International Comanche Society, Inc.

Minutes from TeamSpeak Meeting – May 16, 2017

By LaVerne Stroh, Secretary

Note: Motions and voting are in bold black font.

Action items are in bold blue font.

1. **Av Shiloh, President, called the meeting to order** at 8:02 PM EST
2. **Roll Call by LaVerne Stroh**

Officers:

President Av Shiloh Present

Vice President Bob Williams Present

Treasurer Bob Berry Present

Secretary LaVerne Stroh Present

Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

Tribe Rep SW Scott Myers Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep SC Ron Franks Present

Tribe Chief/Rep SE Jeff Munford Absent

Tribe Rep Mid States Pat Donovan Present for last part of meeting

Tribe Rep NW Bill Case Present

Tribe Rep NC Hank Spellman Present

Tribe Chief/Rep NE C J Stumpf Present for last part of meeting

Tribe Chief/Rep W Canada William Hughes Present

Tribe Chief/Rep E Canada Bryan McDougall Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep Europe Kate Burrows Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep S. Africa Russell Knowles Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep Australia Nigel Wettenhall Absent

Guests:

ICS Member EU Monica Rehkopf

ICS Member NC Dave Fitzgerald

**Quorum: There were nine (9) voting members present at the start of the meeting. Pat Donovan joined after the meeting began, and CJ Stumpf joined toward the end of the meeting.**

1. **Acceptance of Agenda by Board of Directors**

**Av asked if there were any objections to the agenda. There were no objections to the agenda. The agenda was accepted unanimously.**

1. **President’s Opening Remarks by Av Shiloh**

Av welcomed everyone to the meeting. This will be Av’s last meeting as President until the old and new board meetings that will be held at the convention. The new board will decide on when the next TeamSpeak meeting will be held.

1. **Acceptance of BOD Meeting Minutes by LaVerne Stroh**

The minutes for the March and April TeamSpeak meetings were sent out by LaVerne for review, and they were also attached to the agenda Av sent out.

**Ron moved to accept the March and April meeting minutes as written. Hank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

1. **Treasurer ‘s Report by Bob Berry**

Av stated the budget was printed on time and will be in the upcoming issue of the Flyer.

Bob Berry stated the budget for 2018 and all other reports are on the website.

Bob stated he is in process of printing out the tech tips and the manual. He will be taking over printing and sending these out rather than having Village Press doing it. He hasn’t talked to them about it yet until he is ready.

All bills are paid, and he is working about getting the inventory down.

Av asked about the status of the website payments regarding the message from LaVerne. Bob stated he sent LaVerne the information that ICS has paid $2400 of the $4800 agreement. Bob has the email of the agreement; but it is not signed.

Av asked when we were supposed to send the third payment.

LaVerne stated that is why she asked Bob to verify what we have paid. When she talked to Adam last he mentioned he had not received the third payment. When she got the information back from Bob she sent the information to Adam on getting paid.

Bob stated, as he put in the email to LaVerne, Adam can send the invoice to LaVerne for Phase 3, and she will forward it to Bob Berry.

Bob stated he paid AOPA for the twin and single that was on display for the AOPA fly-in in CA.

Av stated he heard it went well. They only have four scheduled for this year. Av will find out from Scott where the next one is.

Bob Berry stated we need to get some of the inventory out to these events to help try to get rid of it.

Bob thought we only did two last year. Av stated there was more than two. Bob stated that is all he paid for.

Members have dropped by 28 from April of last year. That may change the 2018 proposed budget, but the increase in dues should offset that.

Bob stated he added the things Pat wanted. He added for CFF donations. We are up to date on paying CFF.

Av stated we have a fluctuation in members. We seem to lose members in winter and get more in the summer. Last year we saw a nice spike in Oshkosh and immediately thereafter.

Bob stated there was a drop in net worth in 2018, but an increase in income when comparing from 2014 until present. We are now on budget.

