

# Texas Chefs Association

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

*(Chefs of the Coastal Bend)*



**Meeting Date:** 12/14/2020  
**Meeting Time:** 6:00pm  
**Meeting Place:** Lazy Beach Brewery

**Meeting Called to Order by:** Chef Dean Sprague CEC, Chapter President

**Recognize Host:** Thanks to Lazy Beach for hosting our monthly meeting.

**Insure Roster/Quorum:** Dean Sprague, Michal Smith, Paula Szczepanek, Richie Jones, Rob Flores, Marjorie Pettigrove, Robert Chan

**Introduce Guest:** Maria Sanchez (potential new member)

**Recognize the Excused:** Several members not in attendance due to work schedules and COVID concerns

### **Call for the Past Meeting Minutes to be Accepted**

**Motion from the floor made by:** Chef Richie Jones

**Motion seconded by:** Chef Paula Szczepanek

**Discussion by Assembly**

**Amendments:** N/A

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

**Motion of Past Meeting Minutes Was:** **Carried** / Lost  
**Call for the Present Meeting Agenda to be Reviewed:**

**Motion from the floor made by:** Chef Dean Sprague

**Motion seconded by:** Chef Richie Jones

**Discussion by Assembly  
Amendments / New Business**

**Call for a vote on the Present Meeting Agenda to be Accepted:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Chef Paula S: Bills paid for monthly storage fees

**Director's Report:** Chef Dean Sprague CEC:  
Discussion on what we as a chapter can do to increase member activity. We have many members but the same core group that remains active. Let's discuss ideas to increase activity and drive membership

**Committee Reports:**

**Certification:** Chef Michael Smith CEC: A lot of news!! Chef Michael Smith passed the practical for his CEPC. Chef Prado and Chef Villeneuve have passed the written exam for CEC. Chef Matt Axtell has currently scheduled a practical for CEC for February. Chef Cassidy Talley will be going for her practical for CWPC. Chef Richie Jones is currently in the process of meeting the requirements to go for CCC.

Every one is encouraged to seek certification on some level. Chef Mike discussed the personal experiences of certification and the benefits for self worth and professional gain. Certification can open the door for many networking opportunities that will help any chef's career.

**Education: Chef Matt Axtell:**

Seafood Traceability and the USDA Country of Origin Labeling(COOL)

**Membership: Margie Pettigrove:**

Sent emails to passed members wanting information on securing their return to our chapter. Also talking about working on a planned out scheduled meeting structure to email non active members so they can see the education and events we will provide in the meeting in an effort to gain more attendance in future meetings.

**Apprenticeship:N/A**

**Social Outreach:**

**Fund Raising: Chef Michael Smith CEC**

Currently in talks with Lazy Beach Brewery for a beginning of the year fundraiser.

**Public Relations & Social Media Chef Richie Jones**

Nothing new to report. Please feel free to message Chef Richie with any news you want shared on our page. Make sure to tag and friend Chefs of the Coastal Bend TCA on FB to stay informed and in touch with chapter events.

**Culinary Arts & Competition: N/A**

**Chapter Social : Looking to do an end of season social mid January.**

**Date TBD**

**Old Business:**

**A. End of season Social**

**B. Discussed why we won Issac Pena and what to do to keep winning**

## **New Business**

- A. Beer Pairing with Lazy Beach**
- B. Membership Drive emails**
- C. Non Active members email survey**

## **Round Table:**

**A lot of good ideas from new member Robert Chan on regaining non active members. Discussions from all chefs about a co-op kitchen and what it would take.**

## **Adjournment**

- Motion from the floor made by: Chef Dean Sprague**
- Motion seconded by: Chef 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.

*Please do not take for granted that it's common knowledge your chapter always meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 3 pm. Sometimes it does change so to make sure it is recorded accurately, be sure it is included at the close of your minutes.*

