

**Minutes of the Summer
Meeting of the Board of
Directors
Of the
CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

VFW POST 9505
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

June 27, 2009

The President called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Secretary Foltz called the roll.

The following Directors were present:

Renee Moore, President
Bill Pierson, Vice-President
Ed Blair, Treasurer
Roger Foltz, Secretary
Bucky Seelig
Tim Collier
John Goforth
Ken Rodd
Bo Prewitt
Janice Miller, Executive Director

The following Director was absent:

Dorathy Williams

Also in attendance:

Barbara Herrin, National Scholarship Program Administrator
Karen Bains, Nominating Committee Chairman

President Moore thanked everyone for coming, and welcomed those in the gallery. She reminded those in the gallery that they could not speak at this meeting, unless specifically called upon.

President Moore called for an Executive Session, and Ken Rodd made the motion to go into an Executive session; motion was seconded by Janice Miller. The vote of those Directors present was unanimously in favor of the motion. President Moore requested that all those in the gallery leave the room for a short period.

After the Executive session, President Moore called the regular meeting to order, and welcomed the gallery back into the room.

Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2009 Meeting

Secretary Foltz distributed the minutes of the Board Meeting of January 25, 2009

MOTION by Janice Miller to approve the minutes of January 25, 2009. The motion was seconded by Bill Pierson

Motion passed: Unanimous

Ratification of Board Actions since last meeting

A. Little Rock, Arkansas Cookoff: Accept AR Men's & Women's State as a non-gender, non-qualifier cookoff due to lack of sufficient men and women cooks at each event..

B. 6 CASI Scholarships. Award of 6 CASI Scholarships for 2009

C. Sponsorship Guidelines

D. CASI Logo Guidelines; adopting policy (attached to minutes)

E. Purchase of Contestant's shirts for TICC 2009. Sagebrush Designs/Tennessee Filly Productions approved as shirt provider.

F. Change in number of trophies for Small Show at TICC from 5 to 3, due to decrease in number of small show teams with new one man category.

MOTION by Bill Pierson to ratify the above actions by the Board; seconded by Roger Foltz.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Executive Director's Report

Janice Miller reported that she had been successful in creating a blog for CASI Membership to receive and pass on information.

Miller has been working with Jim Stateczny to learn the process for creating new logons for the CASI CIS, and updating the information posted there.

Janice reported she had received input from all Board members concerning specific job descriptions of Board members, and after standardizing all responses, was ready to post that information to assist potential Board candidates by making them aware of the duties involved with each Board position.

Applications were prepared and sent to potential candidates for the position of Krazy Flats Coordinator, and for the election of Board members at the Great Peppers Meeting.

Janice has been working with Bucky, Tim and Roger to secure bids for the liability & property insurance, which renews in October, 2009.

Working with Bill Pierson, proposed by-laws amendments were created, and the Rule Book has been updated. The Rule Book in the Resource Center on the CASI web page reflects this update.

The Annual Credential Report has been sent electronically to each Great Pepper, who was asked to verify by their response that they can work with an electronic copy of the form, rather than mailing individual copies to all. This method is saving CASI money, as only 15 pods have asked to have their copy mailed this year.

Miller is promoting the use of the Resource Center on the web site and is working to ensure current information is posted.

The date for the National Open Chili Cookoff, approved at the last Great Pepper's Meeting, will be changed to the chili year 2009 – 2010 as requested by Larry Burruss.

President's Report

Renee Moore passed out a chart indicating the term of each of the current Directors, noting a correction needs to be made. Ken Rodd actually started on the Board in 2002.

A problem has been identified with the ordering of the winner's jackets for the show teams at TICC. Currently Small Show Team winners at TICC are awarded one jacket, and may order up to 3 additional jackets *for team member participating in show at TICC*. Large Show Teams are awarded one jacket and may order additional jackets *for team member participating in show at TICC*. Individuals other than the team captains are ordering additional jackets, and collection of payment has been a problem. In the future show team captains will be provided with jacket ordering information, and eligibility, when they register at TICC. The team captain is the only person who may order additional jackets and is responsible for making payment for all additional jackets when they are ordered. If full payment is not received within 2 weeks of TICC, no extra jackets will be ordered.

President Moore asked for a motion to clarify the policy regarding show team winners jackets.

MOTION by Janice Miller to make the team captain the responsible person when ordering any additional jackets and responsible for payment within two weeks following TICC. Only those show team members who actually participate in show at TICC are eligible to purchase additional jackets. Motion seconded by Ken Rodd

Motion passed: Unanimous

Moore passed out a summary of recent changes to the CASI Policy Manual. Janice will send out copies of the CASI Policy Manual electronically to all.

