

1988
C.A.S.I. - CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING

September 10, 1988

Las Cruces, New Mexico

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bobby Aldridge, Darrell Baxter, Larry Burruss, Mike Gallagher, Ralph Hay, Ken Hudspeth, Pat Irvine, Rex Jones, A. Vann York

Larry Burruss, President, called the annual meeting of CASI-Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc. to order at 9:10 a.m. on September 10, 1988, at the Las Cruces Holiday Inn/Plaza Suites. Larry welcomed all Great Peppers, Directors and spectators. Larry introduced Mike Gallagher, credentials committee chairman.

Mike introduced the current Great Peppers and the incoming Great Peppers of the pods present:

BELCH POD - Gary Scott
BORDER POD - did not report; will not be seeded until credentials are presented
CAPITOL POD - Bob McGuire
CASA POD - Doyle Dancy
CASINOVA POD - Bill Gratz
CAP CASI - Preston Nickle
CHILIHEADS OF ARIZONA - Jim Sabo
COLORADO - John Montgomery
COLUMBIA RIVER - Marie Keyes (Great Pepper) proxy to Bob Whitefield
CONCHO VALLEY - Gary Ransom (incoming Great Pepper)
COWTOWN - Doris Coats
DAM POD - Beth Baxter
GOLDEN TRIANGLE - Robert Bell
GREEN COUNTRY - Guy Clow (Great Pepper) proxy to Dixie Johnson
HOOCH POD - David Valega
HOT POD - Charles Culp
HIGHLAND LAKES - R. V. Turney
HIGH DESERT POD - Tom Wheeler
HOUSTON POD - Marolyn Blair
IOWA CHILI APPRECIATION ASSOCIATION - Sam Jennison
LA CASI LOUISIANNE - Ron Hudson
LLANO ESTACADO - Jack Johnson
MASON-DIXON - Bruce Pinnell
MESILLA VALLEY - Bill Dietz
MC-KAN POD - Jr. Johnson
NORTH IDAHO POD - Mike Crouch
NOB POD - Glyn Gaines
PASADENA POD - Charlie Throop
PIEDMONT POD - Nancy Porter (Great Pepper) proxy to Richard Knight

POD OF THE PASS - Carlos Gonzales
PUGET POD - Keith Bennett
PURGATORY CREEK POD (PCP) - Ray King
ROSE CITY POD - Richard Gaiser
SACA POD - Sammie Plant
SAP CASI - Mel Burton
SPACE CITY POD - Sandy McIntosh
SOT POD - Larry Otto
TALL IN TEXAS (TIT) - Billy Childers
TOP OF TEXAS (TOT) - Mikie McGarity
VASA - Gene Jones

Mike also introduced the Great Peppers of the pods requesting seeding:

BLACK GOLD - Ed Kelly
CLASSIC CASI - Don Causey
DEL VALLEY - Dale Flach
HOOSIER POD - Russ Hart
MID SOUTH - Tanna Bonner
OLD DOMINION (OD POD) - Richard King

Mike made a motion that all pods be accepted for seeding except the last six. Bill Dietz (Mesilla Valley) seconded. Motion carried.

Larry Burruss introduced Bill Dietz, Great Pepper of the host Pod--Mesilla Valley. Bill welcomed everyone to Las Cruces. Bill presented a big pepper to Ken Hudspeth and a little pepper to Larry Burruss. He announced that food and drinks would be available at the Hospitality Suite following the meeting.

Larry introduced the current Board of Directors.

Pat Irvine, secretary, stated that minutes of the 1987 annual meeting were included in the delegate packets. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

Pat Irvine, Treasurer, presented the financial report. Copies were available in the delegate packets. The floor was opened for discussion.

Robert Bell (Golden Triangle) asked if money due CASI from Glen Pepper had been paid. Larry stated that Glen had assured him it would be paid, but to date, no payment has been received. Larry has discussed site improvements and the gate fees due CASI on numerous occasions.

