

International Comanche Society, Inc.  
Minutes from TeamSpeak Meeting – August 15, 2017  
By LaVerne Stroh, Secretary

**Note:** Motions and voting are in **bold black** font  
Action items are in **bold blue** font

**1. Pat Donovan, President, called the meeting to order** at 8:02 PM EST

**2. Roll Call by LaVerne Stroh**

Officers:

President	Pat Donovan	Present
Vice President	Bob Williams	Present
Treasurer	Bob Berry	Present
Secretary	LaVerne Stroh	Present
Past-President	Av Shiloh	Present

Voting Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

Tribe Rep SW	Scott Myers	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep SC	Bob Cretney	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep SE	Jeff Munford	Absent
Tribe Rep Mid States	Doug Linville	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	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

Non-voting Board Member

CFF President	Mike Foster	Present
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Non-Voting Guests

ICS Tribe Chief SC	Ron Franks
ICS Member NC	Dave Fitzgerald
ICS Member SC	Chuck Stroh

**Quorum: There were ten (10) voting members present.**

Pat called the meeting to order. Pat stated this was not an official meeting where hard decisions can be made. This was pointed out to him that the bylaws specifically state there has to be ten day prior notice for electronic meetings by the secretary given to the membership. We have not done that so for that reason we

cannot have any specific hard decisions. This makes the proposed CPTP action an item that will have to be put off until the next meeting in September.

Scott challenged that on standpoint that we have been on notice that we have had the same meeting scheduled for ever but just at a different time.

Pat stated he understood the position but the notice requirement is to the general membership, not to the board members.

Bob Berry stated that if that is the case every meeting we've had for the past several years are null and void.

Pat stated that would be the case if someone wanted to push it. He is not going to do that but he is encouraging everyone to let stand what has been done. On this issue, we want to make sure we are squeaky clean on doing it right.

Bob Berry stated the election of officers would be null and void also.

Pat stated that was incorrect. That was published properly in the Flyer.

**Av moved to call a special meeting to discuss this subject.** We need three voting members to approve that, and we can call a special meeting specifically for that (CPTP). This is too contentious of an issue to kick the can down the road. We need to get it resolved because it is causing too much problem within the society. **Bob Berry seconded the motion.** Scott also seconded at the same time as Bob Berry.

Pat asked LaVerne to call the vote.

LaVerne began taking the vote, but when she asked CJ for her vote, CJ stated she did not understand what we were voting on.

LaVerne stated we are voting on the motion on the floor which was to call a special meeting to discuss the issue of CFF.

Pat stated the bylaws state "The Board shall meet at the call of the President or at the call of any three of its members. The Board may meet electronically, but it shall meet at least once annually by physical presence in addition to the meetings at the annual convention. Written and ICS web page notice of each meeting of the Board shall be given by the Secretary to all members thereof at least 30 days prior to a physical meeting (at least 10 days prior for an electronic meeting), and the Secretary shall record all votes including those taken electronically. A quorum for conducting business at any Board meeting shall be the presence of seven Board members. All significant or financial matters of the Society shall be put to formal Board vote."

Hank asked if he should give input.

Bob Williams stated he would like to know what "thereof" is. Is it the Board or the membership?

Hank stated there is no need for a motion and no need to vote on the motion. The motion is superfluous. Three Board members have called for a meeting. We need to set the time of the meeting. It has to be in ten days so we give the proper notice.

Scott stated ten days or if the board agrees to do it sooner. That is also mentioned.

Bob Berry stated the board can deliberate between meetings.

Av stated he there is a special meeting being called by a minimum of three members so all we have to do is set the date. We will give the notice and he would like to schedule the meeting approximately ten days from now.

Scott stated he felt we needed to challenge Pat's decision. The notice to the membership is not right. If this is the most important issue we have dealt with in years why is he not going back and disallowing all meetings that have violated that rule in the past. Scott stated the notice has been made to the board members. It does not have to be made to the membership. If anybody has any comments we need to discuss it before we allow Pat to roll over us again.

Av stated nobody objected to the meetings during his two year tenure. He usually got his agenda out a week ahead of time; but we knew there is a standing meeting every third Tuesday of every month. So, all of the board members know it. That is more than sufficient notice. To invalidate every single meeting we've had for years is ludicrous.

Pat asked Hank for his interpretation of Section 3 of the bylaws where it states "written and ICS web page notice of each meeting of the Board shall be given by the Secretary to all members therefore at least 30 days prior or ten days prior for electronic meetings." Pat stated his interpretation of all members is not all members of the board. It is all members of the society. Is he correct?

Note: Pat read the word thereof as therefore; but it should be thereof.

Hank stated he did not know if Pat was correct; but there is a real simple way out of this. At the next board meeting reconfirm all actions that were done at any meeting that was supposedly not cricket.

Bob Berry stated he did not want to reconfirm all of those. You can go all the way back to Zach Grant's time as President and nullify it all. This is a game. We want to get on with the meeting. You are trying to nullify everything and control this particular meeting the way you want it.

Pat stated there were too many people trying to talk at once so he was going to call on people to talk. Dave and Bob Williams are next.

Dave stated he did not understand why Pat is doing this. These meetings are well known and well established. ICS members who are interested and Board members are aware of them. We should not play games. You can be a good president and good leader. Right now we are playing a game.

Bob Williams stated when he reads the meeting notice it sounds like members of the board since we are talking of the board and not the general membership.