Av stated at the end of the year we should again do a dues increase of 5% or less. That should stabilize things with the budget.

**Bob Williams moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Hank seconded the motion. There were no objections to the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

1. **Flyer – Letter from Director’s Schedule by LaVerne Stroh**

Av stated we are still waiting on CJ as far as he knows. CJ texted Av to let him know she will join the meeting as soon as she finds an internet connection.

LaVerne stated we are still missing CJ. LaVerne is also going through the tribe chiefs to see who we may be missing there. There may be one or two missing.

1. **Annual Convention Report by Bob Williams**

Bob Williams stated they are going over the numbers. He sent an email to the board members who have not registered yet since Sunday is the last day for the hotel registration at the convention price.

They currently have 67 people registered at the hotel, which includes 11 vendors. They have 36 for the welcome reception and 43 for Wednesday. They have 63 signed up for NASA but they are limited to 40; so they will have to find something else to do for some of them to do. That may change as we get closer to that day.

ICS will have a booth set up for old inventory and ordering from the new vendor for shirts, etc. This will be a good test for the new system.

Bob stated they have met hotel requirements and are good on the meal budget. Other than the vendors, they will break even or be within ten dollars. The vendors are contributing more than $4000; so we should be in good shape. We really need to support the vendors since they are going to really help us out.

Av stated there seemed to be more hotel registrations than those signed up for the convention, which isn’t unusual since many wait until the last to sign up.

Bob stated that was true. People signed up for the hotel rooms since they may disappear; but with only a ten dollar late fee for signing up, they seem to be holding off on signing up. It makes it almost impossible to plan when they wait until the last minute. He recommends anybody that is planning have a large late fee to help prevent that.

Bob stated they have ten people signed up to see American in Paris at the theatre on Saturday afternoon. We’ve had people from around the world sign up for it.

Av stated we have the board meetings scheduled; so, we are good there.

1. **New Website Report by LaVerne Stroh**

LaVerne stated there isn’t much to report. The rollout is scheduled for the weekend of July 14. She will be talking to Adam in the next few days to finalize some information that will be in the article in the July Flyer.

Av asked if the July date was still good.

LaVerne stated we are still planning for that date. Adam selected the date. It worked for LaVerne, Adam, and a few others she checked with.

Av asked if Dave had any input. Dave’s mic was not working.

1. **Nominating/Election Committee Report by Dave Fitzgerald**

Dave called Av to give him the report. Nominations close May 10. Voting is May 20 through June 20.

We will have elections every two years instead of one year; so, the board will need to decide how we deal with the budget in the year we don’t have elections.

1. **Committee Reports by Committee Chairs**

Av stated he did not receive any committee reports.

1. **Bylaws Committee Report by Hank Spellman**

Hank stated Monica joined the committee; and she has asked for explanations of some of the bylaws. It brought up some questions that need to be addressed. It is good to have new blood, especially someone like Monica.

1. **Tribe Reports by Tribe Chiefs/Reps**

William stated there will be a fly-in in Churchill, Manitoba on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29. Ken Mori is helping get this put together. His experience has been very helpful. He sent the information to LaVerne, as the Secretary, to distribute.

Av stated in the next day or two the ICS newsletter will be closing out. Send the information to Peter Morse and he will put in the newsletter. Also before the end of the month send it to Melissa Frisbee to get into the Flyer.

William asked where to find the contact information for them.

Av stated he will send it after the meeting.

1. **Miscellaneous Old Business by Board of Directors**

There was no old business.

1. **2017 EAA AirVenture by CJ Stumpf and Pat Donovan**

CJ state planning has begun with an email conversation with the committee from last year and also Pat Lautensack and Ray Burt from the NE tribe.

The primary focus is tweaking the tent to get more light and air. If you were there last year, you know what she is talking about.

They have contacted Bob Berry and he has had several requests regarding things for sale.

CJ has talked to Bill Case regarding a membership special for this year. It was very successful last year in getting new members or people that had been absent for up to ten years.

