

Minutes for Old Board Meeting
International Comanche Society
October 13, 2009
Dayton, Ohio

Roll Call, Board Members Present:

President	Dave Fitzgerald,
Vice President	Bernie Mazurek
Secretary	Alan Burrows
Treasurer	Don Nelson
WC Tribe Chief	Don Ostergard,
SC Tribe Rep	Bruce Thurman,
NE Tribe Chief	Dick Kuszyk
SW Tribe Rep	Mike Foster
NW Tribe Rep	Shirley Nelson,
SE Tribe Chief	Sally Williams
NC Tribe Chief	J J Miller
EU Tribe Chief	Ben Ayalon (on skype)
SC Tribe Chief	Bob Cretney
CFF President	Frank Sergeant

Absent: Excuses from:

EC Tribe Chief	Stewart Campbell
AU Tribe Chief	John MacKnight
SA Tribe Chief	Russell Knowles

Member Guests:

EU Tribe	Kate Burrows,
WC Tribe	Carol Ostergard
NC Tribe	Jerry Jession
SC Tribe	Pat Keefer
NC Tribe	Bob Williams
EU Tribe	Monica Rehkopf

QUORUM: The meeting opened with 13 voting board members present.

President Dave Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

1. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Thirteen Board Members present. Six ICS Member Guests.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

- **Motion** to Accept the Agenda as presented proposed by Sally Williams and Seconded by Don Nelson. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Presidents Opening Remarks

The President, Dave Fitzgerald presented his opening comments welcoming everyone to the meeting.

He said that due to time restraints at this meeting we may not be able to solve all of the issues presented but we needed to get them on the table so we can be better prepared to solve them at the FBM. He hoped to keep this meeting reasonably short so everyone could have time to enjoy this holiday in Dayton, Ohio.

4. Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Motion to accept the previous meetings minutes that were on the website was proposed by Mike Foster and seconded by Sally Williams. Motion was carried unanimously.

5. Treasurers Report

Treasurer, Don Nelson, said that the budget and financial report was not yet posted on the website but that ICS would have a \$10K profit this year. ICS continues to build financial stability and has \$152K in CD's. The Comanche Flyer advertising is manageable and the goodies are selling well. After January 1, 2010 Village Press will take over the book-keeping on a probationary basis. They have all the information so it makes sense for them to do the book-keeping. We need to look at the contract for Village Press as it requires renewing next June. Members in Feb 07 were 2310, in Jan 08 they were 2500, and they declined to 2396 by Apr 09 and are at 2457 as of Sep 09. Type support seems to be the boost factor.

Dick Kuszyk asked if the book-keeping was going to be put out to tender to 3 bidders. Don Nelson said no as we already have contracts in place with Village Press. He said they would be getting a proposal from Village Press. Dick Kuszyk said that standing rules say that it has to go for tender. Shirley Nelson said that Village Press already does most of the work and provide the information. Alan Burrows said that we need to take note of Dick Kuszyk's

comments and see what Village Press will cost and then review it all. He said he was concerned with having all the business in one company but would like to see the proposal and bids before making any further comments.

Dave Fitzgerald said that Dick Kuszyk had made a good point and that if we need to change standing rules then it should be done. Dick Kuszyk said that he had heard that there was another CPA in the ICS who might be able to take the job over. Dave Fitzgerald said that we would look at this person only if they want to get involved in the ICS.

Alan Burrows said that Don Nelson should get on with the Mandate from the last meeting and come back with the proposal.

- Motion to accept the Treasurers report by Alan Burrows. Seconded by Bernie Mazurek. Motion carried.

6. Tribe Reports

EU Tribe: Ben Ayalon has just been voted Tribe Chief and tribe rep and Barry Taylor is the Deputy Tribe Chief. There is a survey on the EU website and would people please look and respond to it.

SE Tribe: Sally Williams is the Tribe Chief and Bruce Ladrie is the assistant Tribe Chief. The tribe is in good financial condition. The SE Tribe will host the 2011 convention. The committee has been selected and it will be set for August just after the Oshkosh meeting.

WC Tribe: Don Ostergard said that the WC tribe covered an area the size of 48 US states and they have 75 ICS members. He tries to make contact with all new Comanche owners to try and get them into the tribe. He also tries to make the fly-ins available to other adjacent tribes. He wishes to share newsletters with the NW tribe and is talking to the NW tribe chief to make this happen. He is arranging a fly-in to Yellowknife for 17-21 June 2010. All are welcome. The tribe is in good financial standing.

SW Tribe: Mike Foster said that they had had a good year for fly-ins with a number of them being maintenance seminars and a CPPP program. The finances are healthy and the Sep 7-12 2010 convention will be in San Diego, CA.

NE Tribe: Dick Kuszyk said that they had about 8 fly-ins per year. They have solid finances and were an active group in the NE.

N W Tribe: Shirley Nelson said that she had not been given a tribe report.

7. Committee Reports:

Marketing Report: there are about 2500 members. Village Press does an excellent job with the current marketing program. In the next 2-3 months there will be a new marketing program aiming at the Stabilator Horn and aiming to get all the tribes strong. Shirley Nelson said that she felt that Dick Kuszyk had done a fantastic job with the marketing program.

