International Comanche Society, Inc.

Minutes from the Old Board Meeting – June 21, 2017

By LaVerne Stroh, Secretary

Note: Motions and voting are in **bold black** font

Action items are in **bold blue** font

1. **Av Shiloh, President, called the meeting to order** at 10:00 AM EDT
2. **Roll Call by LaVerne Stroh**

Officers:

President Av Shiloh Present

Vice President Bob Williams Present

Treasurer Bob Berry Present

Secretary LaVerne Stroh Present

Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

Tribe Rep SW Scott Myers Present

Tribe Chief/Rep SC Ron Franks Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep SE Jeff Munford Absent

Tribe Rep Mid States Pat Donovan Absent

Tribe Rep NW Bill Case Absent

Tribe Rep NC Hank Spellman Present

Tribe Chief/Rep NE C J Stumpf Present

Tribe Chief/Rep W Canada William Hughes Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep E Canada Bryan McDougall Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep Europe Kate Burrows Present

Tribe Chief/Rep S. Africa Russell Knowles Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep Australia Nigel Wettenhall Absent

Non-voting Board Member

CFF President Mike Foster Present

Guests

ICS Member EU Monica Rehkopf

ICS Member NC Dave Fitzgerald

ICS Member NW Shirley Nelson

ICS Member SC Bob Cretney

**Quorum: There were eight (8) voting members present.**

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

**Kate moved to accept the agenda. Bob Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

1. **President’s Opening Remarks by Av Shiloh**

Av welcomed everyone to the meeting and the convention. This is Av’s last meeting as President. He will try to keep this meeting very short. Av stated it has been a personal honor and pleasure to work with everyone. He will continue to do what he can to help the society. Av thanked everyone for doing what they do for the society.

1. **Acceptance of BOD Meeting Minutes by LaVerne Stroh**

The minutes for the May TeamSpeak meetings were sent out by LaVerne for review.

**Kate moved to accept the May meeting minutes. Hank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

1. **Treasurer ‘s Report by Bob Berry**

Av stated we hold most of this for the new board meeting.

Bob Berry stated he cashed a CD 24th. The rest can wait for the new board meeting.

Av asked how much the CD was.

Bob stated it was right at $30,400.

1. **Annual Convention Report by Bob Williams**

Av stated they are at a beautiful hotel with a great view overlooking Cleveland and some of the surrounding attractions.

Bob Williams stated there are 68 people at the convention. The NASA tour is tomorrow (Thursday), vendor day is Friday, Airport Day is Saturday, and fly out is Sunday. They will not lose any money on the convention which is good news for everyone.

1. **New Website Report by LaVerne Stroh**

LaVerne stated the website is moving along. She did a complete review of the site and gave Adam a list of things to fix. Last week, Scott, Pat, and Bill Case, helped review the new website. They found a few more things that were forwarded. We talked to Village Press. We had one meeting with them to discuss the website and show them how to get around. We have another meeting set up with them next week. The support tickets will be a new thing for members to use. We will provide the information on who needs to be in what group to work those tickets. We’ll have to look at the ICS merchandise to see if we need to change that before we go live.

Av asked if the roll out date was still the same.

Monica stated she had talked to LaVerne about the possibility of getting a professional provider in case the current provider is gone.

Kate stated we need to make sure we have control of the site with passcodes, etc. if something happens to the current provider.

LaVerne stated the website is ours. We can take it over any time. She is looking at possible places to use as a backup if something happens to the current provider or he chooses not to do this anymore. LaVerne will keep working on it but right her main concern is getting this rolled out. It will be difficult to find anyone to do what we want for the price we are getting. He is still holding the same price we did three years ago of $250/mo. for 10 hours. That will be hard to find someone with that price.

Av asked if we have the ability to access the site and we have a copy of the database in case we need to restore posthaste.

LaVerne stated we will be doing a back up to the ICS server once everything is working correctly. That way if anything happens, we can immediately have someone bring it online.

Bob Berry stated he took over the printing of the Tips and Creech manuals. Now, he is getting notification from Village Press when one is ordered and they aren’t always timely. He would like to shut down the store and transfer the orders for these two to Bob Berry once someone pays on PayPal.

Kate asked who is doing the inventory and how does that work now.

Av stated Village Press is charging a fee for holding the inventory and for handling each item. Bob has made arrangements to do that totally different.

Kate asked if somebody buys something the email should go to Bob.

Av stated Bob can work with LaVerne to make sure that if Village Press finds out about an item Bob can be notified simultaneously.