They are getting some speaker topics. She has a meeting with Zach Grant regarding plans on being involved again this year.

**CJ asked the members of the board to let them know if they or a delegated person will be at Oshkosh to represent their tribe.**

They would like to set up a schedule of time for people to meet a representative from their tribe; so they can connect tribe members or potential tribe members with leadership for their area. They would like to publish the timeframes.

CJ stated they would like to have a “find me” board for people to put up cards and put where they are parked if they aren’t in group parking.

Pat is working on parking for the Comanche’s again. They will promote that since the feedback was it was very good for ICS.

1. **2018 ICS Budget by Bob Berry and BOD**

Av stated this was covered under the Treasurer’s report and asked if there was any other input.

1. **Consistent Officer Term/ Date and Staggered Terms by Pat Donovan and the BOD**

Av asked if we wanted to discuss this item or leave it for the convention.

LaVerne stated it was her understanding this item was turned over to the Bylaws committee to work on.

Hank stated the committee has started looking at it but there are so many tentacles the go everywhere. They need to resolve several issues such as staggered terms or not. It has to do with timings of the annual meetings. There are too many questions without making some basic decisions.

Av asked if we want to take it up at the convention.

Hank stated we could discuss it some now or wait until the convention.

Bob Williams stated since this is a significant change we should have a proposal advanced by whoever wants to advance a proposal so we have some talking points. We could sit and what if forever. We’ve had what if meetings for a year. This meeting we’ve gotten a lot accomplished that is on the plan.

Av stated that was a valid thought.

**Av asked Hank to send out a proposal to everyone so we do an email of good and bad ideas so we have something to discuss.**

Hank stated he will try to get something out for the next meeting.

Bob Williams asked who will be at the board meeting.

Av and Hank will be there. Pat will be flying in on Wednesday so he won’t be at the old board meeting.

Bob stated the meeting is published for Wednesday morning; but, we can move it and let people know when they register.

Ron asked if it will be available on TeamSpeak since he won’t be there until later in the week.

Av stated it will be on TeamSpeak. He would like to keep it on Wednesday; but it is already published and in the minutes. This meeting is usually a short procedural meeting. He is more concerned people are in attendance at the new board meeting. Unless there are objections, we will stay with Wednesday.

1. **Miscellaneous New Business by Board of Directors**

There was no new business.

1. **Next Board of Directors Meeting by Board of Directors**

Av stated the next meeting would be at the annual convention with TeamSpeak for those not at the physical meeting.

Av asked if there was any other discussion.

CJ asked Bob if he talked about the East Canada Renaissance.

Bob stated he hadn’t but Dave was.

Dave stated he has been working with Al Hepburn and Brian McDougall from East Canada for a fly-in on June 3 in Tillsonburg which is just on top of Lake Erie and SE of London. Al Hepburn has contacted previous members to get them back involved. He is also working on another fly-in with CJ. It wasn’t in the Flyer but was in an email that was sent out. You can find it on the web page.

LaVerne stated she did not receive an email about a Canada fly-in.

Dave stated he sent it to NC and NE tribes and Brian sent it to the Canada tribe. He didn’t think anybody west of the Mississippi would be attending a Canada fly-in. Maybe he should have included others.

Av stated next time we maybe should send it out to the other tribes but he suspected Dave was right in that nobody else would be attending.

CJ stated this was put together quickly and is a one day fly-in.

Dave stated it can be overnight for anybody who wants to stay or if the weather turns bad. It was a one day event to get the ball rolling again.

CJ stated for people who want to plan ahead, the second multi tribe fly-in will be in August in Quebec City, Ottowa. That will be a multi-day fly-in; probably three days.

Ray Burton had put together a NE/SE tribe fly-in; but it was cancelled due to weather.

1. **Adjournment by Board of Directors**

**Ron moved to adjourn the meeting. CJ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Av thanked everyone for attending the meetings during his term as president. He is looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention.