

INTERNATIONAL COMANCHE SOCIETY, INC.

2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 18, 2008

Carnival Conquest, At Sea

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Dave Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

2. PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS

President Dave Fitzgerald thanked the Convention Cruise Committee Members and the Travel Agency for putting together a great Convention enjoyed by all.

He also mentioned that the "Care & Maintenance of the Piper Single Comanche" book donated to ICS in the fall of 2008 by our Maintenance Director and long time member, Bill Creech is available for purchase on the ComancheFlyer web site. The book has many good tips on how to care for and maintain your Single Comanche. Much of the information can also be applied to the twin. He mentioned how important volunteers are in ICS and the time that Bill Creech put into writing this book. Dave mentioned that he had received an e-mail from a member who heard about the book and wanted a copy. So Dave sent him one. Dave received a message back that inspection of the stabilator torque tube and horn revealed inside cracks visible to the naked eye. His Comanche had 5500 hours on it. "Thank you Comanche Society for writing about this issue during the past few years".

3. OLD BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Don Nelson reported that the P & L and Balance Sheets are available. Financially we are in much better shape than we were a few years ago thanks to the transition from Headquarters to Village Press. At the end of August 2008, we have about \$121,000 in CD's and still maintain the monthly expenses. The dues have stabilized and even reduced with a two year renewal. We have worked hard to increase technical support along with CFF. We have the POH and Tips Manual plus Bill Creech's SE Maintenance Manual available. We are supporting Hans Neubert in the ageing aircraft issues and the stabilator torque tube and horn issue. Our challenge now is to use our improved financial situation for the benefit of the members doing what they want. We need to hear from the members as to what you want.

We will need to spend money on the web site, Currently we have \$12,000 budgeted. Also we need to hire a professional bookkeeper. We will also expand on the Oshkosh event and Sun n Fun.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bernie Mazurek as Acting Secretary reported that the BOD meeting minutes and AGM minutes will be posted on the web site when they are completed.

4. ELECTION RESULTS

a) 2008/2009 BUDGET APPROVAL RESULTS

Harley McGatha reported that there were 305 votes to approve the Budget.

b) OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

Harley McGatha reported the following results:

Dave Fitzgerald received 314 votes for President.

Bernie Mazurek received 315 votes for Vice-President

Alan Burrows received 314 votes for Secretary

Don Nelson received 312 votes for Treasurer

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) PRESIDENT'S GAVEL & NAME BADGE PRESENTATION

Bernie Mazurek, Acting Secretary presented President Dave Fitzgerald with his Gavel and Name Badge.

Don Nelson requested Dave to let him know where he would like the outgoing President's \$300 gift certificate to come from. Dave will let him know after he checks with his better half.

b) WHERE ICS HAS BEEN, WHERE ICS IS NOW AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Dave Fitzgerald summarized where ICS has been since its founding in 1972. We have grown from a small group run by a few to a large group run by many. Now we need to downsize to become more functional. Our thanks go to three past Presidents John Van Bladeren, Karl Hipp, and Lawrence Paratz, the members and past BOD's for the move to Village Press. If we had not done this, ICS would probably not be around today. We are financially stable now thanks to the leaders of the past. We now have the PPP thanks to Zach Grant. What is our greatest need right now? We need volunteers. How do we get volunteers? The jobs need to be made simpler without overloading the volunteers. Management needs to be streamlined. A plan needs to be formulated, agreed to by the BOD and published for the membership. Face to face communication is needed. The internet is not the answer. Dave hopes to have the web site updated and running by the end of the year. Dave also mentioned that if a member has an idea what ICS should do, he should bring it up to his Tribe Chief or Tribe Rep. for presentation to the BOD. The BOD is willing to listen.

c) MEMBER COMMENTS

John MacKnight (AU Tribe Rep) commented that he supports Dave and his comments. He also stated that the work load of a Tribe Chief is too much for one man to handle (Organize the Tribe, Social Activities, Fly-ins, Recruit

Members, Manage the PPP, etc.). He proposed having Directors (6) plus an Executive to run the business of ICS for a 6 to 8 year period.

Ernst Green (EU Tribe) commented that two things come to mind the number of board meetings which are expensive and time consuming to attend. There is a core group of dedicated individuals capable of running the business side of the society. We need to simplify the management side of the organization.

Harley McGatha commented that for the past 12 years all the ICS financial data has been open and available for the membership to review.

Robb Mudd (WC) would like to see more good articles in the Flyer. He encourages the members to write interesting articles on maintenance and technical subjects.

Don Nelson reminded everyone to keep their e-mail address current in the Pathfinder.

A SC Tribe Member asked where are all the younger pilots? He noted that the Comanche was one of the best buys in the market place today. Dave Fitzgerald mentioned that we need to promote the Comanche in with positive articles in other magazines e.g. AOPA Pilot, Flying, Plane & Pilot, etc.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion** by Don Nelson to adjourn. Seconded by Bernie Mazurek. "Motion passed unanimously."

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

Respectfully Submitted

Bernie Mazurek

Acting Secretary

October 1, 2009