International Comanche Society, Inc.

Minutes from TeamSpeak Meeting – July 18, 2017

By LaVerne Stroh, Secretary

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

 Action items are in **bold blue** font

1. **Pat Donovan, President, called the meeting to order** at 8:02 PM EST
2. **Roll Call**

Officers:

President Pat Donovan Present

Vice President Bob Williams Present

Treasurer Bob Berry Present

Secretary LaVerne Stroh Present

Past-President Av Shiloh Present

Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

Tribe Rep SW Scott Myers Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep SC Bob Cretney Present

Tribe Chief/Rep SE Jeff Munford Absent

Tribe Rep Mid States Doug Linville Present

Tribe Rep NW Bill Case Absent

Tribe Rep NC Hank Spellman Present

Tribe Chief/Rep NE C J Stumpf Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep W Canada William Hughes Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep E Canada Bryan McDougall Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep Europe Kate Burrows Absent

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 SC Ron Franks

ICS Member NC Dave Fitzgerald

ICS Member SC Chuck Stroh

**Quorum: There were nine (9) voting members present.**

1. **Acceptance of Agenda**

**Pat asked if there were any objections to the agenda. There were no objections. The agenda was accepted as presented.**

1. **President’s Opening Remarks**

Pat stated he had nothing other than to say he is going to try to keep the meeting at an hour; an hour and a half at best.

1. **Acceptance of BOD Meeting Minutes**

Pat stated we did not get the minutes for the old and new board meetings yet and asked LaVerne if that was correct.

LaVerne stated that was correct. She has spent all of her time for the past few weeks on getting ready for and converting to the new website.

Pat stated that was much more important.

1. **Treasurer ‘s Report**

Bob Berry stated he is waiting for Village Press (VP) to input all of the information. All bills are paid.

Pat asked if the issue with the Australian (AU) tribe has been resolved.

Bob stated the person he was corresponding with was out until Wednesday.

Pat asked Bob to give a short synopsis of the issue for everyone.

Bob Berry stated there is a discrepancy in the number of members in the AU tribe who paid their dues. VP agrees with the numbers Bob is showing as far as members in December. The AU tribe is showing less members than VP and Bob have listed, which leaves AU short in payment.

Pat asked if there was an issue in US vs AU dollars.

Bob stated they paid in US dollars. The member numbers is the issue.

1. **2017 EAA AirVenture**

Pat stated as far as he knows everything is on schedule. The ICS merchandise is being shipped from VP. They have a display aircraft. Pat is going to Oshkosh on Thursday to make sure everything is okay with the tent. They have the recorded vendor seminars from the Cleveland convention they will play on the TV in between the live seminars.

Mike asked if there is a list of what is going on in the tent.

Pat stated he had not received that from CJ. He knows several vendors from the convention will be doing seminars.

Pat stated there are nineteen Comanche’s that signed up for the camping.

Mike asked Bob Berry if he got the check from CFF for the tent.

Bob Berry stated he had not received it.

Mike stated he will follow up with Shirley on the status. The CFF board voted at their last meeting to provide a donation of $1500 for the tent at Oshkosh.

Pat thanked Mike for CFF’s continued support.

1. **Elimination of Apparel at Village Press – Status**

Pat asked if there was status with regard to the new apparel vendor.

Bob Berry stated he did not have anything new. The updated information to access the new vendor’s web site will be on our new website at some point but he did not know the status of that.

Bob stated he had not received the landing gear CD’s yet; nor has he received the Tips or Creech manuals. Everything is supposed to be moved to him on those three items, which he will be handling instead of VP.

Pat stated per an email from Rhonda at VP, six Tips and 23 DVD’s were sent to Bob Berry. They had the tracking info in the email.

Bob Cretney asked Bob to repeat which items he will handle.

Bob Berry stated he would handle the Tips and Creech manuals, plus the CD.

1. **Consistent Officer Term/ Date and Staggered Terms**

Not covered

1. **2018 ICS Budget – Dues Increase**

Not covered

1. **AOPA Fly-in Support Status**

Pat asked Doug if he had any questions regarding the fly-in in Oklahoma since Scott was not present.

Doug stated he would talk to someone up in Oshkosh about it.

Pat asked Doug to contact Scott. Doug will need to find someone to display the aircraft and be on hand for a day or two to talk to people about Comanche’s.

