

International Comanche Society, Inc.  
Minutes from TeamSpeak Meeting – January 19, 2016  
By LaVerne Stroh, Secretary

**1. Av Shiloh, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM EST**

**2. Roll Call by LaVerne Stroh**

Officers:

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| President      | Av Shiloh     | Present - Voting     |
| Vice President | Bob Williams  | Absent               |
| Treasurer      | Bob Berry     | Absent               |
| Secretary      | LaVerne Stroh | Present - Voting     |
| Past President | Bob Cretney   | Present - Voting     |
| CFF President  | Mike Foster   | Present – Non Voting |

Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

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| Tribe Chief SW            | Craig Varga      | Absent               |
| Tribe Rep SW              | Scott Myers      | Absent               |
| Tribe Chief SC            | Bob Fox          | Absent               |
| Tribe Rep SC              | Ron Franks       | Present - Voting     |
| Tribe Chief/Rep SE        | Jeff Munford     | Absent               |
| Tribe Chief MidStates     | Carl Talkington  | Present – Non Voting |
| Tribe Rep Mid States      | Pat Donovan      | Present - Voting     |
| Tribe Chief NW            | Dennis Springer  | Absent               |
| Tribe Rep NW              | Bill Case        | Present - Voting     |
| Tribe Chief NC            | Fred Eisert      | Absent               |
| Tribe Rep NC              | Zach Grant       | Present - Voting     |
| Tribe Chief/Rep NE        | C J Stumpf       | Present - Voting     |
| Tribe Chief/Rep W Canada  | Ken Mori         | Absent               |
| Tribe Chief/Rep E Canada  | Tim Stain        | Absent               |
| Tribe Chief/Rep Europe    | Kate Burrows     | Absent               |
| Tribe Chief/Rep S. Africa | Russell Knowles  | Absent               |
| Tribe Chief/Rep Australia | Nigel Wettenhall | Absent               |

Guests:

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| North Central | Hank Spellman | Present - Non Voting |
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**Quorum: Five (5) voting members were present at the beginning of the meeting. No voting took place until we had enough members for a quorum. Eight (8) voting members were present for the majority of the meeting, with seven (7) present at the end of the meeting.**

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

**Pat moved to accept the agenda. Ron seconded. There were no objections to the motion.**

#### **4. President's Opening Remarks by Av Shiloh**

Av welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated since we did not have a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, we would hold off voting on anything until we more members get online. More members joined right after his opening remarks.

#### **5. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the 11-17-2015 TeamSpeak meeting by LaVerne Stroh**

The minutes of the last meeting were sent out. No corrections were received.

**The meeting minutes were accepted with no dissenting votes and Zach abstaining from the vote since he was not at the meeting.**

#### **6. Treasurer's Report by Av Shiloh for Bob Berry**

One of the existing CD's matured, and the amount was reinvested into a two year CD.

The ICS computer had some major issues, and repairs would have cost more than the computer was worth; so, it was decided to just purchase a new computer. That will be a cost of about \$500. All of the information will be put on the new computer.

Av stated he decided to use \$50/person out of the \$100/person collected for the poker run for the Cuba/Cayman Island trip as a donation to ICS rather than purchasing a hat or shirt for each person. With 40 people, that would be \$2000 to add to our budget. Since we are using ICS as our avenue to be able to go to Cuba, he felt it was a good idea that ICS get something out of it.

LaVerne provided the final report for the 2015 ICS convention in Oklahoma City. South Central will be sending in a check for approximately \$3500, which should help with the budget. Thanks to the generosity of vendors and local venues, the tribe was able to make a profit. It was a big concern right up to the beginning of the convention due to the extremely low attendance.

#### **7. Nominating Committee by Dave Fitzgerald**

Dave was not available but Av stated he talked to Dave and there were no additional nominations at this time and the information will be in the Flyer.

#### **8. Oshkosh/AirVenture Committee by C J Stumpf**

CJ stated there are working on getting things together. Bob prepared a letter to go to all of the Tribe Chiefs to get representatives for each tribe for a specific day so that can be advertised. They need to decide when to send it. Av stated he felt the sooner the better to allow the tribe chiefs to talk to their tribe and get volunteers for their day in the tent.

