

International Comanche Society, Inc.  
Minutes from TeamSpeak Meeting – January 17, 2017  
By LaVerne Stroh, Secretary

**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	Absent
Secretary	LaVerne Stroh	Present

Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

Tribe Rep SW	Scott Myers	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep SC	Ron Franks	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep SE	Jeff Munford	Absent
Tribe Rep Mid States	Pat Donovan	Present
Tribe Rep NW	Bill Case	Present
Tribe Rep NC	Hank Spellman	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep NE	C J Stumpf	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep W Canada	Ken Mori	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep E Canada	Vacant	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep Europe	Kate Burrows	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep S. Africa	Russell Knowles	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep Australia	Nigel Wettenhall	Absent

Guests:

Tribe Chief MS	Carl Talkington
ICS Member NC	Dave Fitzgerald

**Quorum: Nine (9) voting members were present at the beginning of the meeting.**

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

Av stated the time on the agenda in Item 20 was incorrect. I should read EST instead of EDT.

**There were no objections to the corrected agenda.**

**4. President's Opening Remarks by Av Shiloh**

Av welcomed everyone to the meeting. This is our first meeting of the new calendar year. The hope is to keep the meetings this year shorter. We will either cover

fewer items or move some items to old business if it looks like it will take a lot of time to cover. Hopefully, the board members will have agenda items ahead of time so they can contact the submitter of the agenda item and ask questions about any concerns or clarifications prior to the board meeting. That should help keep the meetings shorter.

#### **5. Treasurer 's Report by Bob Berry**

Bob Berry was not available, but Av received his report. All bills are paid and he is working with Village Press on inventory of ICS items.

#### **6. Flyer – Letter from Director's Schedule by Av Shiloh and LaVerne Stroh**

LaVerne stated she has not heard from anybody she sent a message to. She has not heard what happened to the article CJ was to submit in August. The last message was that Melissa would work with CJ but did not hear if it was finalized.

Av stated the last he heard it was not close to complete.

**Av will contact CJ to find out the status.**

**LaVerne will try to get letters from the tribe chiefs who are not on the board.**

#### **7. Annual Convention Report by Bob Williams**

Bob Williams stated that due to budget concerns, they will not have an all-inclusive convention like they did for Dayton. They received comments from one of their committee members that if the cost for registration was going to be \$1300 for two, they would not attend. It made the committee realize some Comanche owners could not afford that large of cost. So, they are making things optional. The cost will now be \$470 per person instead of \$650. They are trying to make the convention affordable for everyone. The breakdown will be as follows:

Tuesday – Sunday	\$470
Wednesday – Sunday	\$414
Thursday – Sunday	\$409
Friday – Sunday	\$293
Saturday & Sunday	\$201

The plan is to have vouchers for discounts at the different venues.

There are so many things to do in Cleveland that it was difficult what to include in only five days. They have planned some special events for those coming in early.

On Tuesday, Bob Berry was able to get special fees for golfing at the Firestone County Club. Other things to do on Tuesday include a wine tour covering five

wineries. They are also looking at a fly-out for the day to Put in Bay; or you could fly to Put in Bay and then to the convention.

Since Tuesday is the opening of the convention, they will have the traditional welcome reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres. They will try to get the hotel patio rather than renting a separate room to save cost. They will provide drink tickets to go with the hors d'oeuvres.

On Wednesday, there is a science center that may be of interest to some people, as well as a submarine you can go through and spend as much time as you want.

On Friday, which is seminar/vendor day, they are looking at getting discount tickets for the University Circle area. There are three museums there as well as shopping. There is a free shuttle in that area, and you could also go to Little Italy to eat. To get there, you would take public transportation from downtown to the Circle.

You could do that any day since they guys may want to see the museums, etc.

On Thursday there is a planned trip to the NASA Glenn Research Center. They will have buses for that day. They will also have a tour of the Cleveland Hopkins terminal. One of the members of the Comanche Society, who is a retired air traffic controller, is setting that up.