A copy of the Rules of the Ranch for TICC was passed out and all were asked to review and make any suggestions for changes to President Moore prior to the Great Peppers Meeting.

The Credentials Committee has been appointed by the President: Darin Jester is Chairman; members are David Sexton, Robbie Swart, and Mike Strack.

The Nomination Committee for Board candidates has been appointed by the President: Karen Bains is Chairman; members are Bruce Smith and Rick Thomas.

The Board need to be thinking about nominations for Chilihead of the Year. This is based on contributions made to CASI during the current chili year.

Vice-President's Report

Bill Pierson reported that all is well.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Blair stated there were only minor changes to the 'preliminary' financial report he presented in April, 2009. \$4,785 in depreciation has been factored into the final balance. In kind services and products from Sponsors, in the amount of \$43,500, have been factored into the balance sheet to show the dollar support of our sponsors. The final accounting for TICC 2008 shows a profit of \$7,028.51. Ed is still in the process of transferring all the old financial information into the QuickBooks accounting software system. A discussion ensued about the QuickBooks program, and Ed explained how all changes can now be traced. There is no way to erase a past entry.

Janice asked that the financial report be posted on the web site so it would be readily accessible to those with questions about the financial strength of CASI. Ed advised he would do that.

Ed indicated that the current procedure for non-profit organizations is not to have separate bank accounts for different categories' of money; i.e. our Scholarship funds are identified by amount in the general account, but are not in a 'separate' account. Janice made a request to Ed that the Scholarship money be placed in a separate bank account so Barbara Herrin, Scholarship Program Administrator, can better track the incoming scholarship monies and make the proper responses to the necessary parties.

A discussion ensued concerning the amount of time a check for the CASI fees for a cookoff is held before it is cashed. The main time lag seems to be in the time that lapses between the cookoff and when the paperwork is first sent to the Tallymaster. There is another lag as the Tallymaster sends checks to the Treasurer in groups of fifteen, not as soon as he gets them. This may take as long as two weeks. Ed indicated there is a system in place in the banks where checks are cleared electronically by the bank as soon as they are presented. Ed will look into the cost of doing this.

Bill raised the question of raising the cash reserve account to get it to the level of \$100,000 by adding any monies allocated for the Great Peppers Meeting but not expended.

Membership Report

John Goforth reported as of June, 2009 Annual members numbered 935; Life members numbered 493; and Corporate members numbered 55. Total membership is 1,483. This compares to 1,493 total members at this time last year. A list of all members was provided to the Board. John reported that in the past 12 months there were 258 new annual memberships.

A discussion followed about Corporate Sponsors being able to log in to the CASI web site to see their ads in the *Trails* in color. Currently there are no provisions for that.

Bo Prewitt indicated several members had requested that the expiration date of the membership be shown on the membership card. The cost of membership cards was discussed.

TallyMaster's Report

Bill Pierson reported that to date there have been 375 cookoffs, judging 11,802 cups of chili, and raising \$906,555 for charity. There have been 8 fewer cookoffs than this time last year, but money raised is about \$14,000 ahead of last year. To date, 267 cooks have qualified for TICC 2009, and 127 Show Teams have qualified. This is an increase over last year in cooks, but a decrease in show teams.

There are no delinquent cookoffs!

***Terlingua Trails* Report**

Bucky Seelig reported on the cost of the *Trails*. Printing costs have been steady at \$700 a month from November, 2008, until June, 2009. Bulk mail costs for that 8 month period have remained fairly steady at about \$630 per month. Parcel post costs, the cost associated with mailing boxes of *Trails* to various cookoffs and people, have increased by about 20% from November to June. For the last 8 months the cost of printing and mailing the *Trails* has averaged \$1,682 per month. The average cost of a box of *Terlingua Trails* including printing, boxes and postage is about \$10 per box. It was noted that if a cookoff asked for 2 boxes, our cost is \$20 out of the \$25 fee per cookoff that comes to CASI.

It was suggested that Dorathy Williams be asked to closely monitor the number of boxes of *Trails* sent to the cookoffs, as some may be being sent to cookoffs when not requested. It was decided to change the CCO application to default to 0 for both the *Terlingua Trails* and cup tickets.

It was mentioned that the cost of ads in the *Trails* has not increased since 2003. That has been put on the agenda for a future meeting to review for a possible increase.