Doug asked if Pat wanted more than one airplane.

Pat stated that was his choice. It costs more for a second airplane, but it is up to Doug.

Bob Cretney asked Pat if he was talking about the fly-in at Norman, OK.

Pat stated he was.

Bob Cretney asked Ron Franks to give an update on what was discussed at the Waco fly-in over the weekend.

Ron stated they have two aircraft lined up to display. He has been talking to Scott and is surprised we are discussing it now.

Pat stated that since it is in Mid States, he was reaching out to Doug to make sure it is covered.

Ron stated it is South Central not Mid States.

Pat stated Ron was correct. He thought OK was in Mid States.

Ron stated he will be there with his airplane and Bob Cretney with his airplane. They have several other people involved. He is coordinating with other local people to man the table. He is expecting Chuck and LaVerne will be there as well. LaVerne stated they would be.

Ron stated he and Scott have been exchanging emails on the event and everything should be on track.

Pat suggested Doug go to Norman to see what goes on and possibly help so he is prepared for other fly-ins.

Mike asked Pat about Norman since he had not heard anything about it.

Pat stated Ron Franks is working on it so he might want to get with Ron for more information. It should be like other AOPA fly-ins.

Mike asked if it was a SC fly-in.

Av stated it was the normal AOPA fly-in that Scott coordinates.

Doug stated he was only involved since Pat had sent him an email; but he will try to get involved if possible.

Bob Cretney stated a SC tribe member, Gary McNair, has a beautiful 180 that he agreed to bring to show. Bob will bring his twin, but if anybody else has one they would like to show, they are more than welcome to bring that one.

1. **New Website Transition Status**

LaVerne stated we are almost done adding the active members. We did not bring any of the inactive or expired members over since we did not want the expired members to get an email with the new website information, password, etc. Emails were supposed to go out to all current members giving them the new website name and a new password. The first ones we tested had some issues; but the system seems to be working now.

As of this evening, it looks like everyone has been brought over. VP and Adam have been comparing data. There have been some support tickets that have come through already for technical help. We’ve had some members who have asked to get on the website who didn’t have an email address listed in the Pathfinder. Without an email, they didn’t get the information to get on the site. We have some people who are coming to the website who have never been on before.

At some point, we will have to decide what to do with the inactive and expired members. The database from VP has over 7000 members total. We only have about 1900 active.

Adam has set up a knowledge database and we have put in information on how to get to the forums. We will add the information on how to use the new the website that was published in the Flyer and went out with the email from Scott.

We have had suggestions on things people would like to see added to or changed on the new website. Adam asked if all of those ideas/suggestions could be sent to a central point, which at this point is LaVerne; but anybody that wants to can volunteer to do that. The website committee and/or board will then have to decide what changes we want done. The simple changes can be done during his ten hours/month; but over ten hours there is an additional charge.

 LaVerne stated Adam has been working hard on getting this done. He said he is excited we are finally going live after three years. He has many ideas on things we could use the site for; as well as reports we can run, interacting more with Facebook, putting videos online, etc. He has set up a YouTube spot for us so we can put video files out there. It is something that might bring more members to the website and might get others interested in joining so they can get to the videos.

Bob Cretney suggested Adam put a list of items together and send them to the board for review. We might be able to expedite some of the items.

Pat stated he would rather the items go through LaVerne for prioritizing before it comes to the board.

Pat stated that he would like to have the expired members added to the current list of members since we can search for expired members.

LaVerne stated the only issue with that is when they are put on the new website, an email will be generated. Do we want that to happen?

Pat stated depending on what the email says they may just bounce since they were expired a long time ago.

LaVerne stated she will visit with Adam and get back to Pat.

Bob Williams stated an email about the new website might get members to come back.

LaVerne asked how far we want to go back on expired members.

Pat stated he thought going back two or three years was not unreasonable; but use your judgement when you get more information.

Bob Williams stated that as far as storage is concerned, having them all there wouldn’t take much space.

Bob Cretney asked how far back we have the listing.

LaVerne stated she wasn’t sure. She would have to look at dates. Dave may know.

LaVerne stated we won’t get rid of the expired members. We can keep them in a separate file but they wouldn’t be listed on the new website.

Pat would like them together.

Bob Williams stated he just checked the North Central tribe and it is alphabetical by first name.