LaVerne stated when she became Secretary she asked about that section of the rules since monthly meetings were not there. She was told that was one we are not following since we haven't had monthly meetings. There are a bunch of rules in the bylaws and standing rules we aren't following.

Av stated the distinction is very important; whether it is a meeting of members or a meeting of the board. This is a meeting of the board. We have long established and have in writing that every third Tuesday of every month we meet unless we specify otherwise. That rises to the level of more than sufficient notice to all board members. The agenda was sent out approximately a week before the meeting. We have an agenda, we have a quorum. There is no reasonable way that the meeting should be invalidated. We would have to invalidate every meeting we have had in years and that is not practical.

CJ stated if we are calling a special meeting, we need to say why we are calling the meeting. We have to revisit this as a point of procedure.

CJ asked LaVerne what she meant by a bunch of rules that have not been followed. She thought it was very responsible to ask about the notices, but who told her there are a bunch of rules we aren't following.

LaVerne stated she is the one who has brought up other rules we are not following. When she asked about the rule for the ten day notifications, she was told the monthly electronic meetings weren't addressed.

Av stated he believes we are following it whenever we have a meeting of members. We publish it in the Flyer, in the newsletter, and on the website. All member meetings have been done properly with more than sufficient notice. We are talking about board meetings and these board meetings have been announced. He can tell you for the next six months when the board meetings will be unless it is otherwise changed. Until it is changed, every third Tuesday of every month has been our board meeting. Every board member knows it. That is sufficient notice and cannot see how that can be contested.

**Bob Berry moved Bob Williams take over this meeting if Pat Donovan does not want to proceed.**

CJ stated she is still waiting for an answer to her question.

Pat stated he believes we have in fact done what the ICS board thinks is appropriate as far as conducting meetings. However, he also believes our electronic board meetings have been closed to the general membership because they have not been notified, they do not have the software, and they don't know how to get into it. He stated he absolutely agreed if they were interested, they could have and would have been welcome. With that said, he is willing to go along and allow this meeting to discuss the issue that is foremost on certain people's minds; however, it needs to be done in accordance with the agenda. We have other things we must deal with first in his opinion. They are not decisions, but they are discussions of certain activities. Pat asked if he had concurrence on that.

Av stated he personally published in the President's letter in the Flyer on one or two occasions that any member is allowed and encouraged to join our board meetings. He instructed them to contact Scott Myers to get the information. He is the one who runs TeamSpeak. There are certain limitations on TeamSpeak. We are limited by TeamSpeak on the number of participants. It has been published and we haven't had any interest in it; but everyone is welcome. We don't have any other members here now. If we have too many members, the entire TeamSpeak meeting will flop. Scott knows the maximum number of participants.

Pat asked if we had concurrence to address the issue that seems to be on everyone's lips at the moment; but we need to address it after we handle some of the agenda items.

Bob Berry stated he is not talking about addressing. We are talking about motions and passing motions.

Av stated the problem he has with that is that it will be kicked to the end and we are here talking about all kinds of other stuff except the "elephant in the room", that does not serve our purposes well. This is a highly contested issue. It is very important and creating tremendous divisiveness in our society. It is a high priority and should be discussed first. As soon as we are done with that, we can go to the next item.

Hank stated there needed to be a motion to change the agenda.

**Scott moved to add the position of editor in chief as a priority item in today's agenda. Av seconded the motion.**

Pat asked if there was any discussion on this.

CJ stated she would like to bring up a point of order.

Pat asked CJ to hold on a minute since Bob Williams was trying to say something.

Bob Williams stated the issue boils down to a promise Pat made in the last board meeting that does not appear to have been kept and we are wondering why.

Pat stated he is not sure what Bob is referring to. If it was the issue of not to mention CPTP in anything, that is correct. Their title was put in by Pete Morse and Pat did not delete it.

Av stated we are conducting a discussion before the motion has been approved.

Pat stated he asked for discussion and he answered Mr. William's had a question Pat responded to.

CJ called for point of order. If this meeting has not been properly noticed, this motion cannot be brought.

Av stated it was properly noticed. It has been known for several years that we have a board meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. That is more than sufficient notice.

Scott stated Pat has waived his argument to begin with by saying he is okay to have the discussion go through; so let's move on from that.

CJ stated that the website is the official place for notification of meetings to the membership. CJ stated Av said he put something in his president's letter. Are these meetings properly noticed? Maybe that is a question for our bylaws chairman, Hank.

Av stated we are confusing board meetings with membership meetings. This is not a membership meeting. This is a board meeting. Members are welcome to attend as he stated in his president's letter. We have no members here now; but we are in a board meeting that we have every month at the same time, and he is calling for a vote.

Pat asked Hank for his opinion

Hank said he honestly does not know since the wording is nebulous as has been pointed out. It is possible to go either way; so go ahead and have the vote. Back to his other comment, if it turns out that it is not (board only), we can simply have a motion that goes back and reaffirms everything we have done in any meeting anyone thinks was not properly noticed.

Pat thanked Hank and asked if there were any other comments before we call for the question.

CJ stated Av is arguing both sides of the issue. If the members are not told about the meetings, they are not open. She stated Av stated we are having open

meetings but he is also saying we did not tell the members. CJ stated she is still asking if this meeting is properly noticed based on that information.

Bill Case stated the people that have spoken up have established a strong vote that we as a board believe we are proceeding properly with a properly noticed meeting; accordingly, Bill called for the vote.

Pat asked LaVerne to take the vote.

Hank asked for the motion to be restated.

Scott stated the motion was to add the position of editor in chief as a priority item to today's agenda.

**The vote was taken. Hank and Pat voted no. All others voted yes. The motion passed.**

Pat stated we would put this on the agenda number 9 for the meeting today.

Av stated per the motion, this is a priority item. Please restate the motion.

Pat stated the motion was to make editor in chief a priority item on the agenda. He did not understand the reference to the phrase priority item. It is new business and should be put on the agenda as such.

Av stated priority to him meant it was the highest priority.

Bob stated we needed to get it out of the way.

Pat asked if Av and Bob wanted this as item number 1.

Av stated yes, right after the acceptance of the agenda with this item included.

Pat stated we would put this as item number 6 on the agenda, right after acceptance of the old board meeting minutes.

CJ stated she had a request to modify the agenda.

Pat asked her to go ahead.

CJ stated she would like to add a discussion of an update of the safety committee to old business and possibly discussion of a new safety committee item to new business.

Pat stated we can do that but he won't guarantee we'll get to it. He will put it on the agenda.

Bob stated the first priority was this motion, not the sixth.

Pat stated if you look at the first item on the agenda it was President's opening remarks, acceptance of the board meeting minutes, and then item six which would be yours.

Bob stated we could put his off until this is done.

Pat stated he concurred with that. Item six is being replaced at this point.

Bob Berry stated Scott Myers motion would be the third thing on the agenda.

Av stated after the acceptance of the board meeting minutes were approved, the priority item would be next, then the Treasurer's report, and then proceed with the rest of the agenda.

Pat stated that was correct.

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

**Av moved to approve the agenda as discussed with the priority item included. Bob Berry seconded the motion. There were no objections to the motion. The motion passed as read.**

Scott asked for clarification of where the item was being added.

Av stated it would be item number six; right after the approval of the meeting minutes.

Pat stated he did not see any disagreement so he is assuming the agenda is approved as read. We are not going to have any opening remarks today and will go to the acceptance of the prior board meeting minutes as sent out by LaVerne

Scott stated he had a question on this item. He felt we needed to have a roll call vote on this so somebody could not come back later and say they didn't have a chance to vote on it or didn't know.

Bob asked it that was for the approval of the agenda.

Hank stated you can if you want to, but it wastes a lot of time.

Av stated it would not take much time to do a quick vote.

LaVerne called the votes. CJ, Pat, and Hank voted no. The other seven voted yes. The agenda as discussed was approved.

#### **4. President's Opening Remarks by Pat Donovan**

There were no opening remarks.

#### **5. Acceptance of BOD Meeting Minutes by Board of Directors**

Pat asked for approval of the board meeting minutes as sent out by LaVerne and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes.

**Hank moved to accept the minutes as presented. Bob Williams seconded. CJ stated she is abstained since she was not present at the previous meeting. All others approved.**

LaVerne asked if the approval was for all three sets of minutes.

Pat stated that was correct.

Post meeting note: The three sets of minutes approved were  
Old Board Meeting Minutes dated 06/21/17  
New Board Meeting Minutes dated 06/24/17  
July TeamSpeak Minutes dated 07/18/17

#### **6. Editor in Chief by Board of Directors**

Pat asked Scott to start the discussion since he made the motion to add the item.

**Scott stated under the provision of 40-1 in the standing rules, he moved to transfer all duties of the editor-in-chief of all membership mass communication media to Av Shiloh. Bob Berry seconded the motion.**

Pat asked for discussion. He asked Scott if he wanted to say anything more or pass it on to Bill Case.

Scott stated hopefully this will be quick and we do not have to relitigate the whole thing, but his feeling is Pat has repeatedly shown his refusal to abide by the wishes of the Board, and believes it is in the best interest of ICS and the membership to replace him as editor in chief.

Bill Case agreed.

Bob Williams stated his concern was Pat has not listening to the board.

CJ stated this should not be done in a meeting like this. She is very distressed that we appear to be throwing out our rules. Bob Berry's email, which was sent in good faith and with good intentions, included a very fundamental incorrect allegation that Pat was ignoring the request of the board. The only thing she could fact check was Bob's assertion that Pat had put in a list of instructors putting the CPTP guys on the

top and leaving out other instructors. She looked at an old edition of the Comanche Flyer and discovered that list was present under Av's leadership and hasn't been changed in quite a while. She was looking at the December 2016 issue. This is knee jerk and she disagrees with the whole process. We are a society that has been around for a long time and we need to make decisions researching facts. She is against this motion and against this move.

Av stated that list had been there prior to him; however there have been other things as early as 2014 where an entire CPTP advertisement was made by you (Pat) specifically, a letter from Pat. At the last meeting, at the beginning of the statement Pat read, Pat stated he specifically knew the board did not want this to occur but Pat used his judgement without referring to the board. Av stated he did not believe that was an appropriate way for an inclusive president to act. When we start disregarding the board, and we don't inform them and we make unilateral decisions, the board becomes irrelevant. If we do not give the board the information and the opportunity to discuss things, we give them no information but we expect the board to make an informed decision without being informed, that is not reasonable to Av.

Doug stated he had a question about the motion. In the motion there was not a limit. Is this forever or until the board decides to change. How does that work?

Pat stated that was not part of the motion but the board is free to make a motion to change back to the president being editor in chief as is the current situation at any time.

Doug asked if you want someone else besides Av, but not the president, is that something we can make a motion and do.

Pat stated the answer was sure. There is no specificity as far as Pat knows in that particular standing rule. It could even be someone who is not on the board. Pat asked Doug if he wanted to make a request for an amendment to the motion.