Public Relations Report

Ken Rodd indicated that the press release for 2009 TICC was almost complete; he is waiting on Jim Ezell to identify sponsors that he wants mentioned. Boomer Kingston is preparing spot announcements for the radio to publicize TICC.

The recommendation was made to continue the 50% discount for all military personnel as was done last year. Ed Blair mentioned there was some confusion over who was allowed the military discount at the TICC gate last year. It was agreed to discount active military, retired military, and reservists all with a Military ID to enter at a 50% reduced rate.

MOTION by Ed Blair to extend for another year the discount for military personnel for anyone with a Military ID. The motion was seconded by Ken Rodd.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Roger Foltz distributed a request for a budget to be set for the Public Relations Committee to further the marketing of CASI on a nationwide basis. Reasoning for a budget was outlined, and the request was made for all to review the documents for discussion at a future meeting.

Ranch Report

Tim Collier reported he is working on a contract for porta potties at TICC but has not finalized it yet due to changing fuel costs. He is waiting on a quote on the trash removal.

A discussion ensued pertaining to the agreement with Ray King relative to C.A.S.I., Inc. It was noted that the Board originally approved a 2' X 4' sign, however Mr. King thought it was to be a 3' X 5' sign. After a lengthy discussion,

MOTION by Janice Miller to approve a 3' x 5' plaque for the C.A.S.I., Inc. memorial. The motion was seconded by Ken Rodd

Motion passed: Unanimous

The President noted that the agreement is currently begin reviewed by the CASI attorney in San Antonio.

Upcomings

Renee Moore presented Dorathy Williams' report that 518 packets had been sent out for upcoming cookoffs since October 1, 2008. Corporate member plaques for new members were ordered and 8 have been shipped. There have been 19 Corporate member renewals. Sales of TICC merchandise total \$602.50. New CASI merchandise for 2009 TICC has been ordered except the poster T-shirts and sweat shirts.

There was a discussion about corporate member plaques and not automatically sending one every year. John and Ed will coordinate with Dorathy to arrive at a solution.

Old 320 Report

Janice Miller presented the report for Ralph Hay. It was again requested by certain Old 320 members that the wording of the Old 320 rules concerning the mention of members and *significant other entry at TICC be changed from significant other to guest*. Discussion followed concerning the change in wording.

MOTION by Roger Foltz to change the wording as from *significant other* to *guest* in the Old 320 Rules. Motion was seconded by Janice Miller.

Motion failed.

A question was raised about Old 320 sites belonging to Pods that are no longer active or have become severed from CASI. Discussion followed.

MOTION by Janice Miller that if a Pod is disbanded or loses affiliation with CASI and has an Old 320 site in the Pod's name, the site will revert back to CASI one year after the Pod loses its CASI affiliation, which is two years after going on probation. Motion was seconded by Bo Prewitt.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Sponsorship Report

In Jim Ezell's absence, the following report was read into the minutes by Janice Miller:

While the sponsorship program started the year in a somewhat unsettled state, I am pleased to report that many positive things are coming together as we approach the Great Pepper's Meeting.

The only firm negative I have to report at this time is the loss of Ancira in the Gold Sponsor category. Although I hope this will not be a permanent loss, at this point we have no funding from them. They are good until September and maybe we will have a better report from them or a sponsorship on a smaller scale.

The other Gold Sponsors are on board again. I have received great reports from the people at Mondavi/Woodbridge and they look forward to another year. After a scary start with some of the many new people at Bruce, they have assured me they are still firmly behind us. The situation with L & F for Budweiser is confirmed and I am still pursuing the proposal to build a Legacy Sponsor from this. Hill Country/Jim Stateczny is still providing his valuable services on an ongoing basis.

At the Silver Level: The contract is in process for the Texas Lottery to return. I have requested an increase to \$3500.00 for their participation as they want the option for a second booth at Krazy Flats. I have negotiated for the 1500.00 in gift certificates for the winners at Lajitas and it appears the margarita booth in the original scenario is off right now. They will also be providing 15 rooms for VIPs and Sponsors at a discounted rate. On a very good note, Permian Distributing (Lone Star, Miller, and Coors) was bought out by Glazer's. I was concerned about the ice trailer and still have not got the details worked

out. I have been assured, however, that the man we dealt with at a lesser level last year is now running the branch and thinks well of us. The very good news is this: the purchaser of Permian is Glazer's where we have valuable ties. I believe that by next year this will move to a Gold Sponsorship and probably bring back Corona and possibly some of the New Belgium Brands in addition to Lone Star, etc. Right now I have a tentative meeting with the McCormick Distilling Brands: Tequila Rose and Tarantula Tequila. I know we will get a better program from them this year and hopefully some nice perks, if not cash. I have no news from Capital One to report and need to put my head together with Ken Rodd for direction on this.