Av asked CJ about the tent. He wanted to be sure we get the information in to Bob Berry by the end of January so we don't miss the cut-off. C J stated the cut-off wasn't until later. Av stated his understanding was the final information can be later, but if we get the money in by the end of January, we get a sizeable discount, and we don't want to miss out on that.

## **9. Membership Committee Report by Bill Case**

Av stated he thought the secretary had to keep track of all committees, but it was decided they just had to be noted in the minutes. LaVerne stated there were some committees that are not listed in the Flyer that need to be in there. The ones not included in the Flyer that need to be added are: Membership, Safety, Website, and Oshkosh Air Venture.

## **10. Comanche Flyer Information by Av Shiloh and the Board of Directors**

### **a. Editor in Chief – Flyer Update/Facelift**

Av stated he sent the information out to the group. He initially liked the updates, but received some negative feedback, so it will go back to the designer with the comments to see what they can come up with.

Bob Cretney asked the purpose of updating the Flyer. Av stated we are trying to freshen up the look and get new content in the Flyer such as letters to the editor, member spotlight, letters from the directors, etc. Zach has been putting in some technical information. Av stated the goal is to get people to look forward to getting and reading the Flyer.

LaVerne stated that updating the content is great but asked if we have to update the layout. Av stated we didn't have to, but he was trying to give it a cleaner more modern look. It won't cost us anything to see if we can get a new look. Bob Cretney stated he believes in the adage "if it isn't broke, don't fix it". Av agreed that is a good adage, but he thinks we should at least look at possible updates to be sure we have the best look possible.

Pat Donovan stated that sometimes just minor changes can make people look at it differently.

LaVerne stated that if we are updating, she would like to see some of the black and white pictures and grey backgrounds changed. Av stated that would cost more since we only have a specific number of pages with color, and it would add quite a bit to the budget to add more colored pages. LaVerne stated anything we can do to make it easier to read would be her goal. The white on grey we have is hard to read.

### **b. Flyer – Member Spotlight Update**

Gloria Smith will prepare a column each month. The first one will be in the February issue, and then we need nominations for the member spotlight.

c. **Flyer – Letter from Directors Schedule by Av Shiloh**

This will be discussed during the next meeting.

d. **Flyer – CFF Pages update by Mike Foster**

CFF will be given one page each month. It will say CFF on top of the page. Mike stated CFF was having a board meeting the next day, and he would have more information after the meeting. Based on what he knows now, the first CFF pages will probably be in the April Flyer. Av stated if they need part of an additional page, it would not be a problem.

**11. Comanche Instructor Program by Zach Grant and Av Shiloh**

This was discussed last month and the form was finalized, but there was objection about not sending the form to each person listed, even if they were listed as instructors before. Some felt that if those listed had passed a course by CFF, Larry Larkin, etc. previously, they should be grandfathered in and not have to complete the form. The item was postponed until this meeting so Zach could provide his reasons for grandfathering those already listed.

Zach stated he and Av discussed this after the last meeting. The feeling was the only thing we would accomplish by sending out the forms to people already on the list is to collect information. We wouldn't want to get into the situation of having someone who has been on the list for many years to now not be qualified. That would be the only thing accomplished by the form. Zach felt it would be better to send them a letter basically saying you are listed as an instructor in the Flyer, and do you want to continue being listed? If they don't want to teach or don't feel they are qualified to teach anymore, they will let us know without them having to fill out the form.

Pat stated that if new instructors need to complete the form, then all instructors, including those currently listed, should complete the form to be consistent. It should be very unlikely that the current instructors would not meet the current requirements.

Since there may also be some CFF instructors on the ICS list, Pat asked if a CFF instructor no longer qualifies or leaves the instructor position in CFF, would they be removed from the CFF instructor list. Mike Foster stated the list is constantly updated.

It was asked if we could verbally talk to those ICS instructors currently on the list. Zach stated that could take a lot of time he feels is unnecessary.