Robert Bell made a motion that the Board be given authority if site improvements are not made and monies due CASI are not paid that they begin on November 10, 1988 to find a new site. Larry asked that this matter be postponed until later in the agenda.

Gene Jones (VASA) asked if the increased fees would be decreased once the legal fees were paid. Ken Hudspeth and Larry Burruss answered that these fees were being used for legal fees as well as for Terlingua expenses and administrative expenses.

Bill Dietz (Mesilla Valley Pod) made a motion that financial report be accepted. Robert Bell (Golden Triangle) seconded. Motion carried.

Ken Hudspeth introduced the arriving Great Pepper of the High Desert Pod - Tom Wheeler

Rex Jones, Talleymaster, reported that there had been 320 cookoffs reported this year. At this time last year, we had 301. There are currently 223 qualified cooks. Last year at this time, there were 185. There are currently 53 show teams qualified. Rex requested that referees complete the winners' list legibly and write or print the referees name so that it is also legible. Rex announced that Arizona would be a 12-point state beginning October 1, 1988.

Mike Gallagher, credentials chairman, re-introduced the new pods for a vote on seeding:

BLACK GOLD - Credentials are in order. Jack Johnson (Ilano Estacado) made a motion that BLACK GOLD POD be seeded. Bill Dietz (Mesilla Valley) seconded. Motion carried. Great Pepper Ed Kelly was presented delegate's credentials. Black Gold Pod is from Midland, Texas.

CLASSIC CASI - Credentials are in order. Ray King (PCP) made a motion that CLASSIC CASI be seeded. Doris Coats (COWTOWN) seconded. Motion carried. Don Causey, Great Pepper, was presented credentials. Classic CASI is from Seguin, Texas.

DEL VALLEY POD - Credentials are in order. Bill Dietz (Mesilla Valley) made a motion that DEL VALLEY POD be seeded. Motion was seconded and carried. Del Valley's Great Pepper, Dale Flach, was presented delegate's credentials.

HOOSIER POD - Credentials are in order. Mikie McGarity (TOT) made a motion to seed HOOSIER POD. Preston Nickle (CAP CASI) seconded. Motion carried. Russell Hart, Great Pepper, was presented credentials. Hoosier Pod is from Indianapolis, Indiana.

MID-SOUTH POD - Credentials are in order. Preston Nickle (CAP) made a motion to seed the MID-SOUTH POD. Ray King (PCP) seconded. Motion carried. Tanna Bonner, Great Pepper, was presented with voting credentials. Mid-South Pod is from South Haven, Mississippi.

OLD DOMINION (OD) POD - Credentials are in order. Bob McGuire (CAPITOL) made a motion that OLD DOMINION POD be seeded. Bruce Pinnell (MASON-DIXON) seconded. Motion carried. Richard King, Great Pepper, was presented delegate's credentials. OLD DOMINION POD is from Clifton, Virginia.

Dixie Johnson (GREEN COUNTRY) made a motion to waive the thirty-day requirement for seeding of the PEPE POD. Mikie McGarity (TOT) seconded. Dixie stated that this Pod is located near the Nebraska-Colorado Border. There are 34 members primarily from Missouri and Nebraska. Motion carried.

Dixie Johnson (GREEN COUNTRY) made a motion that the PEPE POD be seeded. Mikie McGarity (TOT) seconded. Motion carried. Ray Calhoun, proxy for PEPE POD, was presented with delegate's credentials.

Ken Hudspeth directed the delegates of the newly seeded Pods to the voting area. All were congratulated.

Mike thanked Carol and Harvey West for their assistance on the credentials committee.

Mike announced that the voting strength was 55 (46 Pods and 9 Directors.)

Unfinished Business: Larry Burruss announced that CASI had been successful in litigation for the name CASI and CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL. Copies of the Court's findings and ruling were available.

Larry announced that International Chili Society (ICS) has filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office an application for the right to use "Chili Cookoff." If granted, this would have serious implications in many areas. We have initiated an extension of time to object to the Service Mark. We have answered as to why we object to it.