Bob stated he wants all Creech and Tips manuals to go to him. Village Press charges six dollars to touch a twelve dollar hat and we want to be done with that. We have another vendor where we won’t have to keep inventory. The new website will just flip to that vendor for inventory other than the manuals. Village Press will handle the patches and other stuff for new members. We have lots of decals but no patches and Bob is not ordering anymore until this is all resolved.

LaVerne stated those are the type of things that she needs to know; exactly what Village Press is going to be selling, the way to the new website where we are ordering stuff and things like that. She would prefer to have it all done before we go live or it will cost us to change it afterward.

Av suggested Bob be invited to the website committee meeting to hash out some of the details.

CJ suggested we get a list of the plug-ins for Word Press.

Av stated we need a list of the plug in’s for our back up.

Bob stated Dave knows way more about the inventory and stuff. He should be the primary person to get this moved over.

**LaVerne stated she will talk to Dave next week to work through some of the items.**

1. **Nominating/Election Committee Report by Dave Fitzgerald**

Dave stated everyone who ran won. There were a total of 130 votes. Dave will put the results on the website.

Av stated we needed over100 votes to be legitimate per the bylaws. We had that so we are good there.

1. **Committee Reports by Committee Chairs**

No committee reports were received.

1. **Tribe Reports by Tribe Chiefs**

No tribe reports were received except for Kate’s.

1. **Miscellaneous Old Business by Board of Directors**

Av stated last year we voted to hold elections every two years; however, we still have to vote on the budget every year. So, we still have to deal with the budget every year. Hank spoke to Av and gave him some possible solutions to that. Rather than discussing it now, we will leave that for the new board to deal with.

1. **2017 EAA AirVenture by CJ Stumpf and Pat Donovan**

Pat couldn’t make it for this meeting but will be at the new board meeting; so CJ gave the report.

CJ stated the tent has been moved for airflow. Pat will be doing the group parking again. It will be advertised on Facebook as well as other places. It is close to the showers, food, and has Wi-Fi. Let Pat know if you are interested. Let your tribes know that if they are parking with the group and need to leave early, some of your parking can be refunded.

The membership chairman agreed to do the same membership special they did last year. Last year we set a record for the number of new and renewal memberships.

The one hitch at the moment is the display aircraft that was supposed to be the aircraft with the STC display, but they may not be able to get that in and have it available for Oshkosh. If anybody knows someone who wants to or if you want to display your airplane, please let CJ know right away. They have to be in a day early to get parked in the tent.

Scott asked if the tent space moved and where is it moving?

CJ stated the location was the same. She was referring to the way the tent was setting. It will be moved a few feet for air flow.

Bob Berry stated the tent location had actually changed by one space. We are now on the corner spot instead of the middle.

CJ stated that was true. If we are right on the corner, that would be great.

Bob Berry stated that was true.

CJ stated last year they live streamed some of the seminars on Facebook. It seemed to really help bring people in since it was standing room only in the tent. They plan on doing that again.

Zach will be doing his seminar again on getting performance out of your Comanche and ADSB update, which was a big hit last year.

1. **2018 ICS Budget by Bob Berry and BOD**

Av stated he was going to leave this item for the next administration but he urged the board to start thinking about a dues increase like we did the last two years. If we do it one more year, it will help make sure we don’t operate in a deficit again. The increases take some time after they are initiated before we see the full benefit. Hopefully, it will be addressed by the fall board meeting.

Bob Cretney asked what the dues would be after the increase.

Av stated the dues are $78 now. The increase must be 5% or less per the bylaws, so the increase would probably be about $3 for an even number, which would mean about $6000/year for ICS. It means a balanced budget vs. a deficit.

Bob Cretney asked if that would mean it would be $81.

Av stated that was probably correct. Looking at other type clubs, we are one of the cheapest dedicated groups. We have a good product and the dues are less than some of them, like the Cirrus group.

1. **Consistent Officer Term/ Date and Staggered Terms by Pat Donovan and the BOD**

Av stated this item will be tabled until the new board meeting so Pat will be there unless there are any objections.

There were no objections so this will be postponed to Saturday.

Bob Cretney stated Pat asked Bob to let everyone know the new board meeting will be at 8:15 AM EDT on Saturday in the hospitality room.

Bob Williams asked it that was on the agenda.

Av stated he was not sure. Pat will take care of it.

1. **Miscellaneous New Business by Board of Directors**

CJ stated there was a fly-in in East Canada; a joint fly-in with Quebec coming up. It will be after Oshkosh and will be advertised.