On Friday, they will serve a free breakfast and lunch in the vendor area.

There are two things they are looking at. One is the STC on an auto pilot for the Comanche. There will be other STC products that will be presented, along with avionics seminars.

The banquet will be Thursday at the Union Club. That will also be the annual general meeting; so the old board meeting will have to be before that. It will probably be Wednesday morning.

The new board meeting will be Friday or Saturday.

The big banquet will be on Saturday.

They have a Kids in Flight local group where pilots take kids with life threatening illnesses flying. That will be on airport day. If anyone wants to do that, they will provide information on what to do if you want to participate.

Cliff is heading up the flagship and judging and trophies will be awarded on Saturday night.

Av asked if Bob could email a tentative schedule.

Bob stated he is working on getting his file put back together and then will email it out. They have about twelve people on the planning committee and Bob is working on getting everyone assigned to something. They have it planned so they should not lose money and it should be a very good convention.

They have 24 rooms at the hotel that are reserved at the Hilton. If you are thinking about going, make your reservations so you don't end up at a different hotel. The hotel has a 24 hour cancellation policy, so make your reservations. They have a few people registered now.

Ken asked if there is custom clearance at the landing field. Bob stated they told him it was a landing rights airport. He is still working on finding out what that means and if you can clear customs there. If not at Burke, there is another airport that is open 24/7 where you can definitely clear, and then it is about a 15 minute flight to Burke from that airport. Bob will continue to work with both fields regarding customs and will get the final information in the Flyer.

## **8. Bylaws Committee Report by Scott Myers**

Av stated Scott sent some standing rules updates out earlier today. Scott will walk us through the changes.

Scott stated this was sent out a little late so we can look at them and see if it is something we can pass today or not. It looks like there are a lot of changes but many of them cover an item is at the end of each of the sections of the standing rules that says "this standing rule is effective until rescinded or modified by action of the board". This is redundant; so it was removed from each section and a statement added in 10-1 stating "unless otherwise stated all standing rules are effective until rescinded or modified by action of the board".

The numbering is kind of messed up due to all of the changes. When the section with abbreviations was added, it messed up the numbering for everything. So, Scott will make sure everything is renumbered correctly.

The next item is number 12 which is amending the person responsible for keeping track of the standing rules changes from the secretary to the bylaws chairperson. That made more sense since the chairperson is the one who knows what the changes are, when it was changed, etc. Also in the last sentence, it stated that a printed copy is available for the fee. They are getting rid of that since the standing rules are on the website, and we can print them ourselves now.

In item 12-6, Miscellaneous Board Policies, there are several policies that are no longer valid with the new technology. Scott has not discussed with the committee what, if anything should be put in there about electronic meetings, such as TeamSpeak.

In item 4, Scott was not sure why the rule about board meetings not being held in conjunction with a scheduled fly-in is there. There may be some background on this that he is not aware of. Technically, we may have violated that by having a meeting in Oshkosh. So, this is up for discussion.

Av asked if the annual convention is considered a fly-in.

Scott stated it could be considered that since people fly-in. If we knew the purpose for the rule, we might be able to figure it out.

Av stated unless someone has some specific reason for keeping it, it should be crossed out.

Item 12-8, the membership dues and policies, was already voted on. It is for the new dues, but it hasn't been updated; so this is just updating that section.

Item 20-2 – Number 9 is essentially saying the Comanche Flyer will have classified ads for \$50, except now they will be \$25. It is poorly worded, so that would be updated to state the cost would be \$25 for two issues.

Item 30-4 is the convention schedule. Dave provided the updated convention schedule through 2026, including the EU tribe for 2018.

Item 30-6 is regarding standing committees. Scott stated they were not sure but they don't think airworthiness is still a committee. It will be deleted unless anybody has any comments on it.

