

INTERNATIONAL COMANCHE SOCIETY, INC.
Minutes for the
Old Board Meeting - August 30, 2011
Marriott Riverfront Hotel, Plaza Room, Savannah, Georgia

Bernie Mazurek, ICS President, called the meeting to order at 10:45 A.M. on Tuesday, August 30, 2011, in the Plaza meeting room of the Marriott Riverfront Hotel at Savannah, Georgia.

1. Roll Call

Bernie asked Secretary Peggy Harmon to conduct the roll call of Board Officers and Board Tribe Chiefs and/or Tribe Representatives.

Board Officers:	President	Bernie Mazurek
	Secretary	Peggy Harmon
	Treasurer	Don Nelson
	CFF President	Lorne Harmon (non-voting)

Board Tribe Chiefs/ Tribe Representatives	Tribe Chief/SE	Sally Williams
	Tribe Rep/NW	Shirley Nelson
	Tribe Chief/SC	Bob Cretney
	Tribe Chief/NE	Pete Morse - via Skype
	Tribe Rep/SW	Scott Myers

Absent Board Officer:	Vice President	Dick Kuszyk
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Absent Tribe Chiefs/ Representatives	Tribe Chief/NC	Jerry Jesion
	Tribe Chief/ECan	Stewart Campbell
	Tribe Chief/WCan	Dean Harvey
	Tribe Chief/Eur	Ben Ayalon
	Tribe Chief/Aus	Ian Thomson
	Tribe Chief/SAfrica	Russell Knowles
	Tribe Chief/MS	John Johnson

ICS Member Guests: John Van Bladeren, Dennis Springer, Dave Fitzgerald, and Robert Fox. Pat Donovan on Skype.

Quorum: Nine Board members were present, and Bernie Mazurek declared a quorum with eight (8) voting members present.

2. Introduction of Board Members & Guests

Bernie welcomed everyone, commented that the weather (threatened by the latest

hurricane) had cooperated, and then asked for introductions around the room of both Board members and guests.

3. Acceptance of the Agenda

Bernie asked for a acceptance of the Agenda which was sent out via email prior to the meeting.

Motion: Bob Cretney made a motion that the agenda as presented by Bernie be accepted; Sally Williams seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

5. 2011 Spring Board Meeting Minutes

Bernie asked for any corrections to the Spring Board Meeting Minutes as posted on the ICS web site; there being none, he called for a motion to approve.

Motion: Sally Williams made a motion that the Spring Board Meeting Minutes as posted on the web site be approved; Don Nelson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report - Update Since 2011 Spring Board Meeting

Bernie asked Don Nelson to give an update to the Treasurer's Report he gave at the 2011 Spring Board Meeting in Florida. His report was: ICS currently has approximately \$172,000 in CDs; \$47,000 in checking and savings accounts; that there are a few hundred dollars in bills yet to be paid not reflected and about \$500 in Pay Pal monies which came in a few days prior to the report; \$220,000 in total cash assets; that we no longer have office furniture, but we do own a laptop computer that will be turned over to the new Treasurer; we were late in filing our tax return this year and got an extension to August 15th (partly due to our Village Press bookkeeper's illness); and that basically the report is the same as presented at the Spring Board Meeting. He added that the tax filing is done, and we should expect financial statements for this year at the Fall Board Meeting. He explained again how ICS made the change in accounting method to only recognizing "earned income"; how this resulted in showing a \$75,000 loss for last year, when in actuality we had \$96,000 in deferred income; and that the bottom line was we made money last year, but placed a lot of that profit in reserved income. Bernie Mazurek explained that rather than email the Tribe Chiefs with an explanation of the loss created by the change in accounting method last year (as was discussed at the Spring Board Meeting), he instead explained it in his President's article in the Comanche Flyer so the whole membership was duly informed. When asked if there was any negative feedback, he replied that he had not heard any. Don Nelson said there was one via email, that he explained it, and it was accepted.

