 day requirement for cookoff listings, and if that will still require this as cookoffs start to come back online. Today, we are reducing this requirement to 15 days, through the end of the 2020 chili year. This will help the Organization be flexible in our ability to quickly help our local communities.

Now, Keith has some more good news!!