

INTERNATIONAL COMANCHE SOCIETY, INC.  
Minutes for the  
New Board Meeting - ICS International Convention 2010  
Thursday, September 9, 2010

Bernie Mazurek, re-elected ICS President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM PDT on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at the San Diego Hilton Bayfront Hotel, San Diego, California.

1. Roll Call

Bernie welcomed everyone and asked the newly-elected secretary, Peggy Harmon, to conduct roll call of Board Members and Tribe Chiefs and/or Representatives.

Board Attendees:	President	Bernie Mazurek
	Vice President	Dick Kuszyk
	Secretary	Peggy Harmon
	Treasurer	Don Nelson

Tribe Representatives/ Tribe Chiefs	Tribe Chief/MS	John Johnson
	Tribe Chief/NC	Jerry Jesion
	Tribe Chief/SE	Sally Williams
	Tribe Rep/NW	Shirley Nelson
	Tribe Chief/SC	Bob Cretney
	Tribe Rep/SW	Mike Foster

CFF:	President	Lorne Harmon
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Absent Tribe Chiefs/ Representatives	Tribe Chief/NE	Pete Morse
	Tribe Chief/ECan	Stewart Campbell
	Tribe Chief/WCan	Dean Harvey
	Tribe Chief/Eu	Ben Ayalon
	Tribe Chief/Aus	Ian Thomson
	Tribe Chief/SAfrica	Russell Knowles

ICS Member Guests: Bruce Ladrie, Stephen Flaherty, Dave Fitzgerald, Dale Vandever, Bob Williams, Dennis Springer, Robert Fox, Ray Ingold, Henry Spellman, Ken Mori, Ken Harris, and Rodney Armstrong.

Quorum: Eleven (11) Board members were present, and Bernie declared a quorum with ten (10) voting members present.

2. President's Opening Remarks Bernie welcomed new members and asked that the meeting commence.

### 3. Acceptance of Agenda

Bernie called for a motion to accept the meeting's agenda.

**Motion:** Mike Foster made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Sally Williams; and carried unanimously.

### 4. Old Business

Bernie asked that new members stand, introduce themselves and say a few words. They were: Dennis Springer, new North West Tribe Chief; John Johnson, new Mid States Tribe Chief; Lorne Harmon, new CFF President; and Peggy Harmon, newly elected Secretary for ICS.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bernie stated the prior year's Treasurer's Report by Don Nelson had been presented and approved at both the Old Board Meeting and the Annual General Meeting, then asked Don for any update he might wish to give. Don stated that CFF at their meeting on September 7, 2010, had granted a \$4,500 reimbursement for expenditures at Oshkosh. Don also stated that in the future we need discussion on two items: 1) bringing some parity in overseas Flyer mailing costs; and 2) the two-year reduction of \$6 per year for two years' membership dues -- he will be offering recommendations on those issues at the Fall Board Meeting (FBM).

Bernie asked for any other old business; there being none, he proceeded with the agenda.

### 5. New Business

#### 2012 ICS Convention Possible Host Change

Bernie asked John Johnson, the new Mid States Tribe Chief, to state his case in requesting a delay in his tribe hosting the 2012 convention. John responded that due to his tribe just getting re-organized and up-to-date, he feels they would not have the ability to host a convention that soon. Dick Kuszyk said the North East Tribe could possibly host the 2012 convention; that they have approximately \$5,500 to \$6,000 in their account for expenditures at this time; that he recognizes Boston is a high price area; but he will check to see if financially they could possibly switch with Mid States.

Bernie asked if Mid States realized they could get a loan of \$5,000 to sponsor a convention, and Don Nelson commented that this loan, with Board approval, could possibly be higher.

Bernie asked if there was the possibility that Mid States might accept the 2012 hosting if they had help from other tribes, for instance like Bob Williams whose tribe put together the Dayton Convention.

Bob Williams proceeded to give a recap of some of the ways they made Dayton succeed, i.e., used rental cars instead of vans that required volunteer drivers, chose a smaller town to keep costs down, etc. Mike Foster, as chairman of the present convention, offered to give counsel on how to run a convention. Don Nelson said he felt we needed an ICS Convention Committee to advise and give oversight, if for no other reason than the fact that ICS picks up half the cost in the case of a loss. He also felt that a tribe could host a convention in two years with, for instance, people from a neighboring tribe helping to plan it. An example he gave: A convention in a neighboring tribe, say Rochester, MN, near and in conjunction with Oshkosh, would draw more people from overseas and could easily be cut to four days. In other words, with the help of ICS and help from a neighboring tribe, it can be done

Lorne commented that from his perspective, Mid States is in the middle of re-forming; that they are asking for at least a year's delay; that Dick's tribe could take over 2012, but that even with a delay to 2012 or 2013, Dick's tribe's financial situation would still be the same. Lorne felt a request to do a flip flop on years was reasonable. John Johnson replied that he doesn't have the experience, so couldn't commit to the convention one way or another. Bob Cretney agreed with Lorne and said it would be a "kiss of death" to dump this on Mid States Tribe since they have been desperately reorganizing and getting their tribe in good condition. Don Nelson said this would make everyone step up earlier down the line, like Northwest who is only a 160-member tribe. Shirley Nelson feels that North West could step up and delay it two years for Mid States, as long as Mid States is willing to do it in two years. She will check with her tribe officers.

