

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

1. Av Shiloh, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 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
Past President	Bob Cretney	Absent
CFF President	Mike Foster	Absent

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
Tribe Rep NW	Bill Case	Present
Tribe Rep NC	Hank Spellman	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep NE	C J Stumpf	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep W Canada	Ken Mori	Present
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:

North Central	Chuck Stroh
North Central	Dave Fitzgerald
MidStates	Carl Talkington

Quorum: Eight (8) voting members were present at the beginning of the meeting. C J joined shortly after the meeting began and Bob Berry joined for part of the meeting for a total of ten (10) voting members at the end of the meeting.

3. Acceptance of Agenda by Board of Directors

There were no objections to the acceptance of the agenda.

4. President's Opening Remarks by Av Shiloh

Av welcomed everyone to the meeting. The old and new Board meetings were held in Queenstown, New Zealand. There was a physical quorum present for those meetings, plus a few members on TeamSpeak.

5. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Old and New Board Meetings by LaVerne Stroh

The minutes of the old and new board meeting are not available for review yet. LaVerne stated she should be able to use both hands to type again in a few weeks and should have the old board meeting minutes available by the next meeting, barring any unforeseen setbacks.

6. Treasurer 's Report by Av for Bob Berry

Bob Barry was not available, but Av gave a brief update. We are quite well on the actual vs. project budget. We had an \$8000 deficit projected, but we got some better rates on the CD's and we got \$3500 or maybe a little more from the 2016 convention in Oklahoma City. So, we may be close to breaking even by the end of the year.

Av asked if there were any other comments regarding the report.

Pat Donovan stated that at some point we need to have a final Treasurer's report for last year or at least some parts of last year. They need to be posted on the website. Av asked if it is posted in the Flyer. Pat stated the annual report is in the magazine, but we have had quarterly reports on the website and sent to the Board.

Av asked Pat to discuss the schedule with Bob Barry and make sure we keep up with what had been done in the past.

Pat stated he isn't sure if Bob is comfortable doing the reports as had been done in the past, but we have to have an annual report. He needs that information for the tax returns that are due next month, so it should be available. Pat will discuss it with Bob.

7. Nominating/Elections Update by Av for Dave Fitzgerald

Dave and Sally were not able to attend. Av stated Dave agreed to chair the nomination committee and Sally will chair the elections committee for one more year.

The election results will be published in the May issue. Everything passed. All of the officers were reelected, the items that were voted on passed, and the budget passed. This year we will have a longer year for the officers. Due to convention scheduling, the first year for the officers was only about nine months. This year we will have approximately 16 months before the election results. Av stated he thought the election results were on the website. If not, they will be there soon.

8. Oshkosh/AirVenture Committee by C J Stumpf and Pat Donovan

CJ stated the committee had not met recently. Pat Donovan and C J discussed a situation that came up at the 2016 convention. Ray Fey had not notified of the

change in plans for this year of not paying for assistance in setting up the convention. Av and CJ discussed how to approach the topic. CJ will contact Ray and let him know that the board had decided to go a different direction this year for Oshkosh. Since we had a negative budget, we were trying to do Oshkosh using all volunteers.

Av stated while Ray did a great job last year, spending \$2000 for Oshkosh, especially in a negative, year, was a bad precedent; although, we may be relegated to having someone do it again this year if that is what is needed. We may have to have the board vote to allow the Oshkosh committee to compensate Ray up to \$2000, at their discretion, if necessary.

CJ stated we have a limited amount of time until July. Pat and CJ are committed to be there, the tent has been ordered, and Bob Williams has prepared a letter to send out to the tribe chiefs asking for volunteers. We may be able to negotiate with Ray for what he has done so far, and proceed from there.

Pat asked if the tribe chiefs are supportive of each tribe being responsible for a particular day.

Bob Williams stated that in a discussion with Bob Berry, the budget for Oshkosh had not been changed from last year, so \$2000 is budgeted for Oshkosh this year. So, it is up to the committee to decide what they need to do, and we should not have to vote on it again unless someone feels a need to have it documented. Bob felt it would be best to let Ray know he has our support for what he has done this year. He has already talked to the person who won the Best Twin at the 2016 convention to get that airplane in the tent, and he may be working on speakers.