LaVerne stated that without the current instructors completing the form, how would you know if they haven't had an airplane for a while or haven't had any current training since 1980, for instance? Zach stated most instructors will tell you that. You could always ask if they are still teaching when you call them about instructing.

**Zach moved to grandfather those currently on the instructor list with the requirement of asking on a regular basis if they are actively instructing. C J seconded the motion. The motion passed with Av abstaining and LaVerne voting no.**

**12. New Website Report by Dave Fitzgerald, Ron Keil, and Scott Myers**

There has been no new information on the website. Hopefully, we will have a report at the next meeting.

**13. CCCC (Comanche Cuba-Cayman Caravan) by Av Shiloh**

As stated before, Av will put \$50/person of the trip cost as a donation to ICS for the use of ICS as a non-profit, thus allowing the trip to take place.

There are twenty planes committed and Av will be checking if we can add any additional planes since there seems to be more interest.

**14. 2015/2016 Convention Update by LaVerne Stroh and Alan Breen**

We will have a conference room available at the hotel where we can hold the old/new board meeting. We will try to schedule the meeting so the U.S. residents can get on via TeamSpeak. Av is hoping we can just go from the old board meeting to the new board meeting and hold them at the same time so the U.S. residents hopefully get on and stay on for both meetings. C J stated mid-afternoon might be a good time frame.

There are currently about 100 people signed up for the 2016 convention. Most are from the Australian tribe, but there are some others going as well.

**15. GCA by Av Shiloh**

Av stated that since he did not get any nominations, maybe we should skip a year. Bob Cretney stated if you go back through the history of ICS, you should not have a problem coming up with qualified candidates. LaVerne stated she had previously sent in some nominations.

**Av asked LaVerne to resubmit her nominations and everyone else to please send in their nominations so we can vote on the nominees at the next meeting.**

Bob Cretney stated we should have a list of prior nominees. LaVerne stated Scott had sent that out previously, but we can resend.

How often are they published?

**LaVerne suggested we publish the list in the Flyer so we have a continual list.**

## **16. Fund Raising Ideas by Bob Berry**

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

## **17. STC Changes by Scott Myers**

Scott was not available so Av covered the topic. This discussion revolves around the suggestion that we change the bylaws to give ICS the authority to do STC's, with the possibility of making some profit for ICS. The main reason for us not doing STC's previously was so we didn't compete with advertisers. That really isn't an issue anymore. One suggestion was to do the nose tire STC, but Knots 2 U is working on that one.

Hank stated that the STC issue is a standing rule only and can be changed by a majority vote. It must be on the agenda so everyone knows it is being discussed and voted on.

**Av will put the information about changing the standing rule on the agenda so it can be voted on.**

## **18. Miscellaneous Old Business by BOD**

There was no old business.

## **19. Mechanic Listing by Av Shiloh**

This item postponed until next meeting.

## **20. Miscellaneous New Business by BOD**

C J reported on the Safety committee. Based on the email forwarded from Av for C J, the AOPA statistician is working us in to his schedule, and we should have an official sanctioned updated report, including graphics, for the end of June. Mike Foster and Scott Myers have been helping C J.

The duration of the study will cover the last 20 years and the information will be NTSB only since they are doing a consistent format across all different types.

Additionally, there will be a second report. There are two questions at the bottom of the information that Av sent out for CJ.

**If you have any suggestions of what aircraft we should use for comparison aircraft, please let her know by the end of the week, and she will get that information to David.**

We may also be able to put another study in the report. This information will not go into the initial analysis since they are using NTSB data for consistency for that report; but the secondary study information can possibly be put in the Flyer.

Daniel Palmer will look into the SDR database if we can give him a statement of work; so there is a proposal for a study on the SDR database. Please review that information and provide feedback on that part of the study.

A question was asked about what is the SDR database? Zach stated SDR is Service Difficulty Report. It is information from the mechanic/service person. They report safety issues that may affect the airworthiness of the entire fleet. The information goes into the database, and the FAA looks at the information and evaluates it for the possibility of an AD. Some AD's that came out due to the SDR's were the tail horn and wing spar chafing AD's.