Dick Kuszyk said all other type club conventions are four days. Bob Cretney felt such a reduction in days was an excellent idea; would reduce the cost for a tribe; reduce the work for the people that work the event; and increase attendees.

Lorne Harmon commented that maybe we need a two-year delay for Mid-States, and the Board in turn needs a commitment from Mid States that they will indeed host the convention in two years. Otherwise, we would be setting a precedent for tribes to indefinitely delay to host. John Johnson responded that this was not unreasonable, and he would look into getting the commitment. Jerry Jesion suggested we table this until the FBM; but said we do need commitment after they think about it. Shirley Nelson agreed to get commitment from her tribe.

Dick Kuszyk said we need hard numbers from the Board as to the amount ICS will loan and the percentage of loss at stake. Don Nelson said we need a Convention Committee, and we need to know the percentage of risk. Bob Cretney said as soon as a Convention Committee is established, we would need them to work with the Mid-States Tribe immediately. John Johnson agreed. Bernie said as he sees it, once we form this Convention Committee, it would need to start working right away with North East, Mid States and North West; plan to discuss a break-even or make money scenario; and it seems four days are enough to ensure a more financially successful convention. Sally Williams called attention to the Convention Planning Guide that was prepared by Shirley

Nelson and said anyone planning a convention in the next few years should have a copy.

**MOTION:** Jerry Jesion moved that we table discussion of the Mid States Tribe's request to delay their 2012 convention to either 2013 or 2014, based on the North East Tribe and North West Tribe talking to their members and coming back with feedback on the possibility of taking over those dates. Bob Cretney seconded. More discussion followed.

Dale Vandever stood and gave a history of past conventions and suggested looking at the old convention reports to learn more about convention planning and execution.

Bernie then called for the question: How many are in favor? Unanimous.

**MOTION:** Don Nelson moved that we add a Convention Committee to the Standing Committees. John Johnson seconded. Again, discussion followed the motion.

Bob Cretney asked that *we amend further to make it happen at the FBM*. Dick Kuszyk said we would need a chairman and then allow the chairman to add members according to Standing Rules. Bernie then read the appropriate Standing Rule. Bob Cretney asked for another amendment: *Add to the motion that the issue will be discussed and established at the FBM*.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Don Nelson agreed to amending the motion to read that at the FBM we establish a Standing Convention Committee, with a chairperson to be selected at that time. John Johnson seconded. Bernie then called for all those in favor, and *the amended motion unanimously carried*.

Lorne Harmon asked if we wanted to continue the discussion of a possible change from a five-day convention to a four-day convention or delay it to the FBM. Bernie said we will delay that issue to the FBM and leave it up to the Convention Committee. Don Nelson reminded everyone that the Board approves the proposed convention plans, i.e., locale, etc., so at that time a tribe could present the number of days they propose to incorporate.

### Review & Approval of Standing Rules

Bernie stated we need approval of the Standing Rules (SRs). Don Nelson said the previous year's SRs were approved by the Board on 11/8/2009; that this revision only incorporates Board action through the 2010 Spring Board Meeting. He stated these SRs are on the web site.

Bernie said we need the following changes:

Remove Kristin Winter's name on page 7 from the Fleet Worthiness Committee;  
Add Dave Fitzgerald and Hans Neubert, co-chairs of that Committee; and,  
Delete Phil Role (deceased) from the Editorial Committee.

Bernie explained the duties of the Editorial Committee and asked for volunteers. John

Johnson volunteered. Don Nelson asked if the Editorial Committee included reviewing the web site. Dave Fitzgerald asked that we “not go there”, as it would slow the process. Don Nelson said we should delete the Nominating Committee membership, as their work is now complete and a new Nominating Committee is now required. He further said Standing Committees are appointed by the Board. Dick Kuszyk confirmed this and discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Shirley Nelson made a motion to accept the Standing Rules as amended or corrected. Sally Williams seconded the motion. Motion was then carried unanimously.

Hank Spellman suggested we get the motion written down in the future and read it so that we know what it says. Bernie agreed, but said time is a problem. Dale Vandever gave a suggestion on the method of motions. Hank Spellman gave examples of how motions get confusing. Lorne Harmon said a read-back by the secretary before a vote is taken should suffice for accuracy. Bernie stated also the SRs need to be re-approved each year. Hank Spellman said they no longer expire, but you should look at them every year so they don't expire. Don Nelson said there is a section on this in the Bylaws, but it is confusing.