Av stated that we need to keep track of the actual expenses for Ray. His work is volunteer time. Pat stated that was correct. The \$2000 was supposed to be used for paying for accommodations, but Ray camped in the ICS tent overnight. There were some food expenses.

There was some discussion regarding the need for a motion, and it was decided it was already approved in the budget. CJ asked that if the \$2000 were approved, could we compensate some of the volunteers for their time in the tent or could the money be used to help with camaraderie for the Oshkosh team. Av stated he would not like that to be a precedent. Pat stated the compensation for volunteers was the wristbands. Av asked Hank for his opinion.

Hank stated he felt it was the discretion of the Oshkosh team to spend up to the appropriate the approved amount for Oshkosh, but C J or someone should be keeping track of expenses/items as they come up and use that as a basis for a standing rule.

LaVerne asked if anybody asked Ray Fey to be part of the committee. Bob Williams stated they had not discussed it with him yet. Bob suggested the Oshkosh committee have a meeting outside of the board meeting so we don't have to tie up the boards' time.

9. Comanche Flyer Information by Av Shiloh and the Board of Directors

a. Flyer – Letter from Directors Schedule by Av Shiloh

Av stated Pat did a great job on his letter for the director. It was easy to review and took virtually no editing. We had a great one from Ron Franks, and all of the officers. We need to get some more on the schedule.

Av asked LaVerne if she knew where we were on the schedule. LaVerne stated we had we had several people volunteer at the last meeting. Ken Mori was in April, Pat Donovan for May, and Jeff Munford for June.

Av stated since that was all we had for now, we need more volunteers. Hank stated he had been contacted to write an article for another reason, but it could probably be used for this purpose. Av stated that article was not really a director's letter. Av had spoken with Gloria about article about Bill Case and Hank regarding the awards they just won; so, it really isn't a director's letter. So, we may want to leave Bill and Hank toward the end of the director's letters.

There were no new volunteers at this meeting.

LaVerne will send out an email to all directors to see if we can get more lined up for the upcoming months.

b. Flyer – CFF Pages update by Av for Mike Foster

Mike Foster was not available, but Av stated in the April issue there was an article from Mike about what CFF does for you. In the May issue there will be an article that covers numbers showing the dollars contributed from the Comanche Society over the past few years. It helps stress and helps the membership understand that value of CFF and what they have contributed and donated to ICS.

10. Comanche Instructor Program by Zach Grant and Av Shiloh

Av stated there were about a dozen responses so far. Zach and Av have looked at all of them. Av would like to assign someone to be responsible for tabulating the results, updating the list, and making sure the list is kept current annually or biannually. Av asked if there were any volunteers.

CJ asked if that would be part of the Secretary position. Av stated he would prefer another person to do it since the Secretary has a lot to do now.

If anybody wants to volunteer or knows someone who would volunteer, please let Av know. Carl stated he would like to know more about it.

Av will contact Carl and discuss the program with him so Carl can decide if he would like to be the volunteer.

There was a line omitted on the form in the magazine regarding the recurrent training in the past year. It may make a difference for some people if they would qualify or not; so, those who submitted the form will be contacted. Corrections have been made, so it will be correct in future editions of the Flyer.

We should have more instructors listed, which will give our members some new options.

Av stated that another item he is asked about often is getting a mechanic for the annual, pre-buy, is there a mechanic in a certain area, etc. Av asked everyone to think about it and maybe discuss it at the next meeting. Should we have a list of mechanics just like we have the instructor list?

Bob Williams stated you could send out an email to see if we have anybody could provide some information about good mechanics since we don't have many mechanics who are members.

Av stated we may need to have an objective form much like we have for the instructors. A comprehensive list of mechanics would be good to have.

Hank stated you would need to be very careful with the terminology used. We don't want to say they have been vetted or approved. Based on CJ's report on the landing gear, the results were scary. Mechanics should have caught some of those issues.