On the final page, which won't be presented this way in the standing rules but will be incorporated in the correct place, is a list of names of all of the winners of the Annual Achievement and Golden Circle awards. It is informational and is not technically a standing rule, but it fits in with the informational information such as the convention list and dues. Item 5 regarding the awards states nominations should begin 30 days prior to the old board meeting. Av was concerned about the time frames and would like it much sooner so we can invite the award winner to attend the convention and receive the award there. The timeframe should be changed to possibly 60 or 90 days; whatever the board decides.

Scott stated he would like to discuss and then vote on the items except for item 12-6, the miscellaneous board policies. He asked for any questions or comments.

Av suggested that the board look at the changes over the next few days and send Scott anything of concern. Scott can then send out a completed copy. Then, at the next meeting we can vote yes or no on the finished product rather than ala carte.

Bob Williams asked Scott it out to everyone. The revisions make sense. Regarding the convention dates, he thought the tribes should bid on the conventions. That

way there would be latitude for exchanging years and whoever was ready could do the convention.

Scott stated that was asking for major problems. Nobody will bid and there won't be a convention.

Av stated we have the latitude to mix, match, and trade if needed. There hasn't been a problem so far, so he would rather let that alone.

Scott stated he will get a final copy ready for the next meeting so we can vote on it.

**If anyone has any feedback or concerns on any of the suggested changes to the standing rules, email that to Scott by Friday, January 20.**

Bob Williams asked about the logo in item 5 under 12-6, which states the Comanche logo has been adopted. It doesn't make sense.

Scott stated he was not sure why it was there either, but the guess is just to say this is our logo until it is changed. It doesn't seem to make sense, but it may have made sense at the time it was put in there.

Bob Williams asked if the bylaws, which have to be voted on during the annual general meeting, say anything about how the board meetings should be conducted.

Scott stated if/when they work on the bylaws, they will address that. As we all know, the bylaws need to be totally overhauled to bring them more in line for an organization like ours. We need something with more flexibility. There has been talk about starting over or incorporating ICS into a state that is more user friendly for organizations like ours. That is a huge project; but Scott is hesitant to start fixing the bylaws until we make a decision on the direction to go with them. In the meantime, we are fixing things piecemeal that have to be addressed. That is why we are starting with the standing rules at this point.

Ron thanked the committee for their work. Everyone agreed.

## **9. New Website Report by LaVerne Stroh**

LaVerne stated the plan was to go online March 1, but Adam is in the middle of a massive website development and suggested mid to end of March so he can devote the time needed for any issues when we go live. Plus, we need to get the information in at least one Flyer before we switch. If we get an article in the next Flyer, that will be the March edition. We will put the information in the April edition as well. Av wondered if we should delay the roll out until mid-April to allow time for the April edition to get to everyone. We will have information in the newsletter once or twice and we can have Scott send a reminder email shortly before April 1 or whenever we decide we want to go live.

We have added the Village Press folks to the new website to make sure they can get what they need from the new website. It has board members only right now but they should be able to determine if they can get what they need.

In the information that goes out to everyone, we will provide information on the email that the members will receive when we upload the database; logging on to the site; how to change their password if they want to change it from the one generated by the website; logging into forums; and uploading pictures (personal and airplane). If we find any other information we want to include, we can do that.

We will not have the private setting we have now without massive programming and an estimated cost of \$2000; but each person can go into their profile and delete information that is not required, except for the fields that cannot be changed.

Adam has made changes for the CFF tab. It goes directly to the CFF website; the login button at the top; putting the address in the personal profile; along with several other small items.

LaVerne stated she goes online occasionally to see what may have been missed; but, she hasn't found anything new. So, if any of the board members have logged on and found anything, let LaVerne know; or better yet, log on and see if you can find anything that needs to be addressed. Adam has gotten on any of the changes asked for almost immediately. The longest it has taken is a day or two for any changes.

Av stated we were talking about a March launch date and then April 1. He felt maybe April 5-10 would be better to give our members a couple of chances to read about it.