Pat stated if you click the header at the top, it will resort based on the heading you click on.

Pat stated he would like to see the email address be in the initial column that is displayed.

LaVerne stated she has talked to Adam about changing the headings to those the tribe chiefs would need the most so they could do a quick copy/paste into a spreadsheet until we can figure out how to get the tribe chiefs access to reports. Right now, they would have to have administrator access to run the report; and there is a concern about that many people having admin access. Scott and LaVerne have admin access while working on getting the website going and so Scott can run his listing for items he sends out. LaVerne and Scott would be happy to run the reports, but changing the headings would be a quick way for the tribe chiefs to get the information until Adam comes up with a better way to do that.

Pat stated that was a good idea.

1. **Energizing the Tribes**

Not covered

1. **Chief Contacts with Members**

Pat asked Bob Williams if he contacted any new members.

Bob Williams stated he did not contact new members. Dave Williams is the new tribe chief. Bob has been working on getting the tribe lists to the tribe chiefs so they can email their tribes without too much grief. Once we get the new website up and running, he and LaVerne will work on a solution for that.

Pat stated he was referring to was a message he sent to all the tribe chiefs requesting they contact the new tribe members in their tribe area and have a personal conversation with them. That is part of what he would like to do to energize the tribes and stop the loss of membership. That is what the question was about. He will send the list to Dave.

Bob Williams stated it was discussed in their energization meeting. It is one of the tougher things a tribe chief has to do is sit down with a list of people and make that phone call.

Pat asked Doug if he made contact with anyone.

Doug stated he was working on the expired members. He doesn’t think he got a list with new members. The one he got before did not have any new members. He will be glad to do it when he gets the list.

Pat asked if there were any other tribe chiefs.

Bob Cretney stated Ron Franks was the tribe chief for SC.

Pat asked Ron if he made contact with any new members.

Ron stated he has not gotten any of the emails. He had not received any messages from Pat and knew he should have some. He found them in his spam folder today and has not had a chance to get through all of them.

1. **Miscellaneous New Business**

Pat stated we would discuss the promotion of for-profit businesses. There has been a tremendous amount of discussion by email and probably as much by phone calls. There is an issue where Pat approved a listing of a CPTP seminar in the newsletter as a request by the tribe. He listed it because as editor-in-chief he was asked by the tribe to do that. The board had previously made a determination that CPTP was not to be mentioned in either publication since they did not want to promote a for profit entity, in particular one perceived to be in direct competition with CFF. CPTP has had a paid advertisement for the past few months which listed the event in question. Pat determined listing the event does not constitute such promotion and approved the listing. He did that to ensure fairness and equity. He also requested a previously unadvertised upcoming CPPP event also be listed. Pete Morse did a great job of determining the pertinent details and compiling the E Newsletter, albeit with more details than expected.

Pat stated the reason he made that decision was because the ICS mission statement states that ICS exists to serve its membership by supplying information and know how to support good maintenance, safety, and affordable flying of Comanche aircraft. It serves as a knowledge bank and forum for technical and operational issues and promotes and encourages social activities among its members.

Pat stated his personal goal as president is to provide members with the information they want and need. His goal is to get a CPPP or CPTP event scheduled in every tribe in the North American continent in the next year. He does not expect either CFF or CPTP to do it all. He does not expect all of those will be held but the opportunity for everyone to go is important. If it doesn’t get the members needed to support the event, it would be canceled.

Pat stated he also considered that we already list events and services for other for-profit entities (Heritage Aero, Webco, Comanche Gear, etc.). We actively encourage our members in the Flyer and forum to contact them, even CPTP, when they have a problem. Webco, for example, has had an unpaid ad for the Killough manuals from which they earn a profit.

Pat stated at the Cleveland convention, we hosted for-profit vendor seminars even though they were paid so our members could listen and learn and make a decision. We can debate whether that was an endorsement of them or not. It is irrelevant. We were supplying the members with information so they could listen and learn.

Pat stated his opinion is the listing of CPTP events in our calendar or in our forums is not providing sufficient promotion for CFF to be concerned. We are not saying one is better than the other. It is simply a reminder for all members. To not list these events is biased, unfair, a disservice to our members and a violation of the bylaws in his opinion.