At this point I do not know of any defectors amongst our smaller sponsors. I will get with each and firm up before the poster deadline. I want to call special attention to the matching funds Scholarship and Local Business sponsorships we have benefited from the last few years. I know I report at the meeting each year that we raised \$10,000.00 for this and it really is a fact. I was able to attend the graduation exercises for Big Bend High School and believe me, I was very, very proud as the ten graduates that were moving on to college all received CASI/LOCAL Scholarship money in amounts from \$3,000.00 down to \$500.00. This is something I sincerely hope we can continue to implement, as it brings tremendous attention to us from the standing room only crowd.

In closing, we will have a good year. I have two potential sponsors in negotiation with good prospect. I am in hopes of better than expected returns from several existing supporters. The addition of Kiowa Casino will be valuable and another Indian Tribal group is taking a look at CASI. I have been staying busy and I believe our program is thriving.

Report on Scholarship Program

Barbara Herrin provided information on the CASI National Scholarship Program. She indicated that in the past guidelines had not been written, and she has provided the Board with draft written formal guidelines which she would like to see adopted. She advised the program is currently structured with a Program Administrator and 9 Committee Members. She has recommendations for the future applicants on how their application should be presented; a proposed scoring matrix for the scoring of the applications; and recommendations on term limits for the Program Administrator and the Committee Members. The Board agreed to propose the Scholarship Program Guidelines for adoption at the Board Meeting in Midland, Texas in September.

MOTION by Tim Collier to appoint Barbara Herrin as the Scholarship Program Administrator for a 3 year term. Motion was seconded by Janice Miller.

Motion passed.: Unanimous

Herrin reported there were 266 applicants for the 6 Scholarships that were awarded. All applications were copied and mailed to the Committee Members, with the request they reply by March 23rd. The top 15 were placed in rank order, and once the number of scholarships to be awarded in 2009 was determined, letters of congratulations were mailed to the 6 winners; regrets were mailed to the others. The names of the winners were posted on the blog, and in the June issue of the *Terlingua Trails*.

At this time, there are 31 individuals listed on the books as scholarship recipients who have not used all their allocated funds. This includes all the current awardees but also goes back to 2001. There are 6 that we have not been able to contact. Those 6 account for \$8,000, that was allocated but could be released for new scholarships if it will not be used as originally allocated.

Ed brought up the point of having a check box on the cookoff results reporting form, indicating a cookoff could donate a percentage of the proceeds to the CASI Scholarship Fund. After discussion, it was decided Barbara Herrin would develop an explanation about the CASI Scholarship Program, to be forwarded to Dorathy to put in future cookoff packets, indicating an option to designate a portion of the cookoff proceeds to the fund.

Report on Upcoming GP Meeting

Janice Miller presented an expense projection for the upcoming Great Peppers Meeting to be in Midland, Texas September 10 – 12, 2009. The projected cost of the GP meeting is \$22,175 compared to last year's cost of \$22,649 in Amarillo.

Janice requested information from Donna Conrad about the 2010 Great Peppers Meeting, and exactly where it will be held. It was determined that there is not a Pod sponsoring or assisting with this meeting.

It was decided that a policy manual for the Great Peppers Meeting will need to be adopted.

Committee Reports

- A. **Events Committee:** Bill Pierson indicated that Dorathy Williams was Co-Chairman and members of the committee include: Johnye Harriman, Vickie Childers, Greg Monger, and Jen Windsor. He noted that there will not be a Halloween party this year, as Halloween will occur the week prior to TICC. The proposed BBQ to be held at TICC was discussed by the committee, and they agreed it would be a good idea.

A proposal for the Midwest Regional Open to be held on October 17, 2009 in Lenexa, Kansas was properly submitted to the Committee for review. Bill explained the questions asked about the application and indicated the Committee recommended approval of the cookoff.

MOTION by Bill Pierson to approve the Midwest Regional to be held in Lenexa, Kansas on October 17, 2009. Motion was seconded by Janice Miller.

Motion passed: Unanimous

- B. **Finance Committee:** Ed Blair indicated the Committee is discussing conceptual budgets for smaller expenses that are both recurring and non-recurring each year.