Dave stated he was concerned about the registration for the convention. There are five different pages that are out there. It might be better for Adam to just put a link to what Dave has already set up. It took a long time to get it done, and he does not want there to be problems with signing up for the convention.

Av stated that Dave and LaVerne should discuss the registration issue with Adam to see what issues may arrive.

Dave stated he is concerned about having a website mix up when someone is trying to sign up for the convention.

Av stated he can see that and maybe a link to the old website would be the best way to do this. Next year it will be on the new website.

Scott asked about the voting.

Av stated voting would be done under the new website for this convention since it will be done after we go online. The registration is a different issue since it is ongoing from now until the convention.

Dave stated the voting is set up in advance and we have to have the voting open for 30 days. Adam could look at it and see if he can set it up on the new site.

Av stated we have to have voting open a minimum of 30 days which would be in May, but if we go online in April, that shouldn't be a problem unless Adam.

Dave stated he thinks they do have the voting set up. There is a prepared package you can put in, and if it is set up right, it should work.

Scott stated we don't know if the voting was part of a prepared package.

Dave stated we want to be sure it has been tested to make sure it works. We don't want to find out when we are into the voting period.

Av asked LaVerne to talk to Adam about the voting. It would have to be up no later than the middle of May. If that can't be done or if there is a possibility of it not working, we should just link to the voting on the old site.

LaVerne stated she can talk to Adam but suggested if we were going to link to the old site for registration, we just do the voting that way as well. We could test the voting on something that is not as important.

AV stated that is probably a good idea. We don't want to mess up the voting and definitely not the registration. We will put two links in there; one for voting and one for registration.

Av stated in the past years we've had the luxury of having Dave do this for free. He gets on things within days, if not hours. Over the next years, we will be paying for those services.

Av stated he would like to try for getting the new website online April 5 if that is agreeable.

Bob Williams stated we need to let the technical people work on it and get the concurrence from Adam. We should let them decide the date based on what the technology issues are.

**LaVerne will talk to Adam and determine if April will work for him. If we can't do that, we will let everyone know.**

Av asked if April 5 is good since it is a Wednesday. Of course, it will be up to Steve and Adam.

LaVerne stated if we roll out on Wednesday that will give them the weekend to work on any issues. Also, Steve is not part of this anymore. It is Adam only.



Scott asked if there was security for the database as far as who can get the information. Now, Dave has it restricted so just a selected group can download the database.

LaVerne stated she had talked to Adam about it and he can do it if we decide what we want. Right now, there aren't any special settings in place. LaVerne stated she thought Dave told her anybody can download the database now, but maybe she misunderstood that.

Scott stated they maybe could, but they would have to really work at it. He downloads it now for the newsletters; but if it openly available to anybody, it may put our data at risk for anybody who might want to do whatever with a database with about 2000 members.

Av stated his understanding of the way it is now is any member who has access to the Pathfinder can download the information. They would have to do a lot of work to format it. Now all the tribe chiefs can get their tribe information. Certain people, like Scott, have access to everyone. It is an important point that members shouldn't be able to use this as a mailing list since we don't want commercial enterprises to have our mailing list. It would be resented by the membership to have their information used for that. Av is thinking there should be a three tier system. Tribe chiefs would have access to their tribe; officers would have access to the entire mailing list, and members can look up information on anyone but not download.

Scott stated that some members type in who is around me, like within 25 miles of a zip code. If we limit it too much, they will not be able to pull up more than one record at a time. It will be different than we have on the current website; and you will probably get negative feedback on that. Leaving it open to everyone may not be a great idea since you can't control who is doing what with the information.

Av stated the difference may be the option to view the information and downloading it as a formatted database is a different thing. Anybody should be able to view, but consolidating a mailing list should be restricted.

Dave stated that since 2002 the site is not secured from any member. Any member can download anything, but they can't get it in a .csv file; but there has been no interest from anybody in doing that. We can make it secure, but how secure do we need it.

