

International Comanche Society, Inc.  
Minutes from TeamSpeak Meeting – April 18, 2017  
By LaVerne Stroh, Secretary

1. **Av Shiloh, President, called the meeting to order** at 8:01 PM EST

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	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep SC	Ron Franks	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep SE	Jeff Munford	Absent
Tribe Rep Mid States	Pat Donovan	Present for part of meeting
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

Guests:

ICS Member EU	Monica Rehkopf
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**Quorum: There were six (6) voting members present at the start of the meeting. Pat Donovan joined for the second half of the meeting, giving us a quorum of seven (7) members. No voting or acceptances were done until a quorum was in place.**

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

**Av moved to accept the agenda. Hank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Av welcomed everyone to the meeting. We don't have a quorum yet, but hopefully others will join. We will do what we can until that time.

## 5. **Acceptance of BOD Meeting Minutes by LaVerne Stroh**

The minutes for the January and February TeamSpeak meetings were sent out for approval.

**Av moved to accept the January and February meeting minutes as written. Hank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## 6. **Treasurer 's Report by Bob Berry**

Bob Berry stated the report was close to last month. He made some changes per Pat's suggestions. He did not put anything in for CFF donations since it is a pass through and putting it in as income and expenses wouldn't be accurate. Bob will send the information to Av as soon as his scanner is working.

Form 990T was filed on 04/17/2017. There was \$381 in taxes for passive income. An extension was filed for Form 990 since there was a twelve dollar error on Village Press' part; so an extension was filed to get that straightened out.

Av stated we need to publish the budget and statements the end of April.

Hank stated if we haven't found the twelve dollars, just put an asterisk by it with an explanation.

Bob Berry stated the profit/loss statement is done.

Av stated we usually publish the income statements and balance sheets.

Bob Berry stated it is done and ready to go. He has the profit/loss and yearly comparison. He is changing the budget based on Pat's suggestions. He should have it for publication tomorrow.

**Av asked Bob to send it to Dave to post it on the website and Melissa to publish in the Flyer.**

Bob Berry stated the spreadsheet shows the information for several years.

**Hank moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Bob Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## 7. **Flyer – Letter from Director's Schedule by Av Shiloh and LaVerne Stroh**

LaVerne stated she had not heard anything new on this. She was hoping CJ was online so she could find out if CJ had finished hers. LaVerne may need to touch base with Melissa.

Monica asked for an explanation of this item.

Av stated the board of directors would write a little article on how they are involved in the board, ICS, etc. Then, we would get letters from the board of directors. We are waiting on a few stragglers.

Monica asked if we could publish those we have.

Av stated they have been published each month except for the few stragglers.

Bob Williams stated Monica should write an article about her adventures.

Monica stated she isn't a board member.

Av stated that doesn't matter. We are always looking for good articles.

Monica stated she would think about it.

## **8. Annual Convention Report by Bob Williams**

Bob Williams stated they have met the requirements for room registrations so they won't get charged for not meeting the room quota.

The banquet and vendor day will be at the hotel. They are two of the most expensive items on the agenda.

In the May Flyer you will read about the change from Signature as the FBO. They had been trying to get in contact with Signature and never got a call back. They talked to the city and the city stated Signature scared people away with their costs. The city stated they could park the planes where Signature can't charge for parking. There are no tie downs; so you can do double chalking on the tarmac or bring your tie downs and tie down in the grass. The cost for parking is seven dollars (\$7) a day for singles or ten dollars (\$10) a day for twins. Fuel is available for seven dollars (\$7.00/gal). The airport is trying to get a discount for us, but that is still in process.

They would like to have the annual meeting of members on Thursday night at the Union Club.

The old and new board meetings will be held in the hospitality room at a time when it is not busy. That would be any time before or after the Thursday dinner.

Av stated that was one of his questions is a definitive time for the old and new board meetings. We need to publish that information in the Flyer and on the website so the members can attend if they would like to.

Bob Williams stated that would be in the June Flyer. They did get the FBO information in the May Flyer. Bob was able to get Melissa to get that in before publication. That was very important since members may not come if they have to deal with Signature.

Bob stated Wednesday is a general day to do what you want; so that would be a good day. Saturday is partly open since that is airport day. So, the board can decide when they want to do that. He suggests getting it done at 8:00 before things start or 3:00-4:00 in the afternoon before the evening events.