He stated all amounts spent in 2008 are entered in the computer program and he can print out copies for all to see what has been spent in the past.

Tim Collier proposed having a policy that required the President and Executive Director review all bank statements every month.

MOTION by Tim Collier to have the CASI President and CASI Executive Director review the bank statements each month. Seconded by Bill Pierson.

Motion passed: Unanimous

- C. **Governance Committee:** Tim Collier reported the members are Douglas Seelig and Richard Knight. There was no Committee report.
- D. **Public Relations Committee:** Ken Rodd asked that happy hour at TICC be advertised on the price placards printed by the beer distributors.

Roger advised he has asked about a travel package to include discounted items from several Corporate Members from the Terlingua area for the week of TICC. Example would be a room for several nights at Lajitas, a river ride from Desert Sports, dinner at Starlight, and 50% off admission to TICC, plus a seat at the judging table. This package could be advertised to travel agents, and also by the Corporate Members.

Renee mentioned providing a space for the local Corporate Members to set up a booth at TICC to advertise their services. She has asked Jim Ezell to mention this to the Corporate Members.

TICC 2009 Assignments

Renee Moore reminded all of assignments for TICC and the list was reviewed again. Tim reported one of the refrigerators was not working. He will see about the cost for a replacement.

Ed needs two additional lock boxes for the concession area and Krazy Flats.

It was agreed that we would stay with 100% payback on the Calcutta.

New Business

- A. **CASI and a Group Exemption:** Ed Blair advised the Board of the 501(c)(3) exemption and how it applies to the Pods, and how they can join the group. It will cost \$350 to implement, and several pods have requested that this be done. Ed advised that each pod that joins should incorporate. Incorporation will vary by state. Ed will have the rules available at the GP Meeting.
- B. **Pod Newsletter Contest:** Roger reported we would have a Pod newsletter contest again this year. Three months of newsletters will be judged. Information has been posted in the *Trails* and on the blog.

- C. Bylaws Amendments:** Janice Miller indicated there are some proposed bylaws amendments to be considered. These will be tabled until the Great Peppers Meeting in September, as there will be at least one more change.

Bill Pierson advised there were some rules changes that should be proposed by the Board. These rules changes concern rules affected by the creation of the National Open Championship, and clarify the rules regarding automatic showmanship qualification. Those changes will be proposed at the Board of Directors meeting in Midland.

- D. CASI Display Policy:** Roger reported that the plastic piece on the display with the CASI Pepper logo has been repaired by an anonymous donor in Wichita Falls. Roger is developing a proposal for use of the CASI Display and will forward it to Board members for their review and input.

- E. Activities During TICC Week:** Bill Pierson reported the Events Committee had reviewed TICC events, with the exception of the BBQ, which will come up later in the meeting.

MOTION by Ken Rodd for permission to be given to Sotol Pod to hold a cookoff at the Ranch the week of TICC. Motion was seconded by Bill Pierson.

A discussion followed.

The motion was amended to include the stipulation that Sotol Pod be responsible for setting up and cleaning all tables and chairs, pressure washing the judging and patio pavilion areas, including buildings, and cleaning the judging area at the conclusion of the cookoff. This is to be done prior to Monday of TICC week. The authority is for a 3 year period and may be renewed by formal request of Sotol Pod to the Board.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Renee Moore will prepare a letter with the stipulations to send the Great Pepper of the Sotol Pod.

- F. TICC Fund Raisers:** Bucky Seelig explained a Cadillac Auction and requested one be held at TICC. It would be a 50-50 split, with 50% of the money raised going to the CASI Scholarship Program.

MOTION by Bill Pierson to hold a Cadillac Auction at TICC this year on a trial basis, with the fee to be \$10 per number. Motion was seconded by Ed Blair.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Bucky Seelig agreed to make the board(s).

MOTION by Tim Collier to hold a 50 – 50 raffle at TICC this year on a trial basis. Motion was seconded by Ed Blair.

Motion passed: Unanimous

G. Rules of the Ranch: Renee Moore passed out a printed copy of the rules for review. These will be passed out at the gate during TICC.

H. Storage Unit: Roger is investigating the cost of renting a storage unit for storing the CASI Display, boxes of records, and items donated for the CASI Museum. To date, an acceptable location and fee have not been found.

I. Charge for NSF Checks: The current charge for an NSF check was set in 1994 at \$10. As the cost for NSF has risen, CASI has increased their fee, but there is no documentation of this action. The Executive Director is responsible for the collection of NSF checks and believes the fee should be raised with proper documentation.