Someone stated it is in Pete’s newsletter.

Bob Cretney asked if the flagship rules were removed from the standing rules.

Av stated he did not think they were. He asked Scott. We still require three singles and three twins to validate Flagship.

Bob Cretney stated he did not see them and is concerned about the three airplanes.

Someone stated we have not had three at several conventions.

Av stated we have had three. Ron Ward entered his to make sure there were three and Savannah and OKC had three. It is important to have three to keep the integrity of the price. Otherwise you could win if you had a wreck of a plane you entered. We should not change that rule.

Hank stated the copy of the standing rules on the website is current.

Dave handed him a copy of the rules. It still requires three.

Bob Cretney stated he did not see them and suggested they go into the standing rules.

Bob Williams stated in 2009 they modified the Flagship rules since there were no legal rules. Cliff and the convention committee developed them so they were a real contest and it wasn’t a popularity contest.

Shirley Nelson stated the rules are in the convention handbook.

**Hank moved that the current flagship rules as they appear now in the convention manual be adopted as the next numbered standing rule. CJ seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.**

Bob Williams asked if they are the same rules used in 2009.

Shirley stated they were the same ones.

Bob Cretney stated there was another rule added last year for the SC tribe judging to add Members Choice. That was done so somebody that didn’t spend a lot of money but had a plane that was really nice and the members liked it, they could be recognized.

Av stated he did not want to put that on there. It is now up to the convention organizer if they want to have that class. It is not mandatory. The way it turned out in OKC, the flagship winner was also the people’s choice winner; so, he is not a proponent of forcing every convention organizer to do it. We can’t change it now right before the judging.

Hank stated the idea was to have a legal basis for judging the current one.

LaVerne stated we have a motion on the floor from Hank we need to act on.

Bob Williams stated if you look at the rules for the flagship it I not the prettiest machine but is one that is kept up to date, maintained, etc. That is why they standardized it. It was done intentionally so if you brought in a Comanche with a $500,000 it was judged based on the functionality of the airplane that had steam gauges. They did that on purpose so it was not a checking account contest. They tried to get rid of the popularity contest. In Texas it was done, but it is a totally separate contest.

Dave stated the rules for judging are based on Oshkosh judging rules and is very well written.

Av stated it is well done. As the recipient of the 2011 flagship award, what Bob mentioned about the real nice panel only counts for so many points. You can have a panel that is a hundred times nicer than any other panel but it only counts for a certain number of points. Cliff successfully managed to do a professional, consistent, and objective method as you can see anywhere, including Oshkosh. Cliff did a great job of making sure everything is fair, including getting appropriate judges.

Av stated we do have a motion we need to deal with.

Bob Williams asked for the motion to be repeated.

Av repeated the motion as stated previously.

Av asked for a vote.

Scott asked if there is a quorum.

Av stated we are in excess of quorum.

Scott stated his concern was if somebody wasn’t at the keyboard even though they are listed in TeamSpeak, we should not vote by objection.

Dave stated if anybody objects, we vote on it.

Scott stated if they weren’t at the keyboard they won’t be able to object.

Av stated that is the same as if they were physically at the meeting and left the room and missed the vote, we don’t wait for them. We shouldn’t waste everybody’s time just because of that.

Av asked if LaVerne could take a vote.

LaVerne stated that since she isn’t physically there it is difficult for her to take the vote.

Av took the vote in the room and LaVerne took the vote on TeamSpeak.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Scott stated he was not objecting in this particular bill but just in general in case someone walked away and we wouldn’t have a quorum.

Av stated while there are merits to that, but this method of objections for minor things has saved a lot of time, especially on TeamSpeak to help keep the meetings short. There are reasons to do the formal votes, but for practicality, this works well.

LaVerne stated since she has been the Secretary, when we have done the voting by objection only it is done for minutes and the Treasurer's reports. If there is anything of real importance the voting is done individually.

Av stated that was exactly correct.

Shirley stated a previous board voted on the objection method being an official vote. .

Av stated that was good to know and in either instance, we have done it both ways and the voting passed.

**The bylaws committee will update the standing rules and present them to the board for approval and updating on the website.**

1. **Next Board of Directors Meeting by Board of Directors**

The next meeting will be the new board meeting to be held June 24, 2017 at 8:15 EDT.

1. **Adjournment by Board of Directors**

Av thanked everyone again for serving. Monica stated she had hoped Av would stay on but since he didn’t, she thanked him for his service.

**Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Hank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**