

Texas Chefs Association

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chefs of the Coastal Bend



Meeting Date: *Sept 11, 2023*

Meeting Time: *6:17pm – 7:26pm*

Meeting Place: *The Galley Bistro and Bake Shop Corpus Christi, TX*

Meeting Called to Order by: Michael Smith CEC Chapter Director

Recognize Host: Thank you to Chef Zelina Zamora and Chef Dana Demers at The Galley Bistro

Insure Roster/Quorum: Quorum obtained with 4 board members

Introduce Guest:

Recognize the Excused: Education Chair Chef Robert Chan(working)

Call for the Past Meeting Minutes to be Accepted

Motion from the floor made by: *C John Prado CEC*

Motion seconded by: *Dean Sprague CEC*

Discussion by Assembly

Amendments

No amendments needed

Call for a vote on the Minutes of the Past Meeting to be Accepted:

Motion of Past Meeting Minutes Was: **Carried** / Lost

Treasurer's Report: Matt Axtell CEC

\$2.00 Bank Fee

856.41 Convention Expense

Director's Report: Michael Smith CEC

- *Award winners who attended the convention need to submit expenses*
- *Need to start looking towards our next director as Chef Michael's term is almost up*
- *Successful convention in Tyler with. Chef Michael and Chef Dean spoke with San Antonio director to assist with plans for next year's convention*

- *2025 Convention to come back to Corpus Christi*
- *Congrats to all award winners and Chef Michael for State Pastry Chef of the Year*
- *Would like to set up meeting with TRA board to build and strengthen relationship*

Committee Reports:

Certification: Dean Sprague CEC

- Working with Del Mar to be able to host certifications at their location
- We are the most certified chapter in the state
- Chef Dean and Chef Michael to be able to work with Certified Master Chefs to educate them on the process of proctoring exams and practicals

Education: Robert Chan Private Chef(absent)

- **Presentation** from Chef Dean on The History and Science of Vitamins as well as Global Flavor Principals.

Membership: Chef Michael Smith CEC

Director Michael Smith will target larger businesses in the area, i.e. Country clubs, hotels, hospitals, etc, in an effort to gain more chef members.

Social Outreach: Vacant

Director Michael Smith to assist until position filled

Fund Raising: Dean Sprague CEC

- Confirmed to do event for Lazy Beach Brewery grand opening of new tap room. Date pending to be set sometime in October
- Would like to make plans to resume the quarterly beer pairing with Lazy beach
- Beef Steak fundraiser has been moved to a future date in November.

Public Relations & Social Media : Vacant

Kelly Brownlow nominated and accepted position.

Culinary Arts & Competition:

- Current competitions have ended. A big thank you to members of the Chefs of the Coastal bend for assisting with judging.

Chapter Social

Still in discussion of the type of social we are to have.

Old Business:

- A. Chair and Board positions
- B. Membership Drives
- C. Topics for meeting agendas
- D. Chapter social to be decided by board members

New Business

- A. Need to submit ideas for chapter logo as well as 2025 convention logo
- B. Looking for a push in member activity**

Round Table:

- **Abel Ocanas** looking for ideas to give back to the community as the holiday season is coming up. Will look into different organizations we can volunteer with
- Wagyu prices stagnant as beef prices rise. Buy now if you can
- Looking into ways to possibly create a Zoom set up to involve more members and reach a broader area in the coastal bend.

Adjournment

Motion from the floor made by: *Chris Prado CEC*

Motion seconded by: *Richie Jones*

Discussion by Assembly

Call for a vote on Adjourning the Meeting:

Motion to Adjourn Meeting Was: **Carried / Lost**

VERY IMPORTANT!!! List the date, place, address and time for the next meeting in full.

Next meeting to be April 10th 6pm at the Executive Surf Club