Doug stated that was not necessary. He just wanted to clarify it for himself.

Hank stated he did not think many the proponents of this have thought out the ramifications if it is passed. Hank is going to vote no.

CJ asked Pat as the president and chairman how he responded to the allegations.

Pat asked which allegations she was referring to.

CJ stated she was referring to the allegation that Pat ignored the board.

Pat stated he was not ignoring the board. He was doing his best to support the board as well as the membership and everything else that is going on. As he stated in an email to certain individuals today, ICS is being used by CFF as a hammer in an attempt to punish individuals and CPTP and that is something that CFF should

not do. ICS should not do that. If CFF wants to punish CPTP it can but to use ICS as the vehicle for that punishment, it is really really unfortunate and should not be occurring. That is all he wants to say at the moment.

CJ stated she had a follow up question. She stated her question was specifically to the accusation that Pat had unfairly intervened after the fact in putting a CPTP advertisement inside the front cover, which was the accusation that led to this.

Pat asked Av if he had read the reply to Bob Berry.

Av stated he did read it. Some points were valid and some Av was not familiar with. The point that there is a full page colored paid ad in the next edition of the Flyer is totally impertinent to this conversation. We have no problem with paid advertisements. What we are talking about is unpaid support, unpaid advertising, unpaid promotions for an entity that is directly competitive with ICS or CFF. That was the board's objection right from the beginning and for some reason Pat has a track record of promoting CPTP which is directly competitive. Av stated he would like to add there is a very similar situation with the American Bonanza Society (ABS). They are a society very similar to ours who has about five times the membership we do, about 10,000 members. They also have what they call a BPPP, which is very similar to or CPPP. They had a rogue organization call BPTP, which is very similar to CPTP, arise to compete with their program. If you look at any publication of the American Bonanza Society, they have paid advertisements including BPTP. You will never find a single mention, advertisement, promotion, listing, or otherwise of BPTP in their website, magazine, or newsletters. We are the only ones silly enough to support a direct competitor. He hasn't seen Apple promote Samsung phones just like he has not seen a society choosing to promote a direct competitor to the society. If we had a rogue organization that started a new Comanche society, would we promote that? Av said he thinks not, and that is the whole point here.

**Bob Berry called for a vote.**

**Pat stated not everyone had a chance for input so he is going to put off the vote.**

Hank stated he would like to make a parliamentary inquiry here which is a privileged piece of business. Hank has been in the past associated with the CFF. He was treasurer for about ten years and bookkeeper for about two years. It has been five to eight years since he did anything for them. Does anyone consider that he has a conflict of interest?

Bill Case stated absolutely not.

Av stated he agreed with Bill.

Hank stated his question again. Does anyone think he does have a conflict?

CJ stated she was not a lawyer, but possibly.

Bill Case stated the very question seems almost ludicrous. He can't imagine anyone objecting to a CFF volunteer, in the interest of Comanche's that's why he's a volunteer, who is also a volunteer with ICS because he cares about Comanche's and the goals of our organization. CFF has a long history of being a sister organization so he doesn't think there is cause for concern of conflict of interest.

CJ disagreed. It is a serious matter if there is a conflict.

Pat stated or a perceived conflict.

Pat read what was referred to by Av and in an email by Bob Berry and CC'd to a bunch of others who did not include all board members but only with regards to those board members who were officers of this organization or CFF. Bob's email stated he was disappointed in Pat's herculean efforts in the placement of an ad in the inside page in the Flyer. Village Press did an excellent job on the graphics but we he thinks we were way underpaid. Village Press said they did it at Pat's bidding even though it was nine days after submission. Pat did this work for a party that appears from the website not to be a member.

Pat stated his response was Hercules, really? Upon the request of an ICS member, not Dennis Carew or George Richmond, who are not members of ICS and not that it makes any difference, Pat contacted John Shumaker who is in charge of our advertising to determine what the situation was. John advised he was working with Dennis Carew and having some difficulty getting approvals. John advised he would be happy to work with any advertiser who was willing to buy the space even if it was past the deadline. The print schedule allows for some slop to account for this and other contingencies. All Pat did was encourage appropriate communications between the principals. The result is extra income from a full price full page advertisement scheduled to run for two months. Pat stated he would have done the same for any advertiser. To insinuate otherwise is not acceptable. For Bob Berry to tell John Shumaker that some board members would not be happy with this advertisement is improper. He (John) and Village Press should not be brought into this controversy. Pat stated he talked to John after John's conversation with Bob Berry and told John his job was to sell advertising. He also confirmed this with Scott Lizenby, Vice President of Village Press.

Bob Berry stated that is not exactly what John told him. Bob did not tell him what Pat said at the board meeting about not having ICS items in there. That was not what John said to Bob. John told Bob Berry Carew refused to give him (John) an answer if he was going to pay for the ad. Pat got involved and Carew called John back. The back and forth was last Saturday when it (the ad) was put in.

Pat stated he did not talk to Dennis Carew or George Richmond. The only person Pat talked to was John Shumaker.

Pat stated all we were doing is slinging mud and he apologized to everyone for this. Pat asked LaVerne if she had any comments.

LaVerne stated no comment. We could go ahead and vote.

Av stated he would like to make a comment.

Pat stated Av already had his chance and asked LaVerne to start the vote.

Mike Foster stated he would like to make a comment. Mike stated what Pat said about CFF using ICS as a hammer to punish poor George and Dennis is completely false and would like to have some back up to what Pat said as to who is doing that.

