

INTERNATIONAL COMANCHE SOCIETY, INC.
Minutes for the
Annual General Meeting - September 3, 2011
Marriott Riverfront Hotel, Savannah Ballroom C, Savannah, Georgia

ICS President, Bernie Mazurek, called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M. on September 3, 2011, in the Savannah Ballroom C at the Marriott Riverfront Hotel in Savannah, Georgia.

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

Bernie Mazurek asked for a motion for acceptance of the Agenda as published.

Motion: Sally Williams made the motion to accept the Agenda as published and presented; Pete Morse seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

2. President's Opening Comments

Bernie Mazurek, ICS President, welcomed all ICS members and guests. He thanked each member of the Convention Committee. He then recognized the outgoing officers by name and office, making note that outgoing Treasurer Don Nelson has the lowest ICS number, #118; all the past Presidents that were present; the current Tribe Chiefs and Tribe Representatives; and the current committee volunteers of ICS. He stated we had lost 57 members in the last year, mostly, he believes, due to the economic situation. He thanked everyone who served ICS and assisted him in the last two years' of his presidency, especially his Board and all the Committees.

Old Business

3. 2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Bernie asked for any discussion on the 2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes as published on the ICS web site; there being none, he called for a motion to accept.

Motion: Don Nelson made a motion that the 2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes as published on the ICS web site be accepted; Lorne Harmon seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bernie asked Don Nelson to give the Treasurer's Report. Don began with noting that this will be his last year to serve as Treasurer and gave a short synopsis of his service for the past five years, along with a short history of the financial improvement of ICS during that time, which was accomplished without incurring an increase in dues. He then moved to the report. He said there was a \$75,000 loss reflected on the report--the result of Village Press (VP) taking over and changing our accounting method to that of acknowledging

only earned income, with that future portion of dues being entered as deferred income. This is a one-time accounting change, so this year we deferred about \$96,000 in advanced dues income, and if you deduct the \$75,000 loss from the \$96,000, we really made about \$20,000 last year. He just received the first quarter financial report from VP, and it shows a few hundred dollars in profit.

He named some of the increased value of our dues, i.e., ICS has gone from two gurus on the Comanche air plane in past years to now about a dozen and Dave Fitzgerald's work on trying to get a parts program going, as well as the wonderful job Dave has done on improving the web site.

He gave some of the reasons why we have made a profit these past few years: We had budgeted \$12,000 a year for bookkeeping and the web site, and we have only spent about \$3,000 to \$4,000 on the web site, adding Dave has had some help on development, but needs more. In bookkeeping, now that VP has taken this over, it will now cost us about \$300/month.

Webco fund: ICS donated \$5,000 to the defense fund, and 124 ICS members donated a little over \$15,000. We still have a few hundred left in that fund that we will talk about what to do with this money in a future Board meeting. The lawsuit is now over.

Bernie Mazurek thanked Don for all his service as Treasurer, then called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Sally Williams made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; several members seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

5. 2011/2012 Budget Approval Results

Bernie asked Sally Williams, Elections Chair, to give a report. Sally began by congratulating all who participated in the election and acknowledged the committee members. She explained that validation is the first part of the process; that five ballots were rejected; and gave the reasons for rejection. She discussed how distance and time-line causes problems in completing the voter process, for instance, the delay for our overseas members. She said we only received one ballot from the UK, three from Germany, two from France, and none from any of our other overseas members. Thus, electronic voting would solve this problem.

Sally then reported the results of the voting on the 2011-2012 Election Ballot:

- Ballots received: 392 out of 2,334 current members = 16.80% voting.
- Ballot Issue #1: Approval of 2012 ICS Operating Budget
94.64% for; 4.34% against Passed
- Ballot Issue #2: Bylaws Revisions, Art. II, Sec. 5.a, 5.b, Sec. 8
96.43% for; 2.04% against Passed
- Ballot Issue #3: Bylaws Revision to Art. IV, Sec. 3

	95.41 for; 2.81% against	Passed
•	Officers:	
	President (uncontested) - Zach Grant	98.47%
	Vice President (uncontested) - Bob Cretney	97.70%
	Secretary (uncontested) - Peggy Harmon	97.96%
	Treasurer (uncontested) - Pat Donovan	97.70%

New Business

8. President's Gavel & Name Badge Presentation

Bernie Mazurek asked Peggy Harmon to present the gavel and name badge to our new President, Zach Grant. Peggy presented the gavel and pinned the name badge on the new President, with comments that she looked forward to serving with Zach on the Board, and that ICS is very lucky to have such a wonderful young man to serve as President.

