

International Comanche Society, Inc.
Minutes for the
TeamSpeak Electronic Meeting – August 18, 2015
By LaVerne Stroh, Secretary

1. Av Shiloh, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM EDT

2. Roll Call:

Officers:

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

Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

Tribe Chief SW	Craig Varga	Present - Non Voting
Tribe Rep SW	Scott Myers	Present - Voting
Tribe Chief SC	Bob Fox	Absent
Tribe Rep SC	Ron Franks	Present - Voting
Tribe Chief/Rep SE	Jeff Munford	Absent
Tribe Chief Mid States	Carl Talkington	Present
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	Present – Voting
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	George Mills	Absent

Guests:

North Central	Dave Fitzgerald	Present - Non Voting
Southeast	Phillip Hobbs	Present - Non Voting
North Central	Hank Spellman	Present - Non Voting

Quorum: 11 (eleven) voting Board Members were present.

3. Acceptance of Agenda by Av Shiloh

Motion: Av moved to accept the agenda. Bob Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. President's Opening Remarks by Av Shiloh

Av welcomed everyone to the TeamSpeak meeting. He tried to keep the agenda manageable and will try to keep the meeting times one to one and one-half hours (1 to 1½) in length. Since there is a quorum, the meeting can proceed as planned.

5. Meeting Minutes of the 07-09-2015 meeting by LaVerne Stroh

The minutes of the last meeting were sent out and corrections made per the responses received. The minutes are posted on the website.

Motion: Av Shiloh moved to accept the meeting minutes with corrections for the 07-09-2015 meeting. Bob Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Treasurer Transition Report by Bob Berry and Pat Donovan

Bob Berry met with Pat Donovan and picked up most of the ICS Treasurer items. He has all of the records for the last four years. There are just a few remaining odds and ends left to tie up. Bob Berry's email address is now listed as the email address for the Treasurer. Bob has the ICS laptop and has sole access to the financial reports and bank accounts; so with that, the transition is complete.

7. Treasurer's Report by Bob Berry

Bob Berry and Pat Donovan made some payments last week when they met. Pat went through the financial information, and they transferred all of the records to Bob. There have been no major changes in the financial status since last month's financial report other than a few minor bills being paid. Bob is completing the second (2nd) quarter financial reports and the third (3rd) quarter will be coming up soon.

Motion: Av Shiloh asked if there were any objections to the Treasurer's report. With no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Nominating Committee by Av Shiloh and Dave Fitzgerald

Dave Fitzgerald accepted the nomination as chairman of the Nominating Committee. C J Stumpf and Bruce Thumann have agreed to serve on the committee with Dave.

Dave is also asking Katie Burrows if there is anyone from their tribe who wants to be on the committee, especially in light of the convention being in New Zealand. If everything is approved at the Fall Board meeting, all timeframes will be met.

Motion: Av Shiloh asked if there were any objections to the nominating committee or the report. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Oshkosh/Airventure Report by Pat Donovan

Pat stated the tent at Oshkosh went as expected. It was not as big as prior years. Glen Pruett had his airplane at the tent. Ray Fey was the person taking care of the tent this year. The expenses were a little higher this year due to paying Ray Fey's expenses.

The Todd Kyle issue was discussed. Neither Zach nor Pat were sure when the incident happened. Things seemed to be going fine when they were there. Zach thought the visitors may have had a different idea of what happens in the tent; or, there may have been something that happened when he wasn't there and wasn't aware of it. He thought everything went as it should have.

Av sent an email to Todd expressing ICS' concern in the matter. The final outcome was a very gracious response back to Av saying he will try to get more involved and may work at the tent next year. So, the bottom line is everything turned out fine, but it is something we need to keep in mind and be aware of.

10. Membership Committee Report by Bill Case

Bill said he would like to defer his report until the September meeting to give him more time to follow up on data from the new and expired membership reports.

There were no objections to deferring the report.

11. Bylaws Committee Report by Scott Myers

Scott is the only one working on this right now since Don Nelson is working on other projects. Scott has started working on the checklists that were discussed at the last meeting. If anyone has a specific format they would like to see for the checklist, please let him know. Since he hasn't had time to work on much else, Scott asked to defer any further bylaw discussion until the September meeting.

As a side note to the report, Scott suggested changing the way the members log into TeamSpeak to help determine who is on the Board and if they are voting or

nonvoting. You can change it for just one time if you double click on your name and change the information. If you want to change it permanently, you must change it using the Bookmark tab.

Click on the Bookmark tab, then select Manage Bookmarks. In the Nickname field, change ICS to BOD, and put Voting or Nonvoting after your name. Click Apply, and then OK. Once you log out and back in, your information will come up that way for the any other sessions.

There were no objections to deferring the Bylaws report until the next meeting.

12. New Website Report by Dave Fitzgerald

The website was turned on so all of the Board could get in, look around, and give feedback. Dave said it seems to work well, but they need more feedback from the Board. The next step would be to give access to other members that are interested and get feedback from them. Dave said, per Ron Keil, it will be a few more weeks for Phase 2 of the new website to be completed. There are some things to add to get the level of functionality we have now, primarily in the search fields.

Several Board members said they could no longer get into the website and others wanted the website address again and possibly the login and password so they can get in and navigate around a bit to see what they think.

Scott will send an email with the link to the new website, along with the login and password to all Board members.

13. Fall Board Meeting by Av Shiloh & Bob Williams

The fall meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2015 in Nashville. Dave Fitzgerald had suggested staying at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville. Bob Williams contacted them and contracted with them for ten (10) rooms at \$199/night, plus taxes and a resort fee of \$18/day. The cost is a little more than we usually spend on a hotel, but it is a very nice place. It has food, shopping, and other amenities. We need to fill eight (8) rooms to get the rate and have four filled now.

Av asked everyone to read the email he sent previously and respond to him about your plans for the Board meeting.

If you are flying into the Nashville airport, there are landing fees and the gas is higher than some of the surrounding airports. The taxi fee is approximately \$40 round trip to the Gaylord Resort.

Av and one or two others are planning on flying into the Smyrna airport (MQY), which is southeast of the City. He is renting a van and will be able to help shuttle some people to the resort.

Mike Foster said he flew into that area not long ago, and he flew into John C Tune (JWN) airport. It is northwest of Nashville. They are very friendly and the fuel price was much better than the Nashville airport.

Bob Williams and Bob Berry will fly into both airports, check on prices, ease of flying in and out, etc. and will send an email out to everyone with the information.

14. Miscellaneous Old Business

Phil Hobbs reminded everyone of the AOPA fly-in in Tullahoma. Jeff and Phil will be there and are hoping others will join them.

Carl Talkington said they are preparing for the AOPA fly-in in Colorado Springs. Corey Kroll offered to have his Comanche on display and they may have one other one there, too.

The Minneapolis fly-in should have this year's Flagship winner, John & Barb Spoors' 400, on display. Scott asked if someone would be able to send the bag with the banner after the event, so it can go to the next site. It was suggested to contact Bill Schnauffer to do the mailing.

15. Editor in Chief – Flyer Update Discussion by Av Shiloh

This section is for a general discussion about ways to help "beef up" the Flyer. There are several things we might be able to do to help in that aspect.

15 a. Flyer Member Spotlight Discussion by Av Shiloh

Each month we could have a different member in the spotlight. It would be a great way to find out more about our members, their airplanes, flying experiences, etc. Anybody can suggest someone for the spotlight. Melissa will contact them with some questions and then write something up if the member doesn't want to write it themselves. If they want to write it and have Melissa edit it, they can do that, too. You can give your suggestions for a spotlight article to Av or Melissa.

Pat said they had a Volunteer Spotlight a couple of years ago. He has the list of questions they used for that if we want to use it. Av said they would like to review and maybe combine it with some of the questions they came up with.

Pat will send the list of questions to Av.

Some suggestions were the Vegas Viper guy and maybe something on updating your panel. Ave said he is writing something on panel updates in the Letter from the President. He is asking for discussion and we can see what comes up after the members read that.

15. b Flyer Letter from VP, Treas, Sec'y, Directors, etc. by Av Shiloh

In each issue of the Flyer, we have a Letter from the President, but we never hear from the rest of the Board. Av would like each member of the Board to write a short article to let people know about them, their duties, and other items they want to share. Bob Williams prepared an article for the next edition. We can have an article from Bob Berry, LaVerne, and then maybe some of the Tribe Chiefs. The more we can get people interested, the better off we are. It may generate some interest to help on committees and in some of the other positions.

15. c Flyer – CFF Pages – Discussion by Av Shiloh and Mike Foster

In the last meeting we had some discussion about giving CFF two or three pages in the Flyer to fill as they see fit. They could have articles about CFF and what they do, articles about safety, grants, scholarships, training, etc. They will have a list of the CFF instructors there, too. Mike Foster is preparing an article for the next Flyer. We have plenty of space in the Flyer, and they have so much information they could share with the members, especially when it comes to safety.

Av asked if there were any objections to CFF having space in the Flyer. There were no objections, so we will begin this section each month.

Pat asked if there would be any changes to the current instructor list. Av said CFF will have their list in their section and we will remove the CFF instructors from the ICS instructor list; but, we need to find out if the ICS instructors are still qualified and current.

Zach asked if we were certifying them. Av said while we can't certify them, we need to make sure we have instructors who are current on Comanche's. We need to use due diligence in providing the best instructor list we can for our members. We don't want them to get an instructor who hasn't taught in many years, may not even be flying anymore, may not have an airplane anymore, haven't had any recent training on the latest Comanche information, etc. If they are current on training even if they don't have a Comanche or rating, that would be fine; but, we need to

go through the list since it hasn't been done for so long. Av suggested using a questionnaire for the ICS instructors to complete and return and then go from there.

Zach said if we have a definable line, then he would agree; but we need to make sure we have standards and not just subjective judgements. If the information is similar to CFF, but not identical, that would be fine. Zach agreed we need to know currency, training they've had, etc. Zach said he would help Av with this project.

Mike Foster said he could provide the questionnaire CFF used to certify their instructors. ICS doesn't have to use them; but they may spark some additional questions or discussion. Av said he would welcome that information but wanted to be sure it was okay with CFF if some of the same information was used.

Mike Foster will either send the questionnaire to Av, along with a statement that ICS can use their information in developing the ICS questionnaire.

16. ICS Support – Medical Certification Reform & PBOR by Av Shiloh

Av spoke with Lauren from AOPA regarding the legislation. Many of the other organizations such as the Bonanza Society, etc. have signed on in support of the legislation. Av asked what we (ICS) needed to do to show we are behind AOPA and EAA in this effort. Lauren stated they needed a letter from ICS to AOPA stating we are in support of the legislation and would like to join in the effort. For those that may not have read about the legislation, it has to do with getting rid of yearly medical certifications to be able to fly.

Carl said he strongly supports it. He has read numerous findings about accidents due to medical conditions, and the findings support the legislation.

C J said David Kenny, the statistician she has been working with on the safety project, said in the assessment of accidents caused by in flight emergencies, the number is zero (0) at this point.

Pat suggested that anyone who has not contacted their representative should contact them immediately. The information is on the AOPA site.

C J said she would like a copy of a letter if anyone has one they want to share.

Av said he will put something in the Flyer with links and who to contact.

Av shared his proposed resolution for ICS supporting the legislation and working with AOPA and EAA.

Proposed Resolution: The International Comanche Society resolves to support the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in promoting Third Class Airmen's Medical Certification reform and the Pilot's Bill of Rights.

Zach moved to accept the resolution. Pat seconded. Scott abstained from voting. The motion passed unanimously from the rest of the voters.

17. Preview of Fall Board Meeting Budget Discussions – Av Shiloh and Bob Berry

Av stated we have a large budget deficit this year and he would like to discuss it in more depth at the Fall Board Meeting. We need to provide input and have some discussion on what can be done to at least break even. Also, he would like some ideas on how we can create additional revenue and possible ways to decrease some of the expenses. This year was an unusual year for expenses, but he would like to get some discussions going to make sure we don't have any major shortfalls next year.

Pat Donovan stated that the negative shortfall this year is due to the Board's approval for the new website and the other membership enhancements. Other years have been break even or better.

One other issue is the low interest rates on CD's. When the interest rates were better, we had a much better return on our investments.

18. Other New Business

Hank brought up the feature in the Flyer for members. In previous years there was a questionnaire that was sent out. It was started by Skip Dykema and is similar to what Av is thinking of. That questionnaire may still be out there to use as a basis.

Av said many other magazines have Letters to the Editor. That may be something else we want to think about. He will talk to Melissa to see if that may be an option.

19. Next TeamSpeak Meeting by Av Shiloh

Since it was decided the TeamSpeak meetings are to be held the third Tuesday of each month, the September meeting would be on September 15 at 8:00 PM EDT unless there are any objections.

There were no objections, but Zach stated he would be unable to attend.

20. Adjournment

**Motion: Zach moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**