C J was concerned using the database may hurt us, but Zach stated if they are mining the database, it shouldn't bring any other issues forwards since the SDR's have already been evaluated. So, you may find things like less corrosion, but maybe more landing gear issues. Basically, you will quantify the existing database.

Av thanked CJ for her work.

**C J asked Av to send an email asking everyone to provide comments to CJ for the Safety Committee study.**

The next item of discussion was committee meetings. We've had several suggestions on how to get the information, yet keep the meetings shorter. At the last meeting, Scott suggested covering only one or two items. Today's meeting was a trial to see if we can conduct the meeting in 90 minutes. Today, we did not cover the membership committee report. Av is trying to figure out how to make the meetings more effective, yet stay in touch. With only the spring and fall Board meeting and other sporadic meetings, we don't stay in touch and items may not be covered on a timely basis. Av's suggestion to help keep the meetings shorter is that the committee chairpersons let him know ahead of time if they have something to cover so we don't waste time on an item if there really isn't anything to report.

**Any committee chairperson that wants to provide a committee report at the next meeting should send Av an email letting him know they want to be included on the agenda.**

Secondly, as we have covered the topics, there have been several that dropped off, and Av is hoping that will continue. So, at this time, he would prefer not to limit subjects since many should drop off over time.

Zach stated while he understands having monthly meetings, the attendance indicates the meetings are not convenient or desirable and it could be counter-productive to have meeting results with less than half of the board in attendance. There are significant decisions being made by a minimum quorum. Zach's suggestion was to have more major meetings and less of the small meetings people can't make.

Av stated the monthly meetings make his job much easier since some issues can't wait for two, three, or more months to make a decision. His job is to carry out what the board wants done, and without the meetings, he doesn't know what the boards' sentiments are. He would prefer not to make major decisions without input. The boards' help with is invaluable in making good decisions for the society.

Bill Case and Pat Donovan agreed with Av that monthly meetings are preferential to long spring/fall board meetings. Mike Foster also agreed monthly meetings were good based on what happens for CFF meetings. It definitely helps him and keeps everyone in the loop. As long as the monthly meetings are not mandatory, Mike felt monthly meetings were a good idea. Av stated that while we may not have a majority of voting members, we have many non-voting members providing great feedback. We have always had a quorum, other than at the beginning of this meeting. Plus, the minutes cover in detail what is discussed at the meetings, so any board member not able to attend can read the minutes and get a good idea of what was covered. So, he would like to continue monthly meetings for now but will try to keep the meetings short, yet allowing time to cover items as in-depth as needed.

The next item of new business was a discussion about the e-newsletter. There have been comments about the content getting old. Av and Pat have discussed it at length.

Pat stated it started out great, but now has almost nothing. We may need to look at revamping the newsletter. Anyone can submit items. For instance, the proposed bylaws changes and the voting information should have been in it. We all need to get Pete information to do a better job. Pat stated he didn't know if there were deadlines for the newsletter and that information may be useful.

Av stated Pete likes to have the newsletter out by the 15<sup>th</sup>, so likes to have his info by the 10<sup>th</sup>. Av stated he provided some information on the voting and bylaws changes but didn't go into detail since it was going to be in the Flyer. He is trying to make sure what is in the newsletter isn't identical to what will be in the Flyer.

Pat asked if Pete is asking the tribe chiefs for information. Av stated he does publish fly in information, but there isn't much there anymore.

Av stated he gets the Bonanza newsletter and likes that format. Bob Cretney stated that Kate Burrows newsletter for the European tribe is great document as well. Maybe we could use some of those formats. Av stated Pete also publishes the Northeast tribe newsletter which is also on the web.

**Av asked everyone to take a look at some of the newsletters and offer ideas on reviving our e-newsletter.**

Av asked if there was any other new business.

Bob Cretney stated he had discussions with some of the South Central tribe since the last meeting, and there is a sentiment that the board should have had more time to look at the bylaw changes and take them to the members to discuss before they were voted on. We



did not get a chance to review them ahead of the meeting where they were discussed and voted on.