9. Incoming ICS President's Remarks

Zach Grant, now ICS President, remarked that this was quite an honor for him. He said most everyone knows that he has been active in ICS for quite a few years, both behind the scenes and out front; that he loves the Comanche airplane; loves people; and wants that relationship to continue for as long as he is involved. He continued: We have an interesting time ahead and has addressed this in the President's article in the upcoming Comanche Flyer magazine. We are at a turning point in our fleet; it is aging and our owners are also; thus the wonderful information that is being produced and preserved from this last generation of owners needs to be put into the hands of the next generation so the airplanes can continue to be valuable pieces of equipment. So, that is my main goal as president. As far as where we are, we couldn't be here without the great service of all the past volunteers, past Presidents, Board members, Tribe Chiefs, etc. We have a wonderful society. He looks forward to the coming year and serving the Society the best he can, and is also looking forward to next year at Baltimore discussing what a great year it's been. He thanked everyone for the honor to serve. Lastly, he presented Bernie with a "Past President" badge, adding that he was honored to present this badge to Bernie, and it was something Bernie could wear proudly at all future ICS events. Bernie expressed thanks, and the audience gave a hand of gratitude for his two years of service.

10. 2011 ICS Annual Achievement Award

11. 2011 ICS Golden Circle Award

Note: These two items were on the Agenda, but were postponed to the Awards Banquet Dinner on September 3, 2011. At that dinner, the following occurred:

Bob Cretney announced the following awards, decided by the ICS Board of Directors, and presented the plaques: 1) Golden Circle award for service over the years to ICS -- Dave Fitzgerald, and 2) Annual Achievement award for significant service over the past year to ICS -- Don and Shirley Nelson.

12. Airworthiness & Technical Committee Update

Bernie asked Dave Fitzgerald to update everyone on the work of the Airworthiness Committee. Dave said this committee's main goal is to provide more technical information to the Society and help members find parts for their airplanes. Dave said he and Hans Neubert primarily worked the horn issue with the FAA in Atlanta; the FAA has been very helpful, including paying for the research on stress corrosion at the Kansas City University; that the people in Atlanta are ultimately the ones that will control how this AD will be written; that all members should read Hans' report, as a DER, on the web site, as well as Dave's letter concerning this issue; that the committee is working to eliminate re-inspections by the use of the heavier torque tube which is found on the twins and the 400's, as well as five that have been found on the singles (Piper denies that they did this). It is now recognized that the resulting cracks on the horn were caused by a torque setting that was set to the maximum of 140 inch pounds, which was more than necessary and resulted in a slight oval shape of the horn and thus caused the cracks. Dave also pointed out that using the heavier walled torque tube found on the twins and 400's, in combination with the inspection of the existing torque tube or the use of the new Australian horn, should then terminate this problem and eliminate re-inspections; and that up to this point there has not been a horn that has completely failed.

Dave stated the committee's work is finished and the FAA will issue an AD in the next two to three months, and that updates about this subject will be on the web site. Dave also acknowledged the assistance of Pat Barry on the horn issue.

Dave closed his report with a short update on new features that will be introduced on the web site, i.e., voting electronically, which will be safe, accurate, and protected from fraud, possibly a new app for those with iPads, plus several other possibilities.

13. 2011 ICS Convention Preliminary Report

Bernie asked Sally Williams to give a preliminary report on the Savannah convention. Sally gave special recognition to the hard-working Convention Committee. She explained that they started their work at least two years ago; that they considered different sites to try to attract the younger members with families; explained how certain sites were eliminated and why the eventual choice of Savannah. She thanked the many other people who helped. She then gave suggestions: Encourage members to sign up early, negotiate things like hotel parking, and open a convention account that is separate from the tribe account. She thanked CFF for their financial support on seminars. She closed with asking feedback from the attendees.

14. 2012 ICS Convention Update

Bernie asked Pete Morse to give an update on the 2012 Baltimore Convention. Pete said they have settled on the hotel, made arrangements for the host airport of Martin State, which is only eleven miles from the hotel and available by mass transit. Airport Day will

be held there. Arrangements have been made for the award dinner to take place on a boat while cruising the Baltimore harbor. During our visit, Baltimore will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the composing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key. They have shortened the convention to a four-day event which will give members more time for activities before and after the convention. He encouraged everyone to come early and go to D.C. by rail. He described the special training for pilots and the co-pilot training seminar on Saturday. He then presented on screen slides of various sites and scenes of Baltimore, including the host hotel, malls, restaurants, Ft. McHenry, Martin State (KMST) airport and the FBO, as well as the cruise ship in Baltimore Harbor. Pete closed by stating they are working on a special rate for both early and late arrivals and on a van service to various sites around the area.

15. Member Questions & Answers

Bernie Mazurek asked if there were any questions from the audience of a technical nature. There were none.

Don Nelson presented Bernie with the \$1,000 check ICS provides for a president's annual travel allowance.

Bruce Ladrie thanked the FBO for the fine service they provided.

Bob Fox announced that on 10/21/11, a CPPP program would be held in his hangar in Oklahoma. On another subject, Bob stated that he felt a mission statement or standards should be set by ICS, and that possibly an Ethics Committee be created. Zach Grant said he felt there were valid points in this request, but that the time to address the issue would be at the Fall Board Meeting. Bernie Mazurek said we have discussed this idea in the past, and there was some disagreement as to how to address it. Several attendees agreed that it should be addressed at the Fall Board Meeting.

There being no further questions/answers, or comments, from the membership, Bernie called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Dave Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting; Bob Williams seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Harmon
ICS Secretary