

International Comanche Society, Inc.

Annual General Meeting Minutes – 8 September 2010

San Diego, California

Roll Call:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Board Members Present:

Bernie Mazurek,
Dick Kuszyk
Don Nelson
Alan Burrows

SC Tribe Rep
NC Tribe Chief
SW Tribe Rep
NW Tribe Rep
SE Tribe Chief
CFF President
Past President

Bruce Thumann (on Skype)
Jerry Jesion
Mike Foster
Shirley Nelson,
Sally Williams
Frank Sargeant
Dave Fitzgerald

Absent Excused

EC Tribe Chief
AU Tribe Chief
WC Tribe Chief
SA Tribe Chief
EU Tribe Rep
NE Tribe Chief

Stewart Campbell
Ian Thomson
Don Ostergard
Russell Knowles
Ben Ayalon
Keith Johnson

President Bernie Mazurek called the AGM to order at 0805.

1. Presidents Opening Remarks

The President, Bernie Mazurek presented his opening comments welcoming everyone to the AGM.

He hoped that everyone was having a good time at the convention. He acknowledged the SW Tribe for all the hard work they had put in to making the convention work. He welcomed all the past presidents and board members and thanked them for donating their time to making the ICS work.

He further acknowledged individuals in the ICS that are working hard on behalf of the members. In particular he mentioned Hans Neubert for the work on the Horn and the aging aircraft issue, Dave Fitzgerald for his work with Oshkosh and also the seatbelt upgrade, the Australian Tribe for designing a replacement undercarriage strut and Sally Williams for organizing the ICS presence at Sun n Fun. There were other thanks passed on to other individuals for all their efforts in furthering the cause of the ICS.

2. Treasurers Report

Don Nelson said that the ICS finances were in good shape. The current bank accounts show a \$200,000 balance. This year however to the end of June the ICS is showing a \$3,000 loss due to updating and rewriting the website. CFF has made a generous contribution of \$3,000 to cover the loss, and the ICS thanks the CFF for

this contribution. He said that dues had not been raised for a number of years but he felt that the society needed to raise the dues by the 5% allowable in the by-laws. So as of 1 January 2011 the dues will go up by 5%, however, members should be aware that if they take out a two year renewal they get a 5% reduction which will counter the increase. Many members are taking advantage of this discount.

3. Marketing Report

Dick Kuszyk mentioned that he liked the sight of lots of new faces, and also it was great to see and meet all the people from the West Coast that do not make it to the other meetings and conventions.

After a nostalgic singing of "Home on the Range" he presented the marketing report. He said that this was an update on the marketing reports that he has presented for the past 3 years. He said that when he took over the marketing, the membership was on a downward slide and the finances were unstable. He said that the ICS was now in a mature market, and the ICS has to recognize that in this market we're not going to buy things easily and it would be a tough sell as frivolous marketing would not work in this market. Key elements in this organisation are membership and marketing. He said he has paid close attention to both the fleet and the people and it is due to the good treasurer, good management and the help of Village Press with consistent execution of the plans have made the ICS the stable society it is today.

He produced a list of statistics about the numbers of Comanches still flying. He said that the numbers should be monitored but the numbers seem to be remaining constant. The economy is taking a toll on new members. 50% of registered Comanches are in the ICS compared to other type clubs which are typically 5% to less at 45%

Over the last 27 months he said he had implemented a number of marketing programs which included:

- A letter of appreciation to the advertising vendors
- Cards promotion
- A flyer sent out by vendors with their products
- A Comanche article in the AOPA magazine
- Letters to expired members
- New membership package sent to new Comanche owners
- Annual awards to members
- Email blasts
- Membership letters sent to non-members
- Articles placed in local aviation magazines

He said that organizational structure is very important and this organization is broken up into regions giving local organizational ability. He said that this organization has been going since 1973 and is under appreciated and it needs to change.