 Pat stated we would begin a discussion about this subject. He set the timer for ten minutes of discussion. Av started the discussion.

Av stated he disagreed with Pat’s opinion, but does it respectfully, and hopes to show why that opinion is wrong. Av stated Pat began by saying the board of directors (BOD) had decided not to list CPTP events in the Flyer and newsletter but Pat decided unilaterally to do it anyway. As editor-in-chief and as President, it is incumbent to follow the board’s direction. If you disagree with the boards’ direction, it would be prudent to discuss it with the board, and present your review and perhaps the board would agree with you. Av believes it is improper for the president to unilaterally make a decision knowingly against the BOD. It is the BOD that should be guiding the society.

Av stated it is not so much of a profit or not for profit issue. We do support many for profit businesses such as Webco and others. The bylaws and standing rules that say it is okay are also the ones that say it is not. The standing rules say we are not to do anything that endorses any product. When it is listed in an international publication, we are endorsing it. This is not the tribe’s publication. If a tribe chief decides to publish the information to their tribe that is up to the tribe chief. The tribes are independent. This is an international society, and we should not do that. We don’t endorse anything else. The Webco distribution of the Killough manual has nothing to do with this. It is because we didn’t want to do it so we let them do it since they are better able to distribute it. We don’t make any money off of it. If Webco does, that is great. Av stated if he we decided to do something to change the policy on that, he would discuss it with the board to make sure they agreed with it before it was changed.

Av stated as far as the bylaws, there is no other company or entity mentioned except CFF. The reason for that is they are the organization ICS set up specifically for educating our members, providing seminars, safety material, etc. If we put a stick in the spokes of CFF, we are short changing ourselves. We need to look at this long term not just short term. It could have a detrimental long term affect. It has taken a long time to reconcile with CFF, a worthwhile organization that has contributed over $40,000 to ICS and the numbers are still growing since they gave another $1500 towards the tent. They have made other contributions to education, ICS scholarships, CPPP, and other things we ask them to do. To do things to help a for-profit company to compete with that is bad. In addition, the bylaws only mention the CFF. The standing rules say each year the BOD will determine how to help CFF.

Pat asked for Av to wrap up so we could get other comments since we only have about four minutes of the ten minutes left.

Av stated he wanted to know if Pat will follow the direction of the BOD or if Pat feels he can unilaterally make decisions that go against the BOD as editor in chief or as President.

Pat stated his intent is to follow, where appropriate and reasonable, the BOD. However, he feels and felt at the time that the policy was a bad policy. In Pat’s opinion, it goes directly against the bylaws and should be overturned.

Av stated while Pat may be right, if he feels that way, he has the right to do that; but, when Pat's opinion conflicts with the BOD, he should discuss it with the BOD and see if he can change their mind. For Pat to make the decision himself, with total disregard to the board, is certainly not within our bylaws and standing rules. Keep in mind our bylaws and standing rules provide for the board to be able to reassign the editor in chief position and to dismiss the president if they feel there is cause.

Dave stated that Pat’s statement was very well put together and well thought out; but speaking as a friend, he puts himself in direct contempt of the board when he does not follow the direction of the board and should rethink what he is doing.

Mike stated that since this had to do with CFF directly, he does not feel that CPTP is competition to CFF. He doesn’t know if their program is any better or worse than CFF’s. Mike stated he agreed with Av and Dave on the board issue. Being the president of CFF has humbled Mike. There are things the CFF board wants to do that he does not agree with; but, if the board votes a certain way, he honors that. Mike stated if Pat wanted to change a rule, he should consider changing it through the board.

**Hank moved the debate be extended another ten minutes if needed. Av seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Bob Williams stated we have been through this for many years. Pat is handling this well in the way he got the discussion started. The comments are sane. The worst that can come out of this is contention within the society that would be a detriment to membership and growth. Bob has opinions on the issue but won’t comment because in the end, we need to support the society.

Bob Cretney stated he looked at the standing rules and bylaws. Either they aren’t correct or have been altered from what he has. They used to say the President was the editor-in-chief, along with what that entailed. The editor in chief doesn’t have to take orders from anyone. He determines what goes on. The same thing happened when Bob was president. It ended up the president/editor in chief could call the shots as to what went into the publications. Bob stated Pat is on firm ground unless it is in the standing rules or bylaws.