Keith Bennett (Puget) stated that Puget Pod had applied for and received a service mark for "chili cookoff."

Ken Hudspeth announced that he had been approached about concerns for education and training of new Pods and new cooks. Ken asked Darrell Baxter to develop a training tape. These will be made available at cost and mailing expense. Darrell Baxter presented a rough draft of the training tape to Larry Burruss. Larry and Ken both thanked Darrell for his work on the tape.

Mike Gallagher (Board) presented to the Great Peppers a re-format of the rules. The re-formatted rules are in three sections:

- (1) Cookoff related CASI rules and procedures
- (2) CASI policies, and
- (3) Guidelines

Mike made a motion to accept this format. Bob McGuire (CAPITOL) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Burruss thanked Bobby Aldridge for his work on "Terlingua Trails." Bobby addressed the Great Peppers and encouraged contributions to the newsletter.

New Business: Ken Hudspeth, Executive Director, addressed the group about fund raising for the defense fund. He introduced the North Texas Great Peppers: Beth Baxter (DAM), Doris Coats (COWTOWN), Mikie McGarity (TOT), Robert Bell (GOLDEN TRIANGLE), Charles Culp (HOT) and Glen Gaines (NOB). These Great Peppers working with their Pods were able to raise \$1,844.13 from the Texas Open cookoff. Ken encouraged and challenged all Pods to work together towards paying the legal fees due from the litigation. A check in the sum of \$1,844.13 was presented.

Election of Officers: Larry announced that the individuals seeking the office of Director were Darrell Baxter, Frank Fox, Ray King, Bob Whitefield and Rex Jones. Carlos Gonzales (Pod of the Pass) nominated Hut Brown. Robert Bell (Golden Triangle) nominated Mikie McGarity. Mike Gallagher (Board) made a motion that nominations cease. Dixie Johnson (Green Country) seconded. Motion carried.

Larry announced that Ken Hudspeth was seeking the office of Executive Director. There were no further nominations. Robert Bell (Golden Triangle) made a motion that Ken be elected by acclamation. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Each of the nominees for Director were introduced and addressed the delegates. Elections followed. Following the tally, Larry announced the election results: Elected for three-year terms were Rex Jones and Ray King. Elected for a two-year term was Bob Whitefield.

While the ballots were being counted, Ken Hudspeth and Mike Gallagher began the rules discussion using the reformatted rules.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

The meeting reconvened, and Larry announced the results of the election of officers held during the lunch break. The newly-elected officers are:

President - A. Vann York
Vice President - Bobby Aldridge
Secretary-Treasurer - Pat Irvine
Talleymaster - Rex Jones

The rules, procedures and guidelines approved by the delegates are as follows:

I.(A)(1)(a) "No marinating if allowed." was inserted following definition of "Scratch" chili.

II.(A)(1)(e) If the number of cups turned in exceeds the number of head cooks registered, the original numbers held by contestants with lost cups become invalid.

II.(A)(3) (At each level of judging prior to the finals table, judging cups should be divided equally among the tables to have about 15 chilis per table.)

II.(A)(5)(b) Contestants must be notified at registration and the cooks' meeting of the turn-in time.

II.(A)(5)(e) No smoking will be allowed at the judging tables during the judging process.

II.(A)(5)(i)(1) A new spoon must be used for each taste of chili.

II.(A)(6)(a) A minimum of three judging sheets may be pulled secretly and at random, before any judging sheets have been tabulated, to be used for tie breaking. If necessary, a tie breaking panel of three (3) judges will be used to break ties on the final judging table. These judges must be composed of persons who have not cooked or judged that day.

III.(A)(2) (Hired professional performers should not be allowed in showmanship competition.)

III.(A)(2)(a) (Traveling is allowed, and show teams will be judged while traveling around the cookoff.)