#### Committee Chairman Appointments:

Bernie stated Dick Kuszyk has requested that the Committee Chairman appointments be deferred to the FBM.

**MOTION:** Don Nelson moved that the appointments of committee chairs be deferred to the FBM. Jerry Jesion seconded. Bernie asked for discussion, and there being none, he called for a vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### 2010 Fall Board Meeting Location:

Bernie opened discussion by stating that we could hold it on the West Coast in conjunction with the AOPA Convention at Long Beach, or hold it in Detroit in a more central location. Dick Kuszyk asked for a recap of where the last meetings occurred; thinks it is time that we move it further west where airline access is easy and it's close to the airport; that this would be fair. Don Nelson stated places like Long Beach are very expensive. Dick responded that conversely, Las Vegas would be cheap. Shirley Nelson suggested Las Vegas and asked Mike Foster to look into it. Mike agreed to do so.

**MOTION:** Don Nelson moved that we have the FBM in Las Vegas; Dick Kuszyk seconded. Discussion ensued regarding the date. Lorne Harmon said we could tie it to AOPA in order that Board members could travel on to it. Mike Foster asked for optional dates. Discussion settled on Sunday, 11/14, which would tie it to AOPA, and Mike to look into holding it at Henderson, NV.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Don Nelson amended the motion to hold the FBM at Henderson, NV, on 11/14/10. Dick Kuszyk seconded. More discussion ensued, and it was agreed that the motion was amended to leaving off the name of the city and instead

stating “in a Las Vegas area”. Agreed and accepted by all. Motion carried unanimously.

Call For Any Other NewBusiness:

Sally Williams asked for discussion on Sun 'n Fun next year (3/29 - 4/3). She received information and a contract (due 9/15) and would like to know if we are interested in exhibiting, and if so, are we interested in the same space? She further stated that ICS had 119 visitors to our tent at last year's event; that the cost was \$1,700 for site location, plus tent, chairs, etc., which makes it about \$3,000.

Mike Foster said we need hard information on whether we gained any membership, directly or indirectly. Sally responded that she and Shirley Nelson were there, as well as others for answering technical questions, but that they didn't have time to set up seminars, and she said she is suggesting that we do this in the future.

Dick Kuszyk said he was for doing it again and explained why, that it was a form of advertising for ICS, etc. Shirley Nelson said we did not sign up many new members. Don Nelson said more signed up and renewed than did at Oshkosh, but that we spent \$3,400, and he wonders if it is cost effective. Dick Kuszyk feels it is cost effective. Don Nelson said it also was a big financial commitment from two couples to be there all week, and that we need to put together seminars and ask for participation from CFF. Mike Foster asked if we could delay this to the FBM. The answer was that we need a commitment on the contract and a deposit, as presented by Sally Williams. Shirley Nelson also felt we need seminars and we need to decide now. A brief discussion ensued about the size of the tent, the increase in cost, and the need for chairs, etc. Sally Williams stated that the cost for a larger "footprint" to accommodate seminars would be \$2,000 instead of \$1,700. She also said since the South East Tribe would be totally involved in the 2011 convention, Sun 'n Fun would be a burden for them; that exhibiting there would mean we need to have help from someone other than just the Nelsons, and this means others outside of their tribe. She further stated that maybe we need a committee for both Oshkosh and Sun 'n Fun.

After more discussion, Mike Foster asked what is the deposit Sun 'n Fun requires? Sally responded with we need to send a signed contract, along with payment for tent location only (\$1,700). Bruce Ladrie said he was there this year; that if we deferred we may lose the excellent location we had last year.

**MOTION:** Mike Foster made a motion that we send the contract and the payment for the footprint (25% cancellation fee) to guarantee the spot. There was immediate discussion as to the footprint size, and it was decided that it should be large enough to include seminars, which would make the footprint cost \$2,000 and the cancellation fee therefore \$500.

**AMENDED OR RESTATED MOTION:** Mike Foster restated the motion to “send in the contract and payment to hold space and leave it to Sally Williams to negotiate space as available.” John Johnson seconded the amended/restated motion. There were nine (9)

in favor and one (1) opposed. The motion was carried.

Bernie commented that economically they may want to waive the deposit at a later date. He also mentioned that we need individuals to give seminars. Lorne Harmon said the thrust of ICS should be to add seminars and involve CFF. Sally Williams asked how large the space was at Oshkosh? The answer was 1,200 sf. Bernie asked for any further discussion, and there was none.

Adjournment:

In light of the fact that we are under time constraints, Bernie asked for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Jerry Jesion moved that we adjourn; Don Nelson seconded the motion; was carried unanimously at 9:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Harmon, ICS Secretary