Av stated three or four months ago the standing rules were updated to say the BOD can reassign the duties of the editor in chief to anyone else. Just as in any corporation, the BOD makes the final decision and the president’s duty is to execute at the direction of the board. The BOD can reassign the editor in chief at any time.

Dave stated with respect that Bob Cretney was wrong. The BOD is in control of the society. They represent the tribe and the tribe ideas. The president has no singular authority. This is not a kingdom. It is a society. It is run by the society from the bottom up; from members to tribe reps. The BOD has to answer to the tribes.

Pat asked Hank what the most recent standing rule states.

Hank stated it was published in the last day or two. Standing rule Item 40-1, Membership Mass Communications, A, General, 1. states “The society president shall serve as editor in chief of all membership mass communication media unless the board directs that another shall so act for any specific medium or media.” It was passed in the March board meeting.

Pat asked if there was any rule that talked specifically about promotion or support of profit or non-profit entities, such as CPTP.

Bob Berry stated he wanted to clarify Webco does pay us. We get approximately $600/quarter for printing and sending the Killough manuals. Bob asked why we can’t just vote to determine if we want to let profits advertise at no cost.

Pat stated that to clarify Webco has a small separate ad they pay for, and they pay us a percentage of each Killough manual purchased.

Bob Berry stated that was correct, and we should just vote on if for profit companies should get free advertising.

Pat stated Bob can make a motion.

**Bob Berry moved to decide if we extend free advertising space at no cost to CPTP or not. Av seconded the motion.**

Bob Cretney stated that language is not quite right. We are not talking about giving them free advertising. We are talking about having their name included in articles or notices in the Flyer and newsletter. Bob Cretney asked Bob Berry if he would consider amending the motion to that language.

Bob Berry stated it should include all of that and if it is going to be free to CPTP.

Av stated CPTP is not a bad word. It has appeared many times in paid ads for CPTP as well as in many articles. Gloria Smith mentioned CPTP in her article. CPTP is not an illegal company. There is nothing wrong with mentioning it. What we are voting on is whether the ICS should give CPTP special dispensation by promoting or advertising their agenda in our publication. Bob’s question is close; should we allow or extend them the ability to do any promotion or advertising within the listings of our publications.

Bob Cretney stated if this motion passes as stated, we are stating that we have been giving them free advertising, which means the ad they got in the Flyer is free.

Bob Berry stated CPTP pays for advertising, or they have in the past.

Bob Cretney stated that was his point. If this motion is passed in the current language, we are saying they get free advertising.

Pat stated it’s only when it goes into a calendar of events rather than an advertisement.

Av stated many companies advertise with calendars. When we mention their name, their schedule, what they are going to do, where it is, how to contact them, and who to contact, that is advertising and promotion for CPTP. They are welcome to pay for advertising, but for us to list CPTP like that is free advertising and promotion. The question at hand is should we allow CPTP or any like company to be listed and receive free promotion and advertisement in the ICS publications.

Bob Berry stated that wording is fine with him. We just need to vote and get this over with. He has heard about if for the two years since he got on the board.

Hank stated we have some miscellaneous policies that are pertinent. ICS will not endorse any company’s products and the ICS member list can’t be used for advertising. The second item on member lists goes back before the internet. You can’t take the Pathfinder, which was in paper back then, and copy names and addresses to use as a mailing list. As far as endorsing company’s products, we talk about the products for discussions to make sense. There is a distinction in that companies like Heritage put on seminars. They charge enough to cover lunch and do seminars. They are doing it at no cost to us and a great benefit to members. There is a magnitude of difference between what Heritage does and what CPTP does. CPTP charges several hundred dollars, which makes it totally different.

Hank stated he did not like the motion on the floor. It is open to all kinds of misinterpretations. We should come up with something better.

Hank stated, as a proof reader, he saw in the tribe chief section of the upcoming edition of the Flyer a full column detailing everything about the Lancaster CPTP event. That is way too much. A very short mention is fine, and if CPTP wants to put the information in an ad they pay for, that is fine.

Dave stated the ad was paid for.

Hank stated this is in a column where we list who to call for the next fly-in.

Dave stated Melissa stated that ad is paid for. It probably isn’t in the best place in the tribe chief section.

Hank asked if there was another ad someplace else.