MOTION by Ken Rodd to set the fee for NSF checks at \$35. Motion was seconded by Roger Foltz.

Motion passed: Unanimous

J. Volunteer Insurance: Janice Miller did research on volunteer insurance for 3 people. Coverage is \$2,500 per person indemnity, medical \$25,000 per person. This coverage is secondary to a person's personal medical, and homeowners policies. Bill Pierson recommended coverage be increased to 8 people.

MOTION by Bill Pierson to provide coverage for 8 volunteers at TICC. Motion was seconded by Tim Collier.

Motion passed: Unanimous

K. GPS Contract: Ken Rodd indicated we can have the Ranch shown on various GPS devices for a \$50 fee. This would also show up on a map of the area.

MOTION by Ed Blair to spend \$50 to have the CASI Ranch listed on GPS systems. Motion seconded by Tim Collier.

Motion passed: Unanimous

L. Job Descriptions: Janice Miller indicated she has job descriptions for all Board positions and jobs and will post those to the web site shortly.

M. Crazy Flats Coordinator: Janice Miller advised that 2 people had applied for the advertised position; Don Hoy and Raymond Pilchick. Discussion followed on these two.

A ballot was taken. Don Hoy won. Janice will notify both candidates.

- N. Poster Contest:** All submissions were reviewed. Two of the Wendell Rankin drawings submitted piqued the interest of the Board, and it was decided that a color rendition of the two drawings is needed to review before a vote is taken. Roger will take the two drawings to Wendell and ask him to do them in color.
- O. International Festivals & Events Assoc. (IFEA)** Janice Miller brought to our attention this organization that is a professional trade association for Texas-based festival and event planners, volunteers and suppliers. They are having a conference in Ft. Worth July 10 – 12. Roger will make contact with the organization to discuss attending the conference.
- P. Committee Functions:** Bucky Seelig stated that it would be better if each committee named by the Board would advise the Board of any topic they were discussing, then advise the Board of the final outcome. The purpose would be to let Board members know when something was being discussed so that they would be better prepared to respond to any members' inquiry.
- Q. Travel Expense:** Tim Collier brought up the fact that 8 of the 11 Board members live in Texas and travel money could be saved if the summer Board Meeting was held in Texas. Discussion followed concerning expenses and how to reduce. Current policy will be reviewed and discussed again at the next Board meeting.
- R. Laura Recovery Center:** Ed Blair was contacted by the Laura Recovery Center about them setting up a booth at TICC for the purpose of signing up members. Their purpose is to have a database that can be notified by e-mail when a person is missing in an area so that they might assist Laura Recovery Center in finding the missing person. They will not use this site for any fund raising.

MOTION by Janice Miller to allow Laura Recovery Center to set up a booth at TICC this year. Motion was seconded by Tim Collier.

Motion passed: Unanimous

- S. Fee Structure for use of Ranch:** Renee passed out the thank-you letter from Desert Sports regarding the Mas O Menos bike race, and advised that we still have a year left on the original agreement to let them use the Ranch. We will need to review the fee structure in January, 2010.
- T. State Fair Display:** Tom Williams will be working a booth at the State Fair of Texas for Brewster County, and has asked if CASI wanted to have information disseminated. The fee for this would be \$500. It was decided that CASI would not take advantage of this opportunity.
- U. Expenditure Approval Dollar Amount:** Discussed previously in the Finance Committee report.

V. BBQ at TICC: Tim Collier reviewed information on having a BBQ competition on Thursday of TICC. It would be run by Lone Star BBQ, would generate additional gate fees, and CASI would receive 20% of the entry fees. For that 20%, CASI would have to provide condiments and water for the judging. All cooking would be in the spectator area, no BBQ pits would be allowed in the cooks' area or the Old 320.

MOTION by Bill Pierson to have the BBQ competition at TICC this year. Motion was seconded by Roger Foltz.

Motion passed: Unanimous

W. Pioneer Award: Janice Miller presented a proposal from Richard Knight to establish a Pioneer Award to deserving individuals or groups of individuals who have made significant contributions to CASI. She asked that we review the information provided and discuss this award at the Board Meeting on Friday at the Great Peppers Meeting.

The next Board meeting will be on Friday, September 11, 2009 at the Great Peppers Meeting, in Midland, Texas.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **MOTION** by Ken Rodd to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion passed: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Renee F. Moore, President

Roger B. Foltz, Secretary