Communications Committee: Monica Rehkopf said that she had done 2 newsletters so far and they were on the website. One had been done in March and one in May. There had been positive feedback but the problem was getting content. She needs Comanche information. She has scanned the 2002-2009 Tips and put them on the website but there was not enough yet for a new book. Alan Burrows asked if the email notification system was purely technical. Monica said that it was mainly technical and not so much social. Alan Burrows suggested putting in information about the inspection seminars. Dick Kuszyk said that he would like the technical newsletter to go into the marketing program.

Shirley Nelson asked if Tribe Chiefs could please send their Newsletters to the other tribe chiefs for dissemination around the tribes. Dave Fitzgerald said that if all the chiefs send their newsletters to him he would put them on the tribe report part of the website. Also if all the tribe chiefs send a copy to Monica she could use them for possible content.

Stabilator Horn: Dave Fitzgerald said that Hans Neubert has been doing lots of work on the horn issue. The problem is that information is coming through so slowly. Stress Corrosion is causing problems on the horn. The FAA has complimented the ICS on the participation in the Horn Issue. A Service bulletin should be written by Piper by the end of the year. Dick Kuszyk wanted to know who the contacts were that Dave Fitzgerald was talking to about the horn issue. Dave Fitzgerald said that he could not put the information out to the membership until we know what is going on. We have no details and so cannot

speculate but that we should tell the membership that they should know that the ICS is working with the FAA and the manufacturers to resolve the issue.

8. Website Status:

Dave Fitzgerald has been working tirelessly on the website and he said that once he was no longer president he should manage to get things done on the website a lot quicker. Monica Rehkopf said that we should give our thanks to Dave Fitzgerald for all the work he has done on the website. All present concurred. Dave Fitzgerald said that with regard to database privacy, if tribe chiefs download the information of the tribe members that they must be aware of the issue of distributing private information. Alan Burrows suggested publishing the Pathfinder again and Dave Fitzgerald suggested putting it to the Fall Board Meeting.

9. Tribe Chiefs Responsibilities and Manual Update:

Shirley Nelson said that she still needs to get the information from Dorothy Meadows in order to do it.

10. Fleet Survey:

Kristen Winter was not present and so there was no information.

11. Air Salvage – Dallas:

David Cretney said that Lucky Louque is onboard for technical advice. Zach Grant, Bill Creech and Cliff Wilewski will deal with all the queries. Lucky will look at the Q & A's and if there are any issues he will deal with / oversee through Zack Grant and Bill Creech. He suggested getting Lucky involved in the horn issue.

12. ICS 2009 Oshkosh Status:

Dave Fitzgerald said that 200+ people came to the Oshkosh tent this year. J J Miller did a lot of work towards it. Dick Kuszyk said that it was a Number 1 marketing tool and was well worth it. Don Nelson said that they got about 12-13 new sign-ups. Alan Burrows asked if we did not have a full report from one of the Oshkosh reps. Bob Cretney said that we need to get more volunteers for the Oshkosh tent.

13. ICS Sun 'n Fun Status:

Sally Williams said that \$5000 was granted to the SE Tribe to sort out the Sun n Fun tent. SE Tribe is excited and want ICS to have the presence at Sun n Fun. The application has been faxed to the Sun n Fun committee but they will not get confirmation until Feb 2010.

Dave Fitzgerald said that we should look into getting seminars organized for 3 of the days. Sally Williams said that if she was given the subjects at the Fall Board meeting she would get the organization of the seminars started.

14. 2009 ICS Convention Status:

The convention was going well and they had had 2-3 walk ins.

15. Future ICS Conventions:

Dave Fitzgerald said that Nationair would like to get involved in helping organize the conventions. We should get a dialogue going with them and it has potential. This was tabled until the Fall Board meeting.

Shirley Nelson said that she had updated the convention planning manual and Sally Williams should get the manual for the 2011 convention. It is the same as the old manual just updated. Alan Burrows said that the new manual needs to be reviewed and okayed by the board. Dave Fitzgerald said that the okay should be tabled to the New Board meeting.

16. Any Other Business:

Mid States Tribe: Dave Fitzgerald said that there was an issue with the Mid States Tribe. He asked if it should be resurrected or amalgamated into other tribes. Dick Kuszyk said that before we close a tribe down we should attempt a resurrection starting with a newsletter for the mid states. Alan Burrows said that we should make strenuous efforts to retain the tribe as to let it fail would set a dangerous precedent and would be very difficult for us to resurrect it in the future. After general discussion it was agreed that Dick Kuszyk and other members of his tribe would make efforts to generate interest amongst the Mid States members. The matter would be reviewed at a future board meeting.

Focus on Airworthiness: Pat Keefer, a guest, wanted to bring some ideas out into the open and was looking for approval to bring a proposal to the next board meeting. She wanted to be an agent for change and is interested in airworthiness issues. She explained that she wanted to use the website to disseminate information on STC's and field approvals. Bernie Mazurek pointed out to her that we already have Monica's email Newsletter which is used precisely for that purpose as well as for other urgent issues that need to be brought to the attention of the general membership. After further discussion the board felt that Pat had not made a sufficiently detailed case for her ideas from the brief discussion paper that she provided. Dick Kuszyk said the idea of some form of technical representation should be kept alive and that it was shortsighted not to at least look at the proposal. It was decided therefore to accept a presentation at the Spring Board meeting.

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Shirley Nelson and seconded by Alan Burrows. The meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Alan Burrows
Secretary
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