Av stated that would have the old board meeting on Wednesday and the new board meeting on Saturday.

Bob Williams stated that should work out. The flagship judging begins about 9:30 and they should be done about 12:30.

Bob stated there were a few people interested in going to the American in Paris Broadway play. If anybody is interested in the play or the Firestone golf course let him know as soon as possible. There are two people who have already paid for the golf course.

In June there will be a minute by minute schedule in the Flyer.

CFF can use the hospitality room for their meetings if they want to. Dave will contact them about that.

Av stated he wanted to firm down the dates and times for the meetings. He asked if everyone was okay with Wednesday at 8:00 AM for the old board meeting and Saturday at 8:00 AM for the new board meeting.

Bob suggested the meetings be at 9:00 AM since the hospitality room will be a gathering place for people to meet before they go out for the day. By 9:00 it should be cleared out a little.

Hank asked if they could scout the area for reasonable price gasoline.

Bob Williams stated there were many places each way. They will try to get something in the Flyer. JJ Miller has also put together an article that will be out in the next few weeks about places to stop.

Av stated he was wondering if we had the meeting at 9:00, if we had enough time to get to the airport. He thought the meeting in New Zealand was an hour or two.

Ron Franks thought it was less than that.

LaVerne stated it was about 45 minutes.

Av asked Bob if we were done at 10:00 AM will there be availability to take us to airport day.

Bow Williams state they were assuming most people would be walking to airport day. It is about a twenty five minute walk at a slow pace between the airport and hotel. They are planning on people walking to almost every place.

LaVerne stated based on the Oklahoma City convention, we had people who could not walk the two blocks to the water to catch the boats. You may have to have a way to get people there.

Av stated that was absolutely correct. It was a problem, especially with it being hot. We do have an elderly population. Even walking short distances is an issue.

Bob Williams stated they could take an Uber which would be about \$4.50-\$5.00 between the airport and hotel. They have transportation for arrival and departure scheduled but not for any other days. They didn't budget for that.

Av asked if there were any objections to Wednesday at 9:00 AM for the old board meeting and Friday at 9:00 for the new board meeting. There were no objections.

**Av asked Bob Williams to be sure to contact Melissa and Dave and get the meeting times published.**

#### **9. New Website Report by LaVerne Stroh**

LaVerne stated there isn't much to report other than we are planning to go online in July. She sent an email to Adam to find out which week in July will be best. It will probably be mid-July unless anybody has any reason that would not be good.

Av stated he will make a note to discuss it at the next meeting.

#### **10. Nominating Committee Report by Dave Fitzgerald**

Av stated Dave could not be at the meeting tonight but said everything has been published timely and Sally is ready for the elections.

#### **11. Committee Reports by Committee Chairs**

Av stated he did not receive any committee reports other than the bylaws committee. We have to make a few changes there. The bylaws committee will present the information prior to the meeting so everyone can look them over and we can vote on them.

#### **12. Tribe Reports by Tribe Chiefs/Reps**

There were no tribe reports.

### **13. Miscellaneous Old Business by Board of Directors**

There was no old business.

### **14. 2017 EAA AirVenture by CJ Stumpf**

CJ and Pat were not at the meeting.

Av stated he hoped everything was going okay since he has not heard anything, and we will have to cover it next month. Av asked Bob Berry if we were all paid up.

Bob Berry stated the deposits were made, etc.

### **15. 2018 ICS Budget by Bob Berry and BOD**

Av stated this was covered under the Treasurer's report and asked if there was any other input.

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

Av stated this item was brought up by Pat. Pat suggested staggered terms since we now have two year terms. He suggested only part of the people change out each year. Av does not like that idea. We change officers at the convention, which has been done for years. It was suggested there be a specific date that the new officers take over. Av has discussed this with a few people and most of the responses were that we have been doing it this way for a long time and just leave it alone. Av's first term was only eight or nine months because of the convention times. This term is longer so it will be about two years. We will postpone this until next meeting when Pat is available.

Hank asked if we could discuss it a little now. Every year we have the same problem. The deadlines creep up on us since the convention moves from year to year. Because the date changes from year to year, we end up behind the eight ball all of the time. He can see a fixed date and the two year terms. The one year term was there because of people fearing a board that was out of control. Hank's preference would be a fixed date of September or October with two year terms for everyone, including tribe chiefs and reps. He isn't worried about staggered terms since people stay around for year after year.

