

INTERNATIONAL COMANCHE SOCIETY, INC.
2009 FALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Final)
November 8, 2009
Springhill Suites – Tampa Westshore

1. **ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

President Bernie Mazurek called the meeting to order at 9:10 am followed by roll call. The meeting opened with nine voting members present, exceeding the Bylaws minimum requirement of seven.

ROLL CALL: Board Members Present:

President,	Bernie Mazurek
Past President,	Dave Fitzgerald
Vice President,	Dick Kuszyk
Treasurer,	Don W. Nelson
SE Tribe Chief,	Sally A. Williams
SC Tribe Rep.,	Bruce Thumann
NE Tribe Chief,	Keith Johnson
SW Tribe Rep.,	Mike Foster
NW Tribe Rep.,	Shirley Nelson

ABSENT EXCUSED:

Secretary,	Alan Burrows
MS Tribe Chief,	TBD
EC Tribe Chief,	Stewart Campbell
NC Tribe Chief,	Jerry Jesion
WC Tribe Chief,	Don Ostergard
AU Tribe Chief,	Ian Thomson
EU Tribe Chief,	Ben Ayalon
SA Tribe Chief,	Russell Knowles
CFF President,	Frank Sargeant

MEMBER GUESTS:

SW Tribe	Steve Ells
SW Tribe	Kristin Winter
SE Tribe	Jim Hiatt
SE Tribe	Matt Kurke
SE Tribe	Sara Liller
SE Tribe	Charles Liller

1. **QUORUM**

President Bernie Mazurek called the meeting to order at 9:10 am with a moment of silence for our brave men and women in harm's way, and for our fallen heroes. This was followed by a BOD roll call. 9 Board Members present, 7 required for a quorum.

2. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS & GUESTS

6 Member Guests present.

3. ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA

- Motion to "accept the Agenda as presented" by Shirley Nelson; Seconded by Dave Fitzgerald. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. PRESIDENT's OPENING REMARKS

President Bernie Mazurek welcomed everybody for attending the meeting. He commented that the next Fall Board Meeting would probably be held in Long Beach, CA in conjunction with the AOPA Summit Conference from November 11 – 13, 2010.

5. MINUTES OF OBM & NBM

Minutes of the October 13 and October 17, 2009 Old Board and New Board Meetings, respectively are unavailable at this time. Approval is deferred until the Spring Board Meeting or a Special Meeting called by the President.

6. TREASURER's REPORT – UPDATES SINCE AGM

Treasurer Don Nelson commented that Accounts Receivable (due to advertisers) is up to \$14,000 as of September 30th. Normal receivables run around \$8,000 - \$12,000. Village Press is pursuing collection. There is a possibility of having to write off some of this at the end of the year.

Another issue is the membership numbers are fluctuating a peak of 2500 in Jan. 2008 to a low of 2396 in Apr. 2009 and a slow rise to 2467 in Aug. 2009. This is believed to be related to the stabilator horn and other technical issues. There is a slowdown in renewals but an increase in new members. Don believes ICS should be promoting itself more about what ICS is doing for these issues. Dick Kuszyk believes the slowdown is due to the economy as a conversation with Tom Turner from the American Bonanza Society indicated the same trend with ABS members. Dave Fitzgerald suggested more interaction with the quiet members.

Bruce Trumann noted that the web site expense through August 2009 was \$9,113.75 and asked what the future expenses might be. Next year's budget is \$12,000 the same as this year.

- Motion by Keith Johnson to "accept the Treasurer's verbal report"; Seconded by Sally Williams. Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

- Motion by Dick Kuszyk NE Tribe to nominate **Ray Bejarano NE Tribe**; Don Nelson NW Tribe to nominate **Lorne Harmon SW Tribe**; Sally Williams SE Tribe to nominate **Bruce Ladrie SE Tribe** to the 2010 ICS Nominating Committee; Seconded by Bruce Thumann. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- Motion by Alan Burrows EU Tribe to nominate **Monica Rehkopf EU Tribe** to the 2010 ICS Nominating Committee; Seconded by Shirley Nelson. Motion Carried Unanimously

8. **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENTS**

The Standing Committee and Chairperson recommendations were reviewed by Bernie Mazurek with the exception of a "Survey Committee" shown in the Standing Rules dated 4/20/09 30-6 Item 4d. Discussion centered on the pros and cons for an Annual Convention Committee to advise the host Tribe about putting on the convention. There was additional discussion regarding the Survey Committee chaired by Kristin Winter who suggested holding off renewing the Survey Committee until after her presentation later in the agenda.

- Motion by Keith Johnson to "table the Committee Chairperson appointments until the end of the FBM"; Seconded by Dave Fitzgerald. Motion Carried Unanimously.

9. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE STANDING RULES**

Don Nelson commented that there was a motion at the 2009 SBM to "change the President's gift from \$300 to \$1300 per year to help offset the cost of serving as president and help defray their traveling expenses" by Shirley Nelson and seconded by Sally Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Don commented that the SBM minutes mention that bylaw 20-8 should read S/R 20-8 (Outgoing President's Gift) and S/R 10-2 (Presidential Reimbursement for Expenses) are not clear whether these rules were to be revised by the BOD action at the SBM. Don questioned whether the intent of the motion was to eliminate the travel expense and the administrative and telephone expenses.