Pat stated he would prefer to talk to Mike offline with regards to that. Pat stated that's the way it has been from well before Mike's time. It is neither here nor there at the moment.

Bob Berry stated that is the problem. Everything was offline back in the days; offline private board meetings and the rest of it. It should be out in the open.

Av stated Pat has called for a vote. We need to vote.

CJ asked if CFF was in any way inconvenienced by the placement of this ad. Were they blocked from placing their own ad?

Pat stated we need to move on. The vote has been called for.

**The vote on the above motion was taken. CJ, Hank, Pat and Hank voted no. Hank wanted it noted in the minutes he voted no based on any perceived conflict of interest. Av abstained from the vote since it had to do with him. There were six yes votes. The motion passed.**

Hank stated he wanted the vote count.

LaVerne stated there were three no votes and one abstention.

Pat asked how many yes votes.

LaVerne stated there were six yes votes.

## **7. Treasurer `s Report by Bob Berry**

Bob Berry stated Village Press completed a sample profit/loss. The losses are mounting. He does not have all of the inventory yet from Oshkosh. Bob needs to have exactly what we made in each area. He can't separate the membership from the other. He needs to have a detailed report.

Bob stated all bills are paid, and he has a call into EAA to discuss getting the discount on the lot we had this year for next year.

Pat asked if there were any questions.

CJ asked if Bob Berry if he was concerned about the OSH numbers.

Bob Berry stated he wasn't there. He can see what was sold, but had no idea what it was sold for, what was given away other than they were giving away pins. He doesn't know where the money went. He knows we got checks but it isn't directed to various accounts. He needs a detail of where to put that.

CJ stated Bob had received answers to all of those questions in writing. She was confused as to what his specific questions were.

Bob Berry stated CJ was confused if she expects he is going to put each of those items in a spreadsheet and come out with an end figure. CJ should give him a comparison of the inventory before and the inventory after. There should be an accounting of how many checks came in for dues. Some people paid on square and it has to be transferred over. He is not going to recalculate the work.

CJ asked if the information is due on a particular date.

Bob Berry stated there was no specific date.

CJ stated it sounded like there was a date it was needed by.

Bob stated Village Press is trying to get Oshkosh wrapped up and the books done.

Bob Berry stated he has to pay for next year's Oshkosh. He has to pay for the tent. Pat has to sign the contract. He is the President and signs all contracts. He can hopefully get a discount because of the water. As far as Pat and his inventory, it was perfect, but he needs to know where the money goes.

Pat stated this could be handled offline with Bob Berry, him and CJ to find out exactly what Bob needs. They thought they had provided Bob with all of the information necessary, but it appears that is not correct. There is something they are missing they are not aware of.

Bob stated he got three checks that he received from Pat and wanted to know how to break them down. Bob doesn't know how they were to be broken down. Pat put his own money out. Did Pat deduct the amount of money from the cash receipts?

Pat stated they needed to find time in the next few days to get on TeamSpeak and work through this.

## **8. 2017 EAA AirVenture by CJ Stumpf**

Bob Williams stated he got a check from Aperio for \$250 and thinks it belongs to CJ and not the convention.

CJ stated after she and Bob discussed it on the phone she notified Bob Berry in writing that it was coming. She was going to call Aperio to tell them how much we appreciated that and hopefully they will come back next year.

CJ stated she wanted to go back to the previous question. Bob Berry has not provided a date for when he expects this report and he does have in writing some of the things he raised as questions. If we could get a date that would be help people know what to expect, including her.

Bob Berry stated this is a volunteer organization. He would expect it to be done as soon as her time will allow her to.

CJ stated that was fair enough.

Pat asked if there was anything else CJ wanted to talk about regarding AirVenture.

CJ stated she was waiting for the AirVenture Oshkosh to come up on the agenda. We seem to be talking about something different.

Pat stated we are at that point.

CJ asked if everyone received the Oshkosh AirVenture sent out right before the meeting. Some stated they saw it and others didn't.

CJ stated it gave her great pleasure to announce we had a record number of new members, record number of transactions, and a record number of sponsors which is why Bob Berry is being overwhelmed with checks for the ICS treasury.

They had people excited about the potential new STC's coming out on some new equipment.

CJ stated they had so many people at dinner and dessert they ran the restaurant completely out of tables and chairs. There were a lot of new faces and people with kids interested in joining the organization.

They had three sessions per day and all played to full audiences. We had sponsors bringing sponsors over so the hope is we will have a record for sponsors for next year.

CJ stated she took Oshkosh over since the board had been encouraged to pull the plug on Oshkosh. With this year, we have broken new member records twice and this year we may be giving money back to the treasury. If we have good weather, CJ is optimistic we will do better next year.

Bill Case stated that as membership chairman this is probably the most significant event ICS has experienced. It is incredible and those at Oshkosh did an incredible job of using breakthroughs like social media. Twenty three (23) new members is an outstanding achievement. It is often hard to measure results at trade shows as has been is experience in business; but the results speak for themselves. Bill thanked everyone involved in Oshkosh for making it a memorable event.

Av stated he would like to echo what Pat said. Great job Pat and CJ and everyone who was at the tent to help like Zach. It is one of the best pieces of news we have heard in a while.

CJ thanked Bill for recognizing the volunteers. They coordinated 28 people, many of who were doing things behind the scenes. They spent an enormous amount of what should have been a fun thing supporting ICS and providing a really great message to people who responded to it.