Av stated there have been ads CPTP has paid for, and they pay on time. The items we are speaking about are those items being referred to as listings. It is in the section where we advertise the various tribe events. That is where CPTP is listed. If it is an ad, it shouldn’t be there. That constitutes an advertisement or promotion of their seminar.

Av stated maybe there should be a change of wording of the motion to determine if the ICS will permit the listing, advertisement, and promotions of CPTP in its publications that are unpaid.

Bob Cretney stated we already have a motion on the floor.

Bob Berry stated he would be happy to change his motion to the suggested wording.

Doug asked if there would be a negative affect if CPTP withdraws all advertising because of this. Will it be detrimental?

Av stated it would not be a major consequence. There are many detriments here. We should have discussed it before making a decision without the board’s consent. That’s what the board is for is to discuss the issues with varied opinions and come to a consensus. Av has a problem with making decisions that go against the board without consulting them. That isn’t right and he never did that as past president. He discussed items with the board that he didn’t have to just to keep them in the loop. He feels that is the way the society should run. The board runs the society and makes the policy. The President’s duty is to execute that.

Av stated we have a motion on the floor if someone would like to second it. It is basically should ICS permit listing advertising or promotion of CPTP or any other entity for free in its publications.

Bob Williams asked if LaVerne would repeat the motion.

LaVerne stated the motion from Bob Berry was to vote to see if we extend advertising at no cost to CPTP or not.

**Bob Williams called the question.**

**Hank objected to the question**.

Pat asked what that means.

**Hank stated that he objected to the previous question. That calls for a vote. He objected to the initial vote, but it does require a second.**

**Av seconded the motion.**

Hank stated what this says is we don’t want to vote now. We want to talk about it more.

Bob Berry stated the motion is out there and is Hank saying we don’t want to vote after the amendment.

Hank stated there has not been an amendment.

Bob Berry asked if it would be the original motion.

Hank stated the original motion is on the floor. There was a call for the question which essentially says vote on it. Hank objected to that, which means we vote on whether to vote on it. It is not debatable but is explainable. The reason he objected to the question is because the motion is in poor form but could be fixed. The amendment to the motion is not effective.

Av asked for a clarification of what we need to do in simple language if we need to vote this down, correct the language, and then put it up for a vote. What needs to be done to get the new language voted on?

Hank stated the fastest way would be to vote yes on the motion he just made to not vote on it. That cancels the vote and brings us back to the original motion being on the floor which can be amended. We can then vote on the amendment.

Hank stated if you vote yes we go back to the original motion on the floor.

**Bob Williams and Bob Cretney voted no. The rest of the board members voted yes. The vote passed six to two.**

Pat stated we are now back to the original motion by Bob Berry and Av would like to propose an amendment to Bob Berry’s motion.

Av asked Hank if that was appropriate.

Hank stated Av would say he moved that the verbiage of the motion be stricken and the following substituted.

**Av moved the verbiage of the original motion be stricken and replaced with the following; ICS shall not permit any listing, advertising, or promotion of CPTP that is unpaid in its publications.**

Bob Cretney objected to that. You cannot just say CPTP. You have to generalize this to anybody that has something in the magazine.

Av stated that was a good point and asked Hank if he could change the motion. He would like to change the motion to ICS shall not permit the listing, advertising, or promotion of any company other than CFF that are unpaid in the publications.

Bob Cretney stated he objected to that as well. Just delete CFF since they aren’t any part of this.

Av stated we make special dispensation for them

Bob Williams asked if the motion died for lack of a second.

**Hank seconded the motion.**

Pat asked Bob Berry if he agreed with the rewording of the motion.

Bob Berry stated he agrees with the wording Av just gave.

Pat stated that unless Hank states there is a problem, we will call the question at this point and vote.

Hank stated he did not like the wording, but go forward.

Pat asked if it was appropriate to submit other wording.

Bob Berry asked if LaVerne could read the wording again. Hank agreed.

LaVerne read the motion as written – “ICS shall not permit listing, advertising or promotion of any company other than CFF which are unpaid in its publications”.

Bob Cretney stated we need to amend that to delete any reference to CFF. We are talking about any company referred to in the magazine.

Av stated the reason he agreed not to put CPTP but any company; but there is a company that in our bylaws and rules is special and that is CFF. That is our company. We often allow them their own space to talk about safety, the organization, and so forth, and we do not charge them for it. He wanted to make sure that exclusion was covered since it is our own company.