- Motion by Don Nelson that S/R 10 – 2, Section 1 be revised to read "A President's annual travel expense allowance shall be \$1000"; Seconded by Keith Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Dick Kuszyk that S/R 20 – 8, Section 1 read “The outgoing President shall receive an award gift of his or her choice, valued at up to \$300” and seconded by Sally Williams. Motion fails.
- Motion by Dave Fitzgerald that S/R 20 -8, Section 1 read “The President shall receive an annual award gift of his or her choice, valued at up to \$300” and S/R 20 -8, Section 2 shall read “It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to see that the gift is available for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Society”; Seconded by Dick Kuszyk. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Don Nelson that “revised draft FBM S/R be adopted as of 11/8/09 at the FBM”; seconded by Sally Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

10. TRIBE & CONVENTION MANUALS STATUS REPORT & APPROVAL

The Tribe Chief Manual is under review by Shirley Nelson. Sally Williams volunteered to help her. Dave Fitzgerald has some copies and offered to send Shirley one.

The updated Convention Manuals were given to the SW Tribe and SE Tribe by Shirley Nelson. She requested BOD approval for this action. The flagship rules were retained. The policies and guidelines for the ICS Annual Convention as amended at the August 23, 1988 Board Meeting and again on April 5, 2008 were included in the update. Additional BOD discussion requested that the Convention Manual be sent to the BOD electronically for their review, comments and approval.

- Motion by Bruce Thumann that “we accept Shirley Nelson’s Convention Manual report”; seconded by Dave Fitzgerald. Motion carried unanimously.

11. ELECTION PROCEDURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Bruce Thumann passed out the Election Committee recommendation letter entitled “MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT”. It’s recommended that a copy be sent out with the ballots. Recommended changes include the elimination of the signature requirement and the addition of a legibility requirement. One of the problems in validating the ballots was trying to read the information on the envelope. It was suggested that the letter be shortened and highlighted so the members will read it.

- Motion by Don Nelson “to approve Bruce Thumann’s report”; seconded by Dave Fitzgerald. Motion carried unanimously.

12. STABILATOR HORN ISSUE UPDATE

Dave Fitzgerald reported that the FAA has taken a very active role in working with ICS. Hans Neubert has done a tremendous amount of the work. The horn issue is a stress corrosion problem resulting from the interference fit between the horn and balance tube resulting in a crack developing on the inside of the horn between the two bolt holes. No cracks have been found in twins, 400's or newer than 1964 Comanches. Piper is rewriting the Service Bulletin. The next conference call meeting is scheduled in three weeks per Dave. The next question is who will make the replacement horns. Piper is the preferred source. Dave Fitzgerald feels that the Service Bulletin will be out by the end of the year. Dave Fitzgerald will continue as liaison with the FAA and Piper on this issue.

Kristin Winter commented that Piper is likely to produce horns. They have run some new style horns with one being installed on Bill Weeks airplane in PA. He'll report back to Piper any installation problems. There is a question as to the root cause. There has been a new style horn crack on a 1964 single. It may be related to the thin wall torque tube and over torqued bolts. The terminating fix may be the thicker wall torque tube with the original design horn.

13. GOLDEN CIRCLE & ANNUAL AWARD

Dick Kuszyk recommended that ICS institute a "Golden Circle (Lifetime Achievement)" and an "Annual Award" program similar to what many organizations have. He will develop the guidelines for BOD review.

- Motion by Dave Fitzgerald to "create a Golden Circle & Annual Achievement Awards program"; seconded by Mike Foster. Motion carried unanimously.

14. 2010 SUN'n'FUN UPDATE

The dates for Sun'n'Fun are April 13 thru April 18, 2010. The SE Tribe's written report will be posted on the www.comancheflyer.com website. As an update to Sally Williams FBM written report on November 8, 2009, Sun'n'Fun notified her on November 24, 2009 that space is available and they need a signed contract and site deposit check for \$1,900.

15. 2010 SPRING BOARD MEETING DATE/LOCATION

The 2010 ICS Spring Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 11 as voted on at the New Board Meeting in Dayton, Ohio. The date was picked to coincide with Sun'n'Fun. Two meeting locations are proposed either Orlando, FL or Lakeland, FL. Discussion of the pros and cons each location followed.

- Motion by Shirley Nelson that the Orlando, FL location, Springhill Marriott Suites be the 2010 SBM site, seconded by Keith Johnson. Motion carried 5 to 4 with President Bernie Mazurek casting the deciding vote.

16. WEBCO COMPONENT REPAIRS – RELIABILITY SURVEY

Dave Fitzgerald commented that the Webco trial is scheduled for December 16, 2009 in Dallas, TX.

Letters are requested for presentation to the judge from those FBO's that specifically work on Comanche aircraft supporting Webco's contributions toward keeping Comanche aircraft safe through quality part repairs such as landing gear transmissions, fuel valve repairs, etc and their technical educational seminars.