LaVerne stated we already passed the two year terms, or are we just talking about adding tribe chiefs to that.

Hank stated that was correct.

Av stated as far as the Tribe Chiefs are concerned, we can't dictate a tribe chief's term. We can suggest it but can't demand it.

Hank stated he meant tribe reps, not tribe chiefs. Tribe Chiefs we have no say over. Tribe Reps we can mandate since they are directors of ICS. The only reason the tribes have anything to say about tribe reps are because we let them.

Av stated if we had a specific date, he would prefer a January or July date. As far as the deadlines, the historic deadline issues are no longer a problem because of the bylaws changes on the dates. The deadlines before were unreasonable. He doesn't think it will be a problem. Since this is the first year with the new bylaws, he thinks we should wait a year to see if there are problems.

Bob Berry state the Treasurer's job is sometimes three months behind because of waiting for information. He wouldn't want someone to have to take over and then have to file taxes right away.

Av stated that is why he suggested January or July.

Pat stated he would support September or October as the date for officers changing. That way the convention for the year would be over. He also agrees to the two year terms for officers but not tribe reps and tribe chiefs.

Bob Williams stated that speaking as a tribe chief, he thinks mandating a two year term for the tribe reps will cause serious issues with the tribes, especially if you tell them the tribe chief cannot be the tribe rep.

Hank stated that the tribe chief cannot be the tribe rep has been established. They are two separate jobs. They can be the same person.

Av stated most of the tribes have the tribe chief and tribe rep as the same person. That could cause problems in the tribe. We often have the same person for years and years.

Hank stated the tribe chief's job is to represent the tribe whereas the tribe rep's allegiance is to ICS.

Av stated we should leave it to the tribe to decide if they want two separate people and how long they can serve. That should be a prerogative of the tribe.

Hank stated it is not a prerogative of the tribe with respect to the tribe rep. The tribe rep is a creature of the ICS. It is not a creature of the tribe. The only reason the tribe has any input is because ICS says they can.

Av stated that we have been doing it this long and is there any good reason to change it.

Av stated as far as the date, he can go either way but he feels that the new deadlines will make it so much easier. This year was so much easier for him.

Pat stated he thought it worked out well since we had fourteen or fifteen months instead of six or seven.

Av stated he thinks it is due to the new time constraints. He would like it to go one more year and see if it works out as good as this year. Doing it now before we know if the new rules are working seems premature.

Hank stated maybe it was easier this year because the President knew how to do the job.

LaVerne stated her opinions are not so much about the deadlines but would like the consistency of knowing you will begin on "X" date.

Ave stated that when people come to the convention they get to see the outgoing and incoming president. If we change it, they won't get to see the new President.

Bob Berry stated we shouldn't forget about school. If you put too much detail into it, you will put too much detail in it.

Bob Williams stated this is a bylaw change so we can recommend the committee look at it, but the membership has to vote on it. He can go either way, but the convention has normally be the changing of the guard. That is one of the prime reasons for coming to the convention.

Av stated he agrees it adds meaning to the convention. We can vote on it if we want to.

Monica stated she agrees with Av. Changing dates doesn't seem to make any difference with the schedules.

**Pat moved to have set terms starting in October and ending in September for ICS officers. Hank seconded the motion.**

Pat stated that will allow time for the Treasurer to get familiar with the books before taxes are filed.

Hank offered an amendment to the motion. The way the motion was stated it takes everyone back to a one year term. He would like to amend it to say two year terms.

Av stated other than tribe reps we are currently on two years, so it is starting in October and ending in September two year's thence.

Bob Williams stated he did not feel we have enough information to vote on. He would like to see more information coming from the committee before we vote.

Av stated since there is a motion on the floor we have to vote on it.

Hank stated we can make a motion to table the motion.

**Hank moved to amend the motion to delete the current motion in its entirety and refer the subject for investigation and recommendation by the bylaws committee. Bob Williams second the motion. The motion passed with Av and Pat abstaining.**

#### **17. Miscellaneous New Business by Board of Directors**

There was no new business.

#### **18. Next Meeting by Scott Myers**

Av stated the next meeting would be May 16, 2107 at 8:00 PM EDT unless there were any objections. There were no objections.

#### **19. Adjournment by Board of Directors**

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