CJ will be sending out a note to recognize those volunteers specifically; but they include Zach Grant and his father, Berl; Pete and Cheryl Lautensack; and Betty and Ron Keil who were essential in. Also a special thank you to Pat who was there every morning with his wife Shirley bringing refreshments and making sure everyone stayed sane and on track. She will be sending out thank you notes. She suggested the board create a resolution recognizing the Oshkosh volunteers and send it out.

Pat stated we can do that if CJ will put together a list of volunteers including last names.

## **9. New Website Transition Status by LaVerne Stroh**

LaVerne stated they had some issues with the passwords going out. Adam being a new provider may have had something to do with it. When he sent the passwords out, we think some of the main providers like Yahoo, AOL, Gmail, etc. may have stopped the email thinking he was a scammer since they didn't recognize the email address and so many came out at the same time. The first batch went out but then it was sporadic after that.

LaVerne talked to Pat and it was decided to send out another email through Scott using Constant Contact so it does not get stopped. It will let everyone know what to do if they haven't gotten on the website what they need to do. Same thing with the forums; there have been some questions about those since we went from automatically being logged on to now having to log on separately. That information will be out in the next day or so to hopefully take care of some of the questions.

LaVerne stated there is a message on the old site directing anyone who goes there to contact her if they haven't gotten the new website information. Some have been doing that. We have had some people calling to get on who had never been on before; so that is a positive thing.

There were some problems with the phone numbers that are in the membership list. The phone numbers received from Village Press was all one big lump of data and he is working on getting that broken out to the specific fields. He is working with the developer of the plug-in, who is from Australia, to get it figured out. Since there is a time difference they are working around, it is taking a little longer. The main phone numbers are there. The secondary phone numbers is what we are working on.

We had an issue with the new members from Oshkosh being put on the old website; so we had to redo all of those and bring them over to the new site. There evidently was some miscommunication on adding them. Right after that, we had Dave redirect the site so people couldn't renew or sign up on the old site; but we still had access if needed. However, we had someone who typed in the URL for the old site and was able to work around it and get on; so that was stopped so nobody can get on the old site at all anymore.

We are bringing the classified ads over. LaVerne stated she thought that was already done; but she got an email through Pat from Village Press about the ads. Village Press had not included her in the discussions, and LaVerne didn't know there was a separate person doing the classifieds. She now has the access needed to get the ads done.

LaVerne stated she thought things were going well but based on the email from Sandy at Village Press there are still some issues. LaVerne stated they had not contacted her about the issues and they had not included her in the emails sent to Adam. LaVerne will remind them to copy her on items and if they don't get a timely response from Adam to let her know. She thought that's what was supposed to happen but she probably should have known better than to assume. There were some items Village Press asked Adam to change, but since he did not get the okay from me, he did not make the changes. Neither of them realized LaVerne was not included in the email exchange; so it was a stalemate.

LaVerne stated rather than going on about the site she was going to open it up to the board to let her know what they didn't like since that has been what is going on.

Pat asked Zach if he would jump in. Pat asked LaVerne if she had seen the email with regards to Zach and the technical committee folks.

LaVerne stated Zach would have to explain it. She knew he was concerned about not getting an email when the ticket came through. She thought that was taken care of; but if not, she needs to know.

Zach stated the system is not working for them. They get an email that says they have a ticket; but it requires them to log into the website and they can see the ticket; but for any of the Apple products he uses while on the road, he can click anywhere on the ticket and nothing happens. It will only work with the PC and then he can open the ticket. Otherwise he gets the information that someone has a

question, but he has to go into the ticket to send it on to someone else or answer it himself and close it out. That is not the way the group works. Most work on a remote collaborative basis. They built the program to be able to see what other people wrote. To not have a specific person who is a knowledge guru or an expert on one particular item, which with the email conversations with Adam he expected that was the way it was going to be is that it would go to a specific person to handle. The way it needs to work is to make it simple. The ticket system is fine for someone who has a specific problem that needs to be resolved. In ICS world, it is who do I see to get this fixed or how to get approval on that? You ask one person you get one answer; but if you ask five people you get a much better answer and someone may have an answer that saves others a bunch of research. Right now there are three tickets that are unopened. We were getting by with people emailing them directly from the magazine. Zach wanted the board to know with this program, the technical resource information that has been given has stopped since they can't service the membership.

Scott stated he understood from this that Zach was communicating with Adam. Scott stated he also spoke with Adam about the concerns after Zach and Scott discussed it. Scott stated Adam was supposed to contact Zach to tell him how Zach could get the email, not just the notice, that he would see the content.

Scott stated ideally we want to have multiple names to receive the email. So, it seemed that might work if they all got the email and could all see and respond to the same email.

Zach stated based on the email conversations, Adam essentially said Zach should have more education on it and that is the way it's going to be. Zach stated education or not, even if it goes out to everybody, the response doesn't go back to everybody. They only go back to the person sent so they don't see the responses from others or maybe Zach is misunderstanding the whole thing but that was his understanding.

Scott stated he also spoke with Adam about whether or not they would not use the system but just get the email and then work it the way they always have. Scott asked Zach if he had that conversation with Adam.

Zach stated that was not part of the conversation. Zach stated he created a test ticket and it emailed him the ticket and the title of the ticket but other than that he had to log in to see the content.

Scott stated before we chalk it off completely, we need to talk to Adam since it was Scott's understanding he could make that happen.

Pat asked that we take this offline so we can move on.

Av stated he knew we were having some problems with Village Press linking into the database. Is that still an issue?