Letters are also needed from members/owners as to the reliability and quality of the work performed by Webco, especially if you have had a gear transmission or fuel valve repaired. Also state how important it is to keep Bob Weber and John Regier in business to continue providing parts, repairs and educational/safety seminars which keep our planes safe.

17. FUND RAISING FOR WEBCO DEFENSE FUND

The Webco Defense Fund discussion covered ICS's donation, solicitation of member donations, and a worse case scenario; what if Webco loses. Don Nelson noted that the monies collected will be held in a separate capital account and dispensed by ICS check to the attorney for the benefit of Bob Weber and John Regier.

Dick Kuszyk volunteered to draft a fund raising letter for BOD approval to be sent to the members. Kristin Winter will work on the legal wording with Dick.

- Motion by Don Nelson "that ICS donate \$5,000 to the Webco Defense Fund for the benefit of Bob Weber and John Regier"; seconded by Mike Foster. Motion carried unanimously.

18. YOUNG MEMBER ADVISORY COUNCIL PROGRAM

Dick Kuszyk explained his "Younger Member Advisory Council" program to attract younger members through recognition and status within ICS; by giving them meaningful things to participate in and making it easy for them to apply. The targeted age group is between 30 and 45. Tribe Chiefs have to participate by mentoring the candidates.

Dick passed out a letter which will be sent out to all ICS members electronically and printed in the Comanche Flyer explaining the program.

19. 2010 SAN DIEGO CONVENTION OBJECTIVES

Mike Foster is looking for ways of motivating those members who do not attend the conventions to attend.

The pros and cons of sending out postcards announcing the convention schedule and seminars to ICS members and non-members was discussed. The cost for doing this for the Dayton Convention was approximately \$2,600 and the resulting non-member attendees were between 15 and 30.

20. TECHNICAL COORDINATOR PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Kristin Winter stated that the purpose of her presentation was to start the ball rolling on tech support and to take a look at what some of the options are. A full time technical coordinator is needed but whether it's feasible or not is questionable. The presentation proposes forming a committee (Fleet Airworthiness Steering Committee) to look into the viability of a full time technical coordinator. Favorable BOD discussion followed. The Fleet Airworthiness Steering Committee is directed to report the results of their study at the ICS Spring Board Meeting on April 11, 2010.

Kristin's presentation is posted on the Comanche flyer website under the maintenance forum, BOD section.

- Motion by Dave Fitzgerald "to form a Special Purpose Fleet Airworthiness Steering Committee with Kristin Winter to chair it"; seconded by Mike Foster. Motion carried unanimously.

Dick Kuszyk gave a synopsis of a discussion with Kristin Winter and Bruce Thumann. The number one thing we need right now is the availability of parts. We need to identify what the critical parts are and who are the manufacturing sources. Dick feels that we need to ask Piper which critical parts is Piper willing to supply. We need to identify other manufacturers that can produce these parts. How do we manage the liability? How do we keep our planes airworthy? Parts availability is key. Dick feels that we need to be in contact with Piper to ask these questions now. Bernie Mazurek noted that Dave Fitzgerald is continuing as liaison with Piper and the FAA.

21. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENTS - Revisited

The Survey Committee will be rolled into Fleet Airworthiness Steering Committee. The ICS Standing Committees and Chairpersons for 2009/2010 are listed below:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	TRIBE
Historical	Dale Vandever	SC
Communications	Monica Rehkopf	EU
Technical & Maintenance	Zach Grant	NC
Finance & Budget	Don Nelson	NW
Bylaws, Standing & Special Rules	Don Nelson	NW
Flagship	Cliff Wilewski	NC
Elections	Bruce Thumann	SC
Marketing	Dick Kuszyk	NE
Editorial	Bernie Mazurek	NC
Fleet Airworthiness Steering	Kristin Winter	SW

- Motion by Don Nelson “that we reappoint the Committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee and delete the Survey Committee as listed in the Standing Rules”; seconded by Dave Fitzgerald. Motion carried unanimously.

22. NEW BUSINESS – Main Landing Gear Strut

Dave Fitzgerald has received an e-mail from the Australian Tribe requesting us to buy a quantity for the U.S. members. A small batch is \$75,000 for ten units. Used struts sell for \$900 to \$1,500. At this time it does not appear to be economically feasible for the U.S. market.

23. NEW BUSINESS – Technical Articles

Steve Ells SW Tribe who is a professional technical writer passed out examples of his work for the Board to review. At a previous Board meeting it was agreed that ICS would pay for good technical articles when needed. President Bernie Mazurek has the authority to approve the articles and payment.

24. NEW BUSINESS – Liability Insurance

Don Nelson stated that we have Liability Insurance for the Officers and BOD and have added Internet Liability coverage. He questioned the need for getting Liability Insurance for ICS. Kristin Winter volunteered to look into what ICS needs for liability insurance.

25. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Keith Johnson “to adjourn the Fall Board Meeting at 4:30 pm”; seconded by Sally Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bernie Mazurek
Acting Secretary
December 4, 2009