Bernie asked for any further questions on the Treasurer's Report; there being none, he

called for a motion to approve this updated Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Lorne Harmon made a motion to approve the updated Treasurer's Report as presented; Sally Williams seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

7. 2011 ICS Convention Report

Bernie asked Sally Williams, Co-Chairperson of the 2011 Savannah Convention Committee, to give her report. Sally said she would provide the secretary with a written report. She reported that as of today registrations had reached 92, with a few more coming in this morning. She acknowledged all those that worked on the committee; the outside people and vendors that helped; the seminar presenters; Gulfstream and Flight Safety for the tours; the web site promotion; the Convention planning book; and the assistance from the hotel. She said the transportation arrangement with rental cars seemed to have been successful, just as they were in Dayton. Her suggestions for future conventions: Possibly use a professional agency that we can negotiate with to contact national hotel chains that would agree to work with us for at least four years, get information from past chairmen, and start with hotel arrangements two years out. Lastly, she said the ala carte registration seemed to work, yet the majority of attendees chose the full registration. Lorne Harmon, President of CFF, asked that the funding by CFF of the seminars be a part of the record. Sally said that she would amend her report to include this.

There being no further discussion, Bernie asked for a motion to accept the report.

Motion: Don Nelson made a motion to accept Sally Williams' 2011 ICS Convention Report; Shirley Nelson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

8. 2012 ICS Convention Hosted by the Northeast Tribe

Bernie asked Pete Morse, Tribe Chief for the Northeast Tribe, for a report on the 2012 ICS Convention (via Skype). Pete stated things were "rolling along" pretty well on this convention--only 54 weeks to go--set for September 12-16, 2012. He said the host hotel will be the Holiday Inn, near the airport and three blocks from the harbor; that commercial arrivals will be Washington International Airport and Comanches to land at Martin State, eleven miles from downtown in the other direction and outside the ADIZ. They have a tentative schedule planned which contains activities at the hotel, Airport Day at Martin State, and the Awards dinner aboard the "Spirit of Baltimore" as we cruise through the harbor. They will have a "Vendor's Show Case", seminars funded by CFF, help from AOPA regarding aircraft ownership and legal issues, a seminar on our aging aircraft, parts, and STC's, a seminar on ICS in the computer age, and a ground school for co-pilots, i.e., taking off, flying and "a landing you can walk away from". They are going to do a Wednesday to Sunday convention, which will promote the affordability of coming early and staying longer. He concluded by stating that the 200th anniversary of Francis Scott Key's composing of the Star Spangled Banner will be celebrated during the time of this convention, as well as the state's Centennial celebration.

9. Convention Committee Report

Bernie asked Shirley Nelson for a Convention Committee Report. Shirley thanked Dee, the Convention Chair for the Baltimore Convention, and Pete Morse, for the cooperation she is receiving in keeping her abreast of the plans for the convention and explained why this is important. She thanked Sally Williams and her tribe for the great job at this convention. In going over the convention scheduling, she stated the Northeast has 2012, the Northwest 2013, and the Northwest is planning a cruise to Alaska. Lorne Harmon asked if there will be a place for meetings before or after the cruise, and Shirley said yes, Airport Day on Saturday, all our meetings on land on Friday, and Saturday night for the dinner. She continued with Mid States for 2014 and South Central for 2015. Pete Morse asked if statistics from prior conventions could be kept in a central place. Bernie clarified that from this day forward, these type of records will be kept by the Convention Committee. Don Nelson asked that this information be inserted in the Convention manual.

Bernie Mazurek commented that we seem to be moving more into an electronic age where a lot of presenters use Power Point and could be used for Board meetings and conventions. He said he would like the Board to discuss the idea of buying a projector for the future, since renting one from hotels is very expensive. Bernie asked Scott Myers if he would research the cost to ICS, and Scott agreed. Bob Cretney asked if Scott could also look into a better vehicle than Skype for use at Board meetings, and both Bernie and Scott agreed this should be under New Business.

There being no further questions or discussion regarding the Convention Committee Report, Bernie called for a motion to accept.

Motion: Sally Williams made a motion that the Convention Committee Report as given by Shirley Nelson be accepted; Bob Cretney seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

10. Golden Circle & Annual Achievement Award Nominations & Selection

Bernie Mazurek explained that Dick Kuszyk resigned as Chairman of this project, and Bob Cretney has agreed to serve in his place. He said it is up to the Board to make the selection for the two awards. Bob Cretney said Bernie has nominated Dave Fitzgerald for the Golden Circle award, and he (Bob) would like to nominate Maurice Taylor. He further stated that for the Annual Achievement award, Bernie has nominated Hans Neubert, and again, he (Bob) would like to nominate Dave Fitzgerald. There was discussion as to strict volunteerism versus those being paid for service. There was further discussion as to how the nominations should take place, i.e., by the Chairman of the Committee and/or by the Board. Bob then explained that the Golden Circle award is given for service over the years to ICS, while the Annual Achievement award would be for a person who has made the most significant contribution to ICS over the current year. The Board then asked that Dave Fitzgerald step outside while the discussion continued.