Bill stated that we need to take into account how much time and money would it take to get it secure. It isn't already totally secure. In his entire time with ICS, he has never been harassed by anybody. We may be protecting a problem that isn't a problem, and if it becomes one, deal with it then.

Carl stated he used the feature for local fly-ins and to contact people for AOPA fly-ins. He has never seen it abused, but it can be very helpful.

Scott stated can see people's passwords. Although he is not interested in looking at them, there may be instances where people use the same password for all sites. If everybody else can do that, it may cause problems. We should be sensitive to security to make sure people don't get hacked. If it is reasonable to secure it, we should do that.

Av stated we shouldn't make that wholesale to everyone, but Dave knows all of the passwords and it has been valuable to be able to call him and ask what it is.

Dave stated there are only four or five people who are administers that can see the passwords; that is Dave, Scott, and a couple of people from Village Press. The Tribe chiefs can see them for their tribes. You can hide anything you want from anybody but the programmer.

Scott said he is concerned about making sure we do what we can while we are in the development phase. It should be simple on Steve or Adam's side to implement something. We need to find out from them what the options are.

Av stated we could go on and on with this. We should let it go on as is and then as things come up, we address them one by one. LaVerne will speak with Adam about being ready for any bugs or other emergency changes after we roll out. It may take a couple of months to work all of the bugs out and make any changes we need.

Av stated we will try for the April 5 rollout. We will use the old platform for registration and voting to be sure there are no issues with that unless Adam feels they can do the voting on the new site. LaVerne and Dave can make the decision about the cutover date after talking to Adam.

#### **10. Nominating Committee Report by Dave Fitzgerald**

Dave stated everything is in place. He has discussed the nominations with his committee. Everything will be on the website in a few days and it will be in the magazine.

Bob Williams does not want to be President. Bob Berry will make a decision on continuing as Treasurer in the next few weeks.

Sally Williams has agreed to serve as the election chairperson for this year.

#### **11. Future/Strategic Planning Committee by Av Shiloh and Pat Donovan**

Av asked Pat Donovan to chair this committee. Pat agreed and will select the members for the committee.

Pat stated he sent emails and talked to several individuals and all responses were negative. He is still looking for people who are interested. He will make an outline

of major topics, and hopefully he will have a draft for the May board meeting and a final outline for the old board meeting.

**Av stated that anyone who may be interested in working on this, please contact Pat.**

## **12. Committee Reports by Committee Chairs**

Av stated he did not receive any committee reports.

## **13. Tribe Reports by Tribe Chiefs/Reps**

Av asked if there were any tribe reports.

Bill Case stated at the fall board meeting in Galveston one idea that was brought up was tribe chiefs meeting to discuss what they do in their tribes. Bill wondered if we should follow up on this.

Av stated Bill should talk with Bob Williams and possibly schedule a tribe chief meeting at the convention.

Bob Williams stated one issue is they have not budgeted rooms for meetings. We can possibly use the hospitality room.

Av stated he thought it was a good idea for the tribe chiefs to get together and share ideas and what works for them.

Bob Williams said that happens at the convention anyway. Having a formal meeting may not be as important as everyone just talking to each other at the convention.

## **14. Sun n' Fun Participation by CJ Stumpf**

C J was not present at the meeting, but Av stated he had not heard anything. He thinks it may be too late at this point.

Bill stated he followed up with CJ after Galveston, but he has not heard anything back.

Av stated he thought he deadline was in December if he remembers correctly, so it is probably way too late by this time.

Pat stated the dates this year are April 4-9.

## **15. ICS Dues Adjustment by Av Shiloh and Dave Fitzgerald**

Av stated the dues adjustment has approved an updated in the standing rules and on the website. This is the second year we have implemented a dues increase and he is hoping for another in 2017 to catch up for all of the years we didn't take advantage of an increase. Bob Berry can give us an idea of how the increase affects us at the next meeting.

Scott stated that since the dues adjustment was already approved and implemented, he would like to get that standing rule information updated, published, and on the website.

Av stated he had discussed it in the President's letter so Scott should go ahead and get it updated and published right away.