LaVerne stated as far she knows there were some discrepancies between their list and their own database they compare.

Av stated this has been going on over three years and LaVerne got her arm twisted in to taking this over along with Scott and a couple of other people. Av wanted to thank LaVerne since this is a tremendous job and a lot of responsibility and time.

Pat concurred and we needed to move on.

## **10. AOPA Fly-in Status by Scott and Ron**

Scott stated we are just getting started on Norman. Scott spoke with AOPA today and they have accepted us. Scott spoke with Ron and Ron has two aircraft to display. It is a two day show so you get there Thursday and set up for Friday and Saturday. We get a non-profit free status for one aircraft and the second aircraft is \$275.

Scott is going to make a procedural change in how the fly-ins are going to be handled. Instead of him being the coordinator for all of this, he is going to have each tribe chief for the territory the events are going to be in to take the ball and run with it. Scott will help them with it. The tribe chief would fill out the form on the AOPA website and get the insurance certificates from those displaying.

Scott will handle this one since we are a little behind. The next one is in Connecticut and CJ has contacted him about that. He will have Ron Franks get in touch with CJ or whoever the boots on the ground person will be for the CT to transfer the banners, etc. CJ would then hand off the items to the next one.

Scott will essentially step back from being the liaison between AOPA and let each handler of the event in the tribe's area do that. He will work with them if they need any assistance.

Mike asked which airplanes will be in Norman.

Scott stated it would be Ron Franks and Bob Cretney.

Mike stated he heard Gary McNare's name mentioned as possibly being there. It is one of the most beautiful 180's Mike has seen.

Ron stated Gary will be out of town so he can't present.

Pat asked CJ if she was ready for Groton.

CJ stated she has two events in Groton. National Airport Day is coming up this weekend. They have given us a booth and space and are featuring the Comanche. It is a large event. If anybody can make it, the people running the ditching seminar will be giving a personalized tour.

In addition, there is an AOPA fly-in in Groton October 6 and 7. She is wondering when the materials might be available.

Scott stated we are talking about the AOPA event. The materials will be ready as soon as Ron is done with the Norman, OK fly-in. There should be several weeks to get it there. It pretty much fits in the airplane so it isn't a problem to transport. The one thing that is potentially useful is if someone local to the event can bring a table and chairs, a six foot table and a few chairs. AOPA charges \$100 for a little round plastic cocktail table with an umbrella and a couple of chairs.

Mike asked if you need to supply an easy up or does it come with the space?

Scott stated it does not but it would be great in September in Oklahoma.

CJ stated Scott was the originator of the business cards that were sent to the people representing ICS at the AOPA fly-ins. They were good PR and she wondered if they were being done again.

Scott stated they can be. We had a special deal with Vista Print but he doesn't know if that will expire. Scott was looking for a way for the individual to do it themselves but it is a lot to explain. He will do it for a few people who are at the airshows but to do it for 30 people is a ton of work.

CJ wanted to acknowledge Scott for originating them. The cards were 20% of the sales at Oshkosh 2016 which was a new product that wasn't on our sales list yet. We didn't have them this year. If the society can find a way to continue what Scott began it would be a value.

Scott stated we could probably do it if we had more people to do it. Scott could show them the ropes. While it was a money maker, he couldn't see doing it on a regular basis.

Bob Berry asked if they were mailing it or if Scott was mailing it.

Scott stated the last time we did it he had to do an express ship which cost almost as much as the cards. Normally, if we have an advance order, it is pretty reasonable. They mail the cards from Vista Print to the card holder.

## **11. Bylaws and For Profit entities**

Pat stated we were ready to move on but we may have to change the topic. With the change in editor in chief, is this the appropriate time to talk about the ICS conflict resolution that was discussed at the bylaws committee meeting?

Scott stated he was not aware of a bylaws committee meeting on this.

Pat stated Hank sent out an email today that talked specifically from his point of view about the bylaws committee meeting last Tuesday that certain people wanted where ICS would do certain things with regard to those business entities that were in direct conflict with ICS or CFF.

Av stated they did not have a meeting to discuss this.

Hank stated the email did not say it came from the meeting. It was his impression of what the possible avenues of resolution were. The meeting did not come up with anything that would get a majority.

Pat stated at the meeting Av proposed ICS and CFF would not support any business for profit entity that was in direct competition of ICS or CFF as part of the bylaw meeting.

Av stated there was no bylaw meeting. As Hank stated, he sent out several potential resolutions the board may want to consider. Av provided his comments on it; but they never had a meeting. The suggestions are not a part of the meeting. They are his personal thoughts. The wording Av suggested was as follows: "ICS shall not support unpaid advertisement, promotion, or announcements for any entity that is directly competitive with the International Comanche Society or the Comanche Flyer Foundation." Av stated it is the unpaid advertisement. If they want to advertise and pay for it that is fine. No unpaid promotion.

CJ asked if we had enough notice to consider this.

Pat stated we had as much notice for this editor in chief action.

Scott stated Hank was directed to have the bylaws committee address this question and come up with some wording be it some of Av's suggestions or something else. As Hank stated in the email, he came up with no proposals so there is nothing to talk about. He gave some suggestions but there is no proposal to be considered.

Pat stated he disagreed. This is the elephant in the room and we might as well address it now.

Av stated he agreed. It is late but if others are willing to stay, he is willing to do that.

CJ stated she did not have time to consider this.

Bob Williams stated he would prefer to put this off until the fact to face in Traverse City.