4. Nominating Committee:

Bruce Ladrie said that he did not think that the Nominating Committee was working. He feels that it should have four active people rather than just one. He asked for help from the tribes and the tribe chiefs to get volunteers for the different offices. Bob Cretney said that a lot of people cannot afford the time and the

financial commitment to be an officer on the board. Hank Spellman said that there should be more emphasis on the website and in the magazine that we are looking for Officers.

5. Budget 2010/2011:

Don Nelson said that the budget was on the website for all to read.

6. Officer Election:

Mike Foster said that he echoed the sentiments about the time and financed required for the board officers.

He said that the changes made after the 2009 elections have worked very well. The number of ballots returned increased although there are still a few unvalidated ballots.

Budget Accept	91.94%
Bernie Mazurek – President	95.47%
Dick Kuszyk – Vice President	93.7%
Peggy Harman – Secretary	96.47%
Don Nelson – Treasurer	94.96%

7. New Business:

Alan Burrows said that being an officer is a difficult job and he would like people to think about the amount of time that is required for the job before criticizing, and maybe they should consider putting themselves forward for office, before judging others who do give up their own valuable spare time to make this society the great organization that it is. We truly do have a great society that everyone can be proud of and its all down to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers.

He gave his thanks to Bernie Mazurek and Don Nelson for the help they have given during his time in office and he then presented Bernie Mazurek with his gavel and badge as the 2010/ 2011 ICS President. Bernie Mazurek gave his thanks.

8. Airworthiness Committee, Stab Horn, Website and Webco:

Dave Fitzgerald said that people should walk a mile in the officer's shoes before criticizing the people doing the job as the work is intensive.

Website:

He said that the website has a "New News" area which shows the latest updates and news. The website is currently being updated and software being upgraded. It will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Stab Horn:

The Australians have designed a new horn and the STC is almost complete. The Australians want to know how many people will want to buy it, so they can calculate manufacturing and pricing. If you buy a Piper horn with a balance tube you cannot fit it to the old torque tube and so will need a new torque tube as well. The Australian horn can be fitted to the old torque tube but does not include a balance tube. The FAA does not want the 100 hour re-inspection but if you get the Piper parts you will have to do the re-inspection every 100 hours. If you get the Australian horn there is no 100 hour re-inspection as it is not a Piper part. Piper pricing

on the Horns is: \$300 for the single and \$400 for the Twin. The Australian horn is not yet priced as it will depend on how many are ordered. The timescale is expected to be within the next 2 months.

Part Availability:

ICS needs to be pro-active in helping members find parts or show how they can be manufactured. Parts availability is not deemed critical at this time but parts may become rare. We need to work on locating serviceable and new parts.

Webco:

Dave Fitzgerald said that he had received a report from the Webco lawyer who said that the trial was over and the Judge would make his decision in the next two weeks and this would all be posted on the website.

9. 2011 ICS Convention:

Sally Williams said that the 2011 Convention would be hosted by the Southeast Tribe in Savannah , Georgia. The Hotel will be the Marriott which has recently been upgraded and refurbished. The Fly-in airport will be the Midcoast Regional Airport at Hindsville, GA (LHW) and the dates will be 30 August to 4 September 2011, just before Labor Day. Transport will be by rental car.

Tours being set up will be: Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, Flight Safety, the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum, and walking, carriage and bus tours. The gala dinner will be in the Mighty 8th Museum Rotunda.

Meetings scheduled will be the board meetings and the AGM, Seminars, Tribe Night, Vendors day will be Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and Flagship will be Saturday morning.

For the Ladies lunch is being arranged with Paula Deen at her Lady and Sons Restaurant, and there will be lots of other interesting venues and places to visit.

Sally Williams concluded by thanking everyone for listening and hoping that she would be welcoming them all to Savannah next year.

Bernie Mazurek adjourned the meeting at 10.00 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Alan Burrows

Secretary

September 29, 2010