#### **16. Miscellaneous Old Business by Board of Directors**

There was no old business.

#### **17. Spring BOD Meeting by BOD**

Av asked if the board wanted to have a spring board meeting. We did not have one last year since the AGM was in spring.

Scott stated he did not think it was necessary since we have had a board meeting almost every month.

LaVerne agreed with Scott.

Scott stated the face to face meetings are important but with the convention right around the corner from when the spring meeting would occur, we could skip it.

Hank stated the board meetings at the convention are usually very short other than hello and good bye.

Bob Williams stated if we wanted a more involved meeting we could possibly hold it on Tuesday in the hospitality room. That would be the least expensive way to have a meeting.

Av stated that would be the old board meeting.

Bob Williams stated on Wednesday you may want to hang out with everyone else, while on Tuesday you could have a longer meeting.

Scott stated we have four more meetings before the convention. That should cover it.

Bob Williams stated he would rather not have a spring meeting.

Av stated that we will not have a spring meeting. We have the annual meeting in June at the convention. We are required to have only one face to face meeting other than the general meeting.

Pat stated that ICS site does not have the date and location of the upcoming convention.

Dave stated they are a little behind, but it will be there in the next day or two.

#### **18. 2017 EAA AirVenture by CJ Stumpf**

CJ was not present so Av asked if Pat or anybody had any information on the progress.

Pat stated our site has been reserved but the ICS site has been moved. We will be a little south of where we were. Phillips wanted to expand, so they were given our spot.

We have a volunteer for an airplane for the tent. It will be the guy who will be providing the STC information on the autopilot. He has a twin Comanche.

#### **19. Miscellaneous New Business by Board of Directors**

Av asked if there was any new business.

Scott stated the AOPA fly-in schedule has been published. This year it will be a two day event. He asked if we wanted to continue and if we wanted to do anything different. If we display an aircraft, it will probably have to get there Thursday. He wanted feedback on if we want to continue and since it will be a two day event this year, do we want to consider subsidizing expenses.

Av stated there are only four this year. He thought it was a Saturday in Sunday.

They are in Southern California in late April; Norman, OK on September 8 and 9; Groton, CT on October 6 & 7; and Tampa October 27 and 28. So, we will only have four tribes hosting this year.

Av stated the feedback from the AOPA fly-ins has been positive. It is a fairly inexpensive way to advertise the Comanche for ICS.

Scott stated he has heard only good reports as well. He wondered if we should consider asking CFF if they might pay for the hotel to help those coming in since it will be two days instead of one. Av stated CFF is having a meeting tomorrow, so he will try to attend.

Bob Williams asked if anybody has asked for reimbursement of their expenses.

Av stated we are paying the shipping expenses for the material.

Pat stated that CFF can only reimburse if there is an educational benefit. Since we won't be conducting seminars, the fly-ins may not qualify but we can ask.

Scott stated we are educating other pilots about the Comanche. Scott will talk to CFF to see if they might help out.

Av stated he felt we should continue attending the AOPA fly-ins and thanked Scott for setting things up for the fly-ins.

Av stated Bob Berry has not been feeling well but is recovering.

Av stated he received an email from Jeff Munford saying he is planning on resigning. He is trying to find a replacement for tribe chief. He may be able to do some volunteer work but needs to give his full attention to beating cancer.

Scott stated the bylaws will determine how a replacement is handled.

Dave stated we cannot confuse the tribe chief and tribe rep.

Hank stated the tribe will have to hold an election to elect the tribe chief and rep if they are not the same person. The tribe secretary then lets the ICS secretary know the results.

Each tribe has their own election system.

## **20. Next Team Speak Meeting by Scott Myers**

Av stated the next meeting would be February 21, 2107 at 8:00 PM EST unless there were any objections. There were no objections.

## **21. Adjournment by Board of Directors**

**Ron moved to adjourn the meeting. Hank seconded. There were no objections to adjourning the meeting.**