CJ stated she agreed with Bob. It could have serious ramifications for the Oshkosh tent and for some of the work the NE tribe is doing.

Bob Williams stated Pat had done some research on the hotels for the September meeting. He asked Pat to send out the connection there and should Bob try to get a group rate. Do we know how many people are coming?

Pat stated he is working with the Hampton Inn. He has not been able to the special business group sales person but the online rate was \$129 for 2 people per room. We should be able to get at least that good of rate or better with a 7-10 room group. He made arrangement with Village Press for a meeting room for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Bob asked if he was planning to have the meeting over on Saturday.

Pat stated he would do the meet and greet on Friday afternoon with Village Press and then the board meeting on Saturday morning.

Mike asked what the dates were.

Pat stated it was September 29 and 30, Friday and Saturday. He is planning on going up on Thursday and doing some sightseeing in the local area and make sure things are prepared. Saturday afternoon and Sunday will be departure. He plans on staying until Sunday morning.

Av was offline for a while so asked if there was a decision made on the discussion of Hank's information and Av's suggestion.

CJ stated the discussion suggested we move it. **CJ moved we table the discussion to move the discussion until the face to face meeting. Bob Williams seconded.** Pat asked if there were any objections.

Doug state this is not a new subject. It has been ongoing for some time. We should just discuss it and get it over with.

Pat stated he agreed. He did not think putting it off and discussing it anymore would change anybody's mind. He would like to get it over and done with

Scott stated we have been doing this a long time and going back and forth. Av, Hank, and others have come up with solutions that might satisfy everybody. It's not going to happen tonight. We'll still have disputes and discussions that will go on so why not put this back in the bylaws committee's court and have them keep working on it. We can present a solution if there is one at the next meeting. Otherwise, we'll just kick it around over and over again at tonight's meeting. Scott didn't think it will get resolved tonight.

Pat stated it would if we voted and asked for Hank's input.

Hank stated they kicked it around in their meeting and he could not see any convergence of ideas so he sent out paths that he sees available. We can go

through and explain them but he would amend the list by putting Av's idea as 1A and then take a straw poll of what they are supposed to say. They can't come up with words without knowing the direction the society wants to go.

Pat stated we will do a straw vote on whether or not ICS will accept paid advertisements but will not in any other way mention any for profit activity that is in direct completion of ICS or CFF.

Bill Case stated that was pretty much consistent with the proposal he made to the bylaws committee.

Pat stated this is not binding. It is an indication of where you are at this time. CJ abstained since she had no time to consider it. Pat and Hank were no. Bob Williams voted yes with the idea that this is a good place to start. He has opinions but does not want to hold the meeting up any longer. All others voted yes.

Pat stated we know what we have to deal with and go from there. We will put this off until the meeting in Traverse City.

Bob stated he will remove his motion to table if we are moving it to the Traverse City meeting. If we need the motion, it still stands.

Pat asked if anybody will change their minds, then that is a reason to put it off. If nobody is going to change their minds we might as well do it now.

Bob Williams stated he personally would like to have a much more thought out proposal and would argue the case that we have pretty much anything in place to do it. He would like to argue the point.

Hank stated this has not been through the committee. He sees an error in it and it needs more consideration by everyone on the committee. Who knows what they will come up with?

Av asked that Hank call a committee meeting so they can discuss it and make a recommendation to the board at the Traverse City meeting.

Hank stated he intended to do that.

## **12. Disposal of ICS Apparel by Board of Directors**

Pat stated we had leftover apparel from the Oshkosh tent. He would like everyone to think about what to do with it. There are shirts, off sizes for the most part. There are no large available. There is quite a bit of it. Think about what you would like to do with it.

Av stated he talked to Bob Berry about it. He could go either way. A fire sale may detract from other sales. ON the other hand it is a lot of inventory to dispose of.

Bob made the suggestion that over the next few years we could dispose of it as gifts, door prizes, etc. at conventions, Oshkosh, or AOPA fly-ins. That would help financially by not having to write off the entire inventory thereby increasing our loss.

Pat stated he agreed with the idea with the usage but it won't make any difference in tax write-offs. It is just going to clutter up whatever storage unit we are using to store it in, which is currently Pat's hangar.

CJ stated in Oshkosh they had 90 transactions. If you deduct the memberships we sold shirts for \$18 each and visors for 50% off. The total transactions were about \$1000 in inventory. So keep that in mind if you want to get rid of it.

Pat asked everyone to send an email with their thoughts on it.

Bob Berry stated as soon as he gets all of the numbers he will send the information out to everyone. He thinks there will be about \$8500 write off if we just dump them, which would be a loss on top of the loss.

Bob Williams stated it looks like there is a lot of non-salable stuff. Once the report is ready we need to take a look at it. It doesn't make much difference if we take a loss this year, next year or ten years from now.

Bob Williams stated he would like to adjourn the meeting.

Dave stated if it is a loss maybe we could donate it to a charitable organization where it will do some good.

Av stated he thought that was an excellent idea and would CFF be able to use the items as giveaways. Would CFF want to take possession of the inventory?

Mike stated he didn't know about taking the inventory since it sounds like there is a lot of material but he does have ideas about enticing new membership at the CPPP events. A free t-shirt or ball cap would maybe make a difference.

Pat stated we had no T-shirts and no ball caps. It is mostly denim shirts and polos for the most part. There are a lot of twin items.

CJ stated she could use this at Oshkosh next year for good will.

### **13. Adjournment of Meeting by Board of Directors**

Bob Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill Case seconded. There were no objections. Meeting was adjourned.