Av stated we would need to have a standard disclaimer.

Bob Williams stated we have a technical committee, so maybe that would be a good place to start. A mechanic listing isn't as easy to vet as the instructors.

Bill Case stated that would be a good marketing tool. It is another thing we can promote for being an ICS member.

Hank stated there are some people who are good at engine repair; some specialize in heaters, etc. There are very few people left who know the autopilots.

LaVerne suggested setting up a committee to get things going. Av stated that was a good idea. We could discuss it with Zach to see if he feels this is something the technical committee would like to address or should we have a new committee. The committee can decide how to break it out i.e. airframe, heaters, engines, etc.

This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

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

Scott was not available. Pat stated he had talked to Scott recently, but there has been no movement he knows of in the past couple of weeks.

Av will talk to Scott in the next few days and maybe Scott can report on it in the next meeting.

Bob Williams stated he had talked to Dave about the site. Dave is agreement we need to finish off the website. In talking to other developers, this isn't an easy task. We need to work closer with this developer and find out exactly what is going on. We need to reinforce our alliance with them.

LaVerne stated Scott has been talking to them quite frequently. It is going very well. Everyone is on the same page now.

Bob Williams stated he would like to see a written report from the committee. Av and LaVerne will discuss it with Scott.

LaVerne asked what was expected to be in the written report. Bob stated he would like to know what has been completed, what needs to be completed, the timelines for completion, etc. He hasn't seen anything in writing and hasn't been to the website to look at it since he hasn't had time. LaVerne asked if he needed it in writing or could we just cover it in the minutes and have that as the report. Av stated it doesn't have to be long. It could be a short status report.

Hank asked if the website is online. Av stated it was online and all of the board has access. Hank stated he had not been authorized since he was not a board member before. Pat Donovan stated he would get Hank access to the new website. Pat stated there was some functionality that didn't work properly due to access to databases. By having to keep the site in test mode, some of the items did not work properly. There were also some .pdf's that did not open from all of the links.

Av stated he looked at it and saw the font, colors, readability issues that LaVerne submitted were corrected, but there were a few things that were still not working.

Scott will prepare a written report for the Board regarding the website.

12. GCA and AAA by Av Shiloh

Av stated the nominations were a little clumsy this year due to a standing rule that was implemented that was not practical to carry out. They need to be rewritten to make it much easier to follow.

Av asked Hank to take the item to the bylaws committee to look at changing the standing rule to make the process much easier and smoother.

13. Committee Reports by Committee Chairs

Av asked if there were any committees that had a report. There were no reports and no board members had questions for any committee chairs.

14. Miscellaneous Old Business by Board of Directors

Av stated he wanted to thank everyone for a good first year of his Presidency and he is looking to another year. He wanted to thank all of the officers, directors, and tribe chiefs for their assistance, and we hope to have an even better year this year. He welcomes any positive or negative comments. Any suggestions are also welcome.

Mike Foster came online for a short portion of the meeting. Av stated we covered the CFF pages and the dollars and cents article for the May issue. He just wanted to thank Mike for preparing the report. It will help show how CFF is related to ICS.

Mike stated Shirley is working on the CFF pages and after it is tweaked a little, Mike will have more information for the Flyer. He plans on writing a post-convention report that he may have available for the July issue.

CJ asked if there is anything special CFF does for scholarships for the A&P's.

Mike stated CFF has moved from those scholarships to providing scholarships to attendees of the CPPP training. Course attendees will receive \$200 for the full course and \$100 for the ground school portion only attendees. Mike stated the results so far appear to be positive. Prior courses had eight to ten attendees. The training in Florida where the scholarships were used had nineteen in attendance. There will be a CPPP program in Rockford, IL in June at Cliff's shop, and they have seven signed up so far for that.

CJ asked about assistance for special training, but we lost her during the conversation. Mike will talk to CJ separately if she still needs to discuss the scholarship item.

Mike stated he may know what she was asking. In the past, CFF reimbursed the tribes for most or all of the cost for specialty training like the tail horn and landing gear and general maintenance seminars. The seminars were usually held in conjunction with a weekend fly-in.