III.(A)(2)(d) Only independent, D.C., battery-powered, amplification may be used with limited volume so as not to interfere with adjacent contestants. Decisions on volume and power source is at the discretion of the CASI official monitoring the cookoff.

IV.(A)(1) Show judges must not be associated with any show team at the cookoff (e.g. one spouse showing and the other spouse judging).

IV(A)(1)(b) Showmanship judges must remain anonymous to everyone during the judging.

IV.(A)(4) Show teams will be judged both at their cook site and while traveling around the cookoff.

IV.(A)(5). Showmanship entrants must be identified with large "rodeo style" (approximately 8 1/2 x 11) block numbers. Show judges should use this identification in lieu of names.

V.(A)(b) Any cookoff restriction (e.g. ground meat only, no propane stoves, entry date different from cookoff date, etc) must be clearly stated in all forms of publicity.

V.(A)(6)(a)(1) (One additional completed tally sheet should be given to the CASI referee for the purpose of recordkeeping.)

VI.(A)(3) At Men's Open, Women's Open, Regional and International Championships a minimum number of twenty-five (25) cooks must be present and cooking (one entry per individual per cookoff). State championships require the same number of cooks as is required for CASI sanctioning.

VI.(B)(1) A waiver of the 15-cookoff minimum is granted to the Washington State Men's Championship and the Washington State Women's Championship for the 1988-89 and 1989-90 chili years.

VI.(B)(2) A waiver of the regional championship policy is granted to the Northwest Regional Open for the 1988-89 and 1989-90 chili years.

VI.(B)(3) These international championships are limited to one International Open per country outside the United States.

There was discussion that CASI membership should be mandatory to have points recorded.

The Great Peppers indicated a strong wish that all Officers, Directors, Great Peppers and Regional and Area Referees of CASI be current paid members of CASI.

New Mexico applied for men's and women's state championships under the auspices of two different Pods subject to the sanctioning of next two cookoffs. The application was approved by the Great Peppers.

Arkansas requested retroactive sanctioning of the Arkansas Women's State Championship. The request was granted by the Great Peppers. Preston Nickle (CAP CASI) also requested a Men's and Women's State Championship for Arkansas in 1989 subject to having 15 sanctioned cookoffs. The request was granted.

Keith and Marlene Bennett (Puget Pod) were congratulated on their 22nd wedding anniversary. Richard and Beverly King (CD Pod) were congratulated on their 5th wedding anniversary.

Site for 1989 Great Peppers' Meeting:

Robert Bell on behalf of the North Texas Pods (DAM, TOT, NOB, GOLDEN TRIANGLE, and COWTOWN) would like to host the 1989 Great Peppers' Meeting at the DFW Airport Hotel.

Keith Bennett (Puget Pod) urged the Great Peppers to select Seattle, Washington as the site for the 1989 meeting. Keith showed a film presentation and also read letters of invitation to the Great Peppers from the Governor of the State of Washington and the Mayor of Seattle.

The vote by the delegates was as follows:

DFW area - 21

Seattle - 24

Seattle will host the 1989 Great Peppers' Meeting.

Billy Childers (TIT) requested the Southwest Open for Amarillo for the next three years. Billy made a motion that Amarillo host the Southwest Open in 1989 and 1990. Billy amended his motion to host the Southwest Open in 1989. Motion, as amended, was seconded and carried.

Nominations for Chilihead of the Year were requested from the delegates by the end of the meeting.

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Ken Hudspeth made a motion that Regional Referee nominations be accepted without voting by the Great Peppers. Motion was seconded and carried.

Dixie Johnson (GREEN COUNTRY) requested that the Little Balkan Days Cookoff be sanctioned as the Kansas State Championship for 1988. Dixie will refer this to the Board of Directors.

Ken Hudspeth announced that Marolyn Blair was the Great Pepper of the Year. Three outstanding Great Peppers had been nominated: Marolyn Blair, Mikie McGarity and Billy Childers.

The 1988 meeting of the Great Peppers adjourned at 4:40 p.m.