Based on that, **Bob Cretney moved to rescind the previous motion for bylaws changes until we have had a chance to talk about it some more and to talk to our members about it.** He was looking for a second to the motion.

Bill Case asked if there were specific items that Bob wished hadn't been passed.

Av stated that it was already voted on and we have passed the critical point since it is already being published in the Flyer and on the website along with an explanation. At this point, it would look like the board didn't know what they were doing.

**Av moved to table the discussion. LaVerne stated we had a motion on the floor from Bob that we had to act on. Pat seconded the motion from Bob.**

CJ stated she appreciated the work the bylaws committee put into it, but she felt more time would have been helpful before a vote.

Av stated that his goal is to get things out there ahead of time so people can read them, and we can have minimal discussion during the meeting to help keep the meetings shorter.

Pat asked if the information was going to be in the March Flyer since it was not in the February edition. Av stated it had to be in the March edition to meet the timelines for publishing prior to a vote. Pat stated the information had to be in the Flyer 30 days prior to the vote, so the March issue would not meet those time frames. It has to be in the February issue. We can resolve that by putting an extra sheet in the bag with the Flyer, but the information is not in the recently edited issue that is going to print for February. Av stated he thought it was in the February issue. Pat stated there is a description of what the items are intended to accomplish; but the actual changes are not there.

**Av stated he will check into it and if it isn't, he will ensure we have a special flyer.**

Ron asked what is needed to rescind a previous motion. Hank stated it was a 2/3 majority, unless the vote was announced prior to the meeting, which it wasn't in this case.

Av called for a vote if no further discussion. C J felt bringing up a bylaws change as a last minute item should not be done. She also would have liked to discuss it with the members prior to voting on it. Governance items should be done with more deliberation.

LaVerne stated we had a question on the floor for a vote, so the vote needs to be taken.

Av asked if there were any other comments and clarified with Bob that his motion was to rescind the bylaws changes previously approved at the last meeting.

Bob stated that was correct. He felt we needed more time to look them over and talk to the members.

Bill Case stated the reason he asked about any specifics is that he is sensitive to the fact the changes are in the pipeline already. He was at the meeting and voted for it because he felt the changes were very well considered by the bylaws committee and trusted the committee did due diligence before suggesting them. Maybe we could take it from the stand point that both C J and Bob made good points that more time should have been allowed. The President acknowledged that and will not do it again. He felt it was not fair to the board or the bylaws committee to rescind it at this point.

Bob Cretney stated he felt it was not fair to the board to get it at the last minute. Av stated Bob was absolutely correct that it should have been received sooner; however, most of the last meeting was spent discussing the changes at length with everyone allowed to give input. The vote was almost unanimous in passing the changes. Av stated he did offer during the meeting that we could vote for the changes at the meeting or postpone the issue for another meeting. The boards' decision was to vote on it at the meeting so it could go to the general members to be voted on. They would make the decision if they wanted the item to pass or not. We only allowed it to go to the members to be voted on. Due to a bad connection, C J had dropped off, and her vote of no was not counted, but Jeff's yes vote was not counted either since he had to leave prior to the final results of the vote. So, we went with the majority vote of who was online at the time to ensure no rules were broken.

LaVerne stated we still needed to vote on the motion on the floor. A question was called awhile back, but we continued to have the discussion after the question.

The vote was taken with an explanation from Hank that the vote must pass by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting. Pat wanted assurance the information would be in the February edition of the Flyer with the description of the bylaws changes, which makes us legal before he voted. Av stated he would ensure that was done.

After a discussion if the President should or should not vote, and guidance from Hank, Av abstained from the initial vote. Bob Cretney, Zach, Ron, and C J voted yes. LaVerne, Bill, and Pat voted no. The motion did not pass by a 2/3 majority so the motion did not carry.

## **21. Next Team Speak Meeting by Scott Myers**

The next meeting will be February 16 at 8:00 PM Eastern.

## **22. Adjournment by Av Shiloh**

Bob Cretney moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded.