

**International Comanche Society, Inc.**  
**Old Board Meeting Minutes – 7 September 2010**  
**San Diego, California**

**Roll Call:                Board Members Present:**

President	Bernie Mazurek,
Vice President	Dick Kuszyk
Treasurer	Don Nelson
Secretary	Alan Burrows

SC Tribe Rep	Bruce Thumann (on Skype)
NC Tribe Chief	Jerry Jesion
SW Tribe Rep	Mike Foster
NW Tribe Rep	Shirley Nelson,
SE Tribe Chief	Sally Williams
CFF President	Frank Sargeant
Past President	Dave Fitzgerald

**Absent Excused**

EC Tribe Chief	Stewart Campbell
AU Tribe Chief	Ian Thomson
WC Tribe Chief	Don Ostergard
SA Tribe Chief	Russell Knowles
EU Tribe Rep	Ben Ayalon
NE Tribe Chief	Keith Johnson

**Member Guests :**

EU Tribe	Kate Burrows
SC Tribe Chief	Bob Cretney
MS Tribe Chief	John Johnson
SC Tribe	Dale Vandever
NC Tribe	Henry Spellman
SW Tribe	Lorne Harmon
SW Tribe	Peggy Harmon
SE Tribe	Bruce Ladrie
NC Tribe	Jim Brown
NC Tribe	Dorothy Meadows

**QUORUM:**    The meeting opened with 10 voting board members present.  
                    President Bernie Mazurek called the meeting to order at 1405.

**1. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests**

11 Board Members present. 10 ICS Member Guests.

## **2. Acceptance of Agenda**

- **Motion** to Accept the Agenda as presented proposed by Don Nelson and Seconded by Dave Fitzgerald. Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **3. Presidents Opening Remarks**

The President, Bernie Mazurek presented his opening comments welcoming everyone to the meeting.

He said that the meeting had a two hour time limit on it and if people wanted to say anything could they please make it brief.

## **4. Previous Meeting's Minutes**

**Motion** to accept the old and new board meetings minutes that were on the website was proposed by Sally Williams and seconded by Jerry Jesion. Motion was carried unanimously.

## **5. Treasurers Report**

Treasurer, Don Nelson, said that to mid-year the society had a loss of \$3000, which was about 15% of income and this was mostly dues related. The 5% dues reduction for the 2 year renewal has proved to be very popular. At the Spring Board Meeting a 5% increase in dues was approved and this will take effect on 1 Jan 2011. The 5% reduction for 2 year renewals costs out at about \$6 per year and \$12 for the 2 years. This is taking a toll on the finances and he asked that this be looked at, to maybe reduce the \$12 reduction to something more sustainable. Another cost is the postage for mailing the Comanche Flyer Magazine. Postage rates are high especially to outside of the USA. The postage is taking up to 50% from the member dues of the foreign tribes. He asked that the board maybe look at an option of overseas members getting an electronic magazine to cut the mailing costs.

Dick Kuszyk said that all the other major type/flying organisations had lower dues than the ICS.

Alan Burrows said that it may take 50% of the dues to send the South Africans the magazine but they get nothing else from the society so the rest of the dues are used for the rest of the society and there were not enough South African members to make a big issue of it anyway. He also said that he liked the idea of an option for members to have either an electronic magazine or a printed magazine with a reduction in dues for taking the electronic magazine.

Don Nelson said that he would like to get rid of the dues rebate to South Africa. It is a big accounting nuisance and they rarely if ever cash the checks anyway. He also said that, in response to Dick Kuszyk mentioning the other type/flying organisations, that all the other organisation have manufacturer support and the Comanche's do not, the ICS is the type support.

Bob Cretney said that he had contacted expired members and most of them had not renewed due to age or giving up flying or giving up the aircraft. No one did not renew due to cost.

Sally Williams said that she had made contact with all expired members by letter and by phone. Some of them would answer honestly about why they had not renewed and that was because they had read something on the forum, both ICS and Delphi, and it had made them uncomfortable about remaining in the society.

John Johnson said that when he had contacted expired members there were no complaints about the dues. Mostly it was that they had sold their aircraft or just forgotten.

- **Motion** to accept the Treasurers report by Dave Fitzgerald, Seconded by Sally Williams. Motion unanimously carried.

## **6. Tribe Reports**

Bernie Mazurek thanked the tribe chiefs for the tribe reports and said they would be included in the minutes. He asked that in future the tribe reports should also be sent to the Secretary by email for inclusion in the minutes.

## **7. Committee Reports:**

**Election Committee:** Bruce Thumann said that the ballots have been collected and validated. The changes to the validation process made in 2009 were a great success and have increased voter participation. The Election Committee does not suggest any more changes to the voting system. Hank Spellman said that the by-laws state that "if the end of the election falls on a holiday then the deadline is extended to the next day."

## **8. Golden Circle and Annual Award:**

Dick Kuszyk said that the Golden Circle is awarded for lifetime achievement. Nominations, 30 days prior to the meeting, are to be submitted by the BOD's. This had produced one name for the Golden Circle award. This was for Monica Rehkopf for all her hard and diligent work on the board in many positions, also for the Tips manual and starting the Communications bulletin. The board voted that the Golden Circle be awarded to Monica Rehkopf.

The second award was the Annual Award and the nomination for this was for Sarah McKinley of Mid-States Tribe. Mid-States Tribe was failing and about to be merged with one of the other tribes and Sarah McKinley took on the motivational banner and organized 18 fly-ins for the mid-states and surrounding tribes. She also bullied/cajoled others into helping and has managed to get someone to take on the Chief-ship and also the Treasurer's job. The board voted that the Annual Award be awarded to Sarah McKinley.

## 9. Liability Insurance Quotes:

Don Nelson said that he had no quotes to present to the board. The reason for this was that he had spoken to the ICS D&O insurance provider who felt that the ICS does not have General Liability exposure. Alan Burrows suggested that Don Nelson get the broker to confirm this statement in writing. Hank Spellman said that the CFF covers the insurance for the CPPP.

- **Motion** by Sally Williams to stop pursuing the general liability quotes. Shirley Nelson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Nelson said that the D&O policy would be coming up for renewal next month and he wanted to know if the board wanted it renewed. Alan Burrows said that the ICS board had a duty to protect the board members and that it should be renewed. In addition Don should ensure that the D&O also covers non-US citizens and board members residing outside the US.

- **Motion** by Alan Burrows to maintain the D&O insurance coverage. Shirley Nelson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## 10. Stab Horn, Website and Webco:

### Website:

Dave Fitzgerald said that the Forum is not running correctly and this is due to old software. He said that the software is being updated and the new forum should be up and running in about 2 weeks. He also said that currently there are infighting problems on the maintenance forum that they are trying to clear up. He feels that the way to go is to have the maintenance forum be purely maintenance and that there should be a second forum for general chat, and both forums will be moderated. Hank Spellman, Jerry Jesion and Dave Fitzgerald are the moderators at present but more are required.

Alan Burrows questioned the need for a chat forum and said that the maintenance forum should be maintenance and nothing more. Don Nelson said that there was a need for a chat forum, like "letters to the editor" in magazines. But guidelines should be set so people wanting to discuss non maintenance items had a forum to do so. He also suggested that maybe it could be moved out of the maintenance area into the members area. Mike Foster said that he monitors both the ICS forum and the Delphi forum and he sees that some of the civility from the ICS forum is making its way over to the Delphi forum. Dave Fitzgerald said that he would come up with a way of splitting the forum and present it at the Fall Board Meeting.

### Stab Horn:

Due to the problems found with the Stab Horn, Piper wrote a service bulletin but did not issue it at first. Dave Fitzgerald and Hans Neubert for the ICS and the FAA have been talking and negotiating with Piper to revise the service bulletin since ICS had done a lot of work with the FAA to get more information on the problems. Piper said

they would issue the bulletin un-amended. This has caused problems for the EU, Australian and New Zealand Tribes whose maintenance regimes are different than the FAA regime. The FAA and ICS reps are in more negotiations with Piper to reissue and amended service bulletin.

Dave Fitzgerald said that one of the problems was that Piper issued the service bulletin without having any spares available for Comanche owners to purchase. He suggested that the technical people in the ICS should look to making a list of difficult and impossible to find parts and look to getting these manufactured or setting up a manufacturer who could do so. Horns are looking to be manufactured in Australia but there is no time frame on when they will be available or when they will be certified. However, getting parts made under "owner manufacture" and getting field approval for these parts is an option for owners, however this does not help the Comanche owners in EU or Aus/NZ with non N-reg aircraft.

**Webco:**

Don Nelson said that to date about \$15,000 had been donated to the Webco fund. Some of it has been forwarded to the Lawyer. The rest is in the hands of the ICS to await distribution. Don Nelson said that the status of the case was that the trial was over and that the decision from the Judge should be presented in about 2 weeks.

**11. 2011 ICS Convention:**

Sally Williams said that the 2011 Convention would be hosted by the South East Tribe in Savannah, GA. Sally Williams and Bruce Ladrie are the co-chairs.

The Fly-in airport will be Hindsville, GA and the dates will be 30 August to 4 September 2011, just before Labor Day. She gave her thanks to many people for their help in getting the Convention planning started.

**12. Conflict of Interest, Whistle Blower and Document retention policy:**

Don Nelson said that last year the conflict of interest by-law was written out of the by-laws. This year during the accounting procedure the accountant had asked if the ICS had these policies in place. Don Nelson had to say no. The accountant suggested that for the IRS to keep the ICS on a not-for-profit footing these policies had to be in place. Dave Fitzgerald asked if this could be made something to be discussed at the Fall Board Meeting. The By-Laws committee should investigate this and present it to the board. Hank Spellman said that the IRS had recently rewritten the rules on the 501-c-3 corporations.

- **Motion** by Dave Fitzgerald that the By-laws Committee be directed to take under consideration the IRS, whistleblower and document retention policies and present the findings at a later date to be decided. Sally Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Other business:**

Bob Cretney wished to throw into the discussion something relative to the maintenace forum on the website. He asked that the three moderators, Dave Fitzgerald, Jerry Jesion and Dale Vandever be tasked to give thought to the answer of the chat forum/maintenance forum split sooner rather than later so that the job can be done as soon as possible.

- **Motion** to adjourn was made by Sally Williams. Seconded by Mike Foster. Motion was carried.

2010 Old Board Meeting was adjourned at 1601.

Respectfully Submitted

Alan Burrows

Secretary

September 28, 2010