After additional discussion, Don Nelson was also asked to step outside the meeting room.

Motion: After discussion, Lorne Harmon stated he would like to make a motion that Don Nelson be nominated for the Golden Circle award for his service as Treasurer for the last five years and for his many years of service in other capacities, and that Dave Fitzgerald receive the Annual Achievement award. Sally Williams seconded the motion.

There was discussion and a call for clarification. Bernie outlined his reasons for nominating Dave Fitzgerald for the Golden Circle award and Hans Neubert for the Annual Achievement award. There followed further discussion on whether or not these awards should include or exclude those paid for service.

Amended Motion: Lorne Harmon amended his motion to: I would like to make a motion that Dave Fitzgerald be given the Golden Circle award and Don Nelson be given the Annual Achievement award; Sally Williams seconded the amended motion. After further discussion on this motion, Bernie asked if there were any other nominations. There were none, and nominations were closed. He then called for a vote on the amended motion still on the floor.

Vote on Amended Motion: Five Board members voted for the amended motion, and one opposed; the motion carried.

A short break was taken at 12:00 noon. The meeting reconvened at 12:20 P.M., with both Dave Fitzgerald and Don Nelson returning to the meeting room.

New Business:

12. Other New Business

Bernie asked Dave Fitzgerald for a report on the Australian horn and the pending AD on the Piper horn. Dave had an Australian horn available for review. He then began by reminding everyone how hard the Air Worthiness Committee had worked, and as a result of this work felt we may get an even better AD than the one proposed. An AD is expected in the next two to three months, and it is hoped the Australian horn will be excluded from the AD. After his report, he asked for questions. The question was raised as to whether there were any cracked horns found on the B and C models, and the answer was no, however, the same part number was used throughout the singles and therefore the AD will apply to all singles.

Dave continued with a report on the web site changes. Dave first discussed the issue of an electronic magazine versus the printed version. He then described the new features he is working on for the web site, especially the link to advertisers. Dave also explained that he has talked to Flyer advertisers about advertising on the web site, and discussion ensued about this issue. Don Nelson felt we should get Village Press involved in developing web advertising. He also felt that we need to develop a better electronic magazine with a "turn page" operation. Dave disagreed with the "turn page" operation

because it was unnecessary and would be more costly.

Dave turned to the subject of Skype, and there was discussion about the value of the Skype method and how it could be improved.

Dave then gave a report on his development on the web site that would allow the ability to vote electronically. He said it has protection features that will eliminate fraudulent voting, and he explained how that protection works. He said the Board will need to make a decision at the Fall Board Meeting as to whether to use electronic voting and/or send it to the Elections Committee. He also confirmed that this will cover both tribe voting and ICS voting. There was discussion about how to handle those without computers, and Dave confirmed that he has addressed this issue and there are ways to handle it.

A question was asked of Dave as to how many hours a month he works on the web site. Dave replied that it is over 40 hours a week in some months; that his budget is \$12,000 a year; and that he doesn't take any of that money, but occasionally gets help from an outside php programmer that ICS pays for. Don Nelson said actually we have been only spending \$3,000 a year in recent years on the web site. Shirley Nelson said she had suggested that Dave Fitzgerald present a figure to the Board as a reasonable amount to pay a web master like him. She said now that ICS has been turned around financially, we need to further discuss this.

Bernie Mazurek asked if there was any other new business. There was discussion about the ballots arriving too late for European and Australian members, and the conclusion for the possible reason for the tardiness varied as to whether it was the Postal Service, Village Press, etc..

Bob Cretney asked if we could possibly change our policy regarding charging our members for classified ads for the sale of Comanche air planes. He felt this service should be free to our members, and the result may be that we gain new members. Don Nelson agreed to check on the cost for Trade A Plane ads.

Bernie once again called for any other new business, and there being none, called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Bob Cretney made a motion that we adjourn the meeting; Shirley Nelson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Harmon
ICS Secretary