15. AOPA Fly-in Preparations by Scott Myers and Pat Donovan

Pat stated everything is on schedule as far as he knows. He asked Bob Barry if he got any requests for older Flyer magazines. Bob stated he had not. Pat had no other information.

Av stated we had discussed the box of old issues were still floating around. Pat stated we had plenty of old issues so rather than sending them around, we could just put those items at a local airport. Av stated since we are sending other things

around, we could just forward the extra issues to help save Village Press from sending them.

Av asked Pat if he could touch base with Scott to make sure things have been shipped to the correct place. We can discuss it again at the May meeting.

LaVerne stated based on a previous meeting, Jeff Munford stated he still had all of the items from the last fly-in in Tennessee last year, so he didn't need anything shipped.

Av asked Pat to touch base with Jeff to make sure it is covered.

16. Marketing Committee Report by Bill Case, CJ Stumpf, and Alan Burroughs

CJ forwarded an email and Word document to Av to forward it to the board and put it on the agenda. Hopefully everyone had a chance to review it.

CJ stated this was a suggestion from several members during a discussion in New Zealand. They felt a standardized card that could be put on the website for aircraft for sale and bulletin board items might be helpful. It might be a good way that the information on aircraft would be standardized so you could compare airplanes easier. The attachments included a suggested format that Alan Breen prepared at the convention.

Av stated that we have For Sale items in the Flyer magazine. We should assess the document to see if we want to pursue putting ads on the website to see how it may affect our proceeds from the For Sale ads in the Flyer.

CJ stated one of the people putting this form together was an aircraft broker. He felt this type of standardized form would be helpful for buyers. Another person thought this would be a good way to help promote ICS by having all of the airplanes in an easy to view format.

Bill Case stated he felt there were good ideas, but things that need to be refined. The Marketing and Website committees probably need to take a look at it and could work together to see what can be done with it. He felt it should be taken up at the next marketing committee meeting first. Since CJ, LaVerne, and Av are online now, Bill proposed the marketing committee meeting for April 26 where this could be discussed further. The meeting was scheduled.

CJ stated that Julie South, Alan Breen's wife, is a marketing person and so is Steve Zaboji. They maybe could be brought in on the discussions.

17. Comanche Mechanic List by Av Shiloh

CJ stated her other question earlier to Mike Foster that she wasn't able to ask was to ask the board if they would consider asking the CFF or the technical committee or both to put together a cheat sheet or online quiz for mechanics and A&P's to go along with the list of mechanics.

Av stated we can discuss it at another meeting, but before we discuss it at the meeting, he would like CJ to touch base with the Zach and Cliff to get their input. CJ can then send out the highlights of the discussion prior to a meeting so everyone can get read it and be prepared to discuss it at a board meeting so it does not take up so much time with everyone trying to get up to speed on the subject during the meeting.

Carl said he felt it was a good idea to look for a list of shops and mechanics that have a background in Comanche's. If you ask a mechanic to fill out a form about what they know about Comanche's, it probably won't happen. They don't have time for things like that. Individuals may take the time, but big shops will ignore it. It may be a bad road to go down. He felt it would be better to ask members to provide input on shops they used that are good. Asking a shop owner to take a test when they have passed numerous aircraft repair tests isn't going to accomplish anything. Carl stated he would be happy to work with those working on it.

Av stated he understood, and that is why we need a good comprehensive way of going about putting a list together.

18. Miscellaneous New Business by BOD

Bob Williams stated that at the convention in New Zealand, Alan Burroughs indicated their tribe would like to host the 2018 convention in either Scotland or Ireland. He will be making a request to the board in the next month or two.

19. Next Team Speak Meeting by Scott Myers

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 8:00 PM. Av will be gone for the Cuba Cayman Island Caravan. Bob Williams stated he could preside over the meeting in Av's absence. If nobody has an objection, the meeting will be scheduled for the third Tuesday as scheduled.

20. Adjournment by Av Shiloh

Ron Franks moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill Case seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.