Bob Cretney stated he didn’t care whose company it is. The point is we are supposed to keep what’s best for our membership at the front of the discussion. What’s best for the membership is for them to get training from a decent company, and both of them are. It should be left that way. We are talking about safety for the whole membership.

Av stated we can talk about long term benefits for the members. If you have too many companies doing the same thing with a limited market and they cannibalize each other’s business and they all go broke there is no training for anyone. In general, this motion is talking about free listings, advertisings, or promotions within our publications. We should not do it if it’s not paid for; nor should we penalize CFF who contributes to us in many ways.

Hank asked if he could make a suggestion which was to allow Av to get his wording the way he wants it and then we can go forward.

Pat stated that was a good idea and while Av did that, we would go back to Item 14. Item 14 was covered and we came back to Av’s new wording.

**Av’s moved to change the wording to the motion as follows: ICS shall not permit unpaid listing, advertising, or promotion of any for profit entity in its publications.**

Bob Cretney stated that sounded good.

Av stated we have paid advertising in our Flyer, but we have never had paid advertising in our newsletter and does not think we should; but that is a board decision.

Pat asked if we have a tribe that is going on a three day weekend and mentions a hotel, is that a problem?

Av stated we are talking about a CPTP. If we state when it is, where it’s held, and even what hotel it’s in, and who to call to pay for the seminar, he considers that advertising. On the other hand, the Canadian tribe is going to have a fly-in in a few weeks and there are hotels that are arranged. Even though those hotels are for profit, it is not germane to the main body of the advertisement. We aren’t advertising for the Hilton Hotel. We are saying if you are going to join our fly-in, we will be gathering at that hotel. We aren’t advertising an airport; but we will list the airport we intend to meet at it.

Bob Cretney stated if passed in the current language, it is not possible to have any company named anywhere or it would be considered as advertising.

Av stated he avoided the word CPTP. It has been stated often in our magazine unpaid. An entire article was written about Larry Larkin and CPTP, etc. That is not the point. The point is we should not make a listing that says if you’re in Dallas stay at the Continental Arms hotel. That is an advertisement. If you have a fly-in and plan to land at a certain airport, stay at a certain hotel, and eat at a specific place, that is not advertising. We can nit-pick this to death.

Bob Cretney asked if in the Tribe Chiefs section of the flyer you stated there would be a CPTP event in Lancaster, TX, September 20-22, and that is all that is there, would that be acceptable.

Av stated that would not be appropriate. That would be considered advertising. It is the same as saying all members should stay at a Downtown Hilton. However, if the hotel is secondary to the event, that is not advertising. When you are listing CPTP, it is the primary thing you are advertising. You are saying this is the event and call Bob to see which hotel we are staying at.

Bob Williams stated we are doing a lot in a short amount of time. Bob stated we currently have a motion and amendment on the floor. **Bob moved to table the motion until the next meeting.** This will allow time to come up with exactly what we want. Doing it quickly is not in the best interest of good governance. **Hank seconded the motion.**

Av stated that is a good idea but he would like assurance that the status quo of the past few years stay in place until the BOD changes the decision. He thinks it needs to be considered.

Bob Williams stated the motion is to table discussion until the next board meeting.

Pat stated he would pull all mention of any activity until after the next meeting.

Av stated he appreciated that.

Bob Cretney asked it that included CFF and CPPP.

Pat stated that yes with the exception of a nonpaid ad in the Flyer. Pat asked Mike to put paragraph at the bottom of that page. If he wants to list the CPPP at that point, he can do that. That is an appropriate use of that page.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

1. **Adjournment by Board of Directors**

**Pat asked everyone to look over the email attachment he sent with the original agenda about the primary topic of discussion by the strategic planning committee. The committee consists of Pat, Bob Williams, Bob Cretney, Av, and Zach Grant. The topic is on energizing the tribes. The committee feels it is critical to the success of our organization. Pat asked everyone to think about how to proceed.**

Av asked Pat to put the fall board meeting details on the next agenda if he has all of the details by then so we can start planning.

Pat stated that information will be out shortly. September 29 is the beginning of the meeting. It will be a three day event.

Pat stated we would adjourn the meeting unless there were any objections. There were no objections.