International Comanche Society, Inc.

Minutes from the Old Board Meeting – June 24, 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 8:23 AM EDT
2. **Roll Call by LaVerne Stroh**

Officers:

President Pat Donovan Present

Vice President Bob Williams Present for part of meeting

Treasurer Bob Berry Present

Secretary LaVerne Stroh Present

Past President Av Shiloh Present

Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

Tribe Rep SW Scott Myers Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep SC Ron Franks Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep SE Jeff Munford Absent

Tribe Rep Mid States Unknown Absent

Tribe Rep NW Bill Case Absent

Tribe Rep NC Hank Spellman Present for part of meeting

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 Present

Tribe Chief/Rep S. Africa Russell Knowles Absent

Tribe Chief/Rep Australia Nigel Wettenhall Absent

Non-voting Board Member

CFF President Mike Foster Present

Guests

ICS Member EU Monica Rehkopf

ICS Member NC Dave Fitzgerald

ICS Member SC Bob Cretney

ICS Member MS Shirley Donovan

ICS Member Bernie Mazurek

ICS Member EC Alan Hepburn

**Quorum: There were six (6) Voting members present at the meeting. Bob Williams and Hank Spellman joined toward the end of the meeting.**

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

There was not a quorum at the opening of the meeting so a motion to accept could not be done.

1. **President’s Opening Remarks by Pat Donovan**

Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting. We’ll keep this one very short. At this point we do not have a quorum to vote on things.

1. **2018 Convention Status by Kate Burrows**

Kate stated the convention is in Edinburgh, Scotland. Registration will be Tuesday, August 14, 2018. The convention events will begin on Wednesday, August 15. The convention ends on Sunday, August 19. They are working on putting some extra things on Sunday if people want to do them. She won’t get into much at this meeting since it will be discussed at the meeting tonight by Alan.

Pat stated we have dates so we can plan.

Kate stated the information is in her newsletter and will also be in the ICS newsletter.

1. **Elimination of Apparel by Bob Berry**

Bob stated we are waiting for the new website. Dave is working with the vendor to develop it. We will have the orders for the Creech and Tips manual. Bob can produce the manuals in about an hour. A local shop is doing the manuals. They won’t be in inventory any more. Bob stated Dave would be having those items go directly to him.

We will be selling the items in inventory now at Oshkosh. We can decide on which items to have sent there. We will not be ordering anything to restock the current inventory. We can just take the unsold items back and decide what to do with them at the next board meeting.

Pat asked if Village Press still has any of the manuals.

Bob Berry stated he has them all now. Bob has one Tips manual and maybe three Creech manuals. The Creech is $10 and the Tips are $36 for us to print. They are bound and ready to send out when he gets them from the new vendor.

**Pat and CJ will look at the inventory and decide what to have Village Press shipped to Oshkosh.**

Bob has the credit card machine to give to CJ take to Oshkosh. The little box attaches to the telephone and the cards are run through it. There is a credit card transaction fee of 2 ½% per transaction but that beats Village Press.

Pat stated that fee is set by the bank, not Village Press. It is a standard credit card processing fee from Fifth Third Bank.

1. **2017 EAA AirVenture by CJ Stumpf**

Pat stated the tent is ready, documentation is prepared, what else is there to do.

CJ stated we need to finalize the seminars. An email was sent out to all of the key volunteers from last year to see if they will assist. She is concerned we have too many sessions and may need to meet to discuss what to do about that.

Pat stated we can never have too many sessions.

CJ stated we have enough sessions to do three/day for the first part of the week. That hasn’t traditionally been done and she was wondering if we should do that.

We can do cross marketing with other vendors that will be at Oshkosh. They would put a banner in our tent to offset possible seminar charges.

The camping has been posted on the Piper Comanche Facebook page and will have the session info out there ahead of time.

Pat stated we could put all of the information out there and state it is subject to change.

Bob Cretney stated that per Pat’s comment, you can’t have too many seminars.

CJ stated the tent is now on the corner of two streets so we will have higher visibility thanks to Bob Berry

Bob Berry stated when he called to talk to them about moving the tent around for better air flow they asked if we just wanted to move the tent to the corner.

Pat asked if we are still shipping the stuff in.

CJ state she has the big screen and other things to ship. She wondered if we were getting new white boards, etc. to be used for things like a Find Me board so people can post information on where they will be as a way to bring people to the tent. We will have cold drinks and chairs available like before.

Pat stated if we need additional white boards or other things we can buy them in Oshkosh.

CJ stated the membership chair has authorized the membership special again. She asked Dave if he was ready for a membership marathon like we did last year.

Av asked if we now had a quorum.

Pat stated he isn’t too worried about a quorum since we aren’t making any decisions.

LaVerne stated we are still short. We only have six voting members.

1. **AOPA Fly-in Support by Board of Directors**

Pat stated he is assuming everyone is still supportive of that and we are proceeding as we did in the past. The next one is in October in Groton.

Av stated we need to get with Scott

CJ stated she talked to Scott about Groton. The thought was to bring back the flags etc. from Oshkosh to take to Groton. We will have a tent and table. They told us to bring as many Comanche’s as possible to the event. She wanted to know where to ship them next.

Pat stated we have a teardrop banner specific for the AOPA fly-ins. He’s not sure where that is at the moment. There are two dedicated EAA teardrop banners for Oshkosh. He bought a third so we have another one available. Since we will be on the corner this year, this one will be very useful.

CJ stated people asked about having a flag to fly from the tent along with the banners to be able to find the tent easier.

Bob Cretney asked if there were any restrictions on the height.

Pat stated he didn’t know but would find out.

Bob Cretney stated there are some new reps that need to be included in the emails.

LaVerne stated she needs to know it there are any changes to any tribes if elections were held before or during the convention.

Pat stated Doug Linville is now the tribe chief for Mid States. He is assuming he is the tribe rep but he doesn’t know that specifically.

1. **Fall Board Meeting by Board of Directors**

Pat proposed the fall board meeting be held at the Village Press facility in Traverse City. We will tour the Village Press facility to meet them and see what they do. Pat asked if there were any objections.

Bob Berry asked if it was one day.

Pat stated it will be an all-day meeting so it would be an overnight. Pat asked if there was any date preference.

Pat asked if there were any preferences for dates.

Bob Cretney stated that if people are flying in it should be October or sooner because of weather.

CJ stated there is the fly-in in Groton, along with Lancaster on October 14, with a rain date of the 15th.

Bob Cretney stated he is hosting a CPTP October 20-22.

Av stated CFF is holding a board meeting September 13.

Pat stated we have to meet there on a work day, possibly September 15 & 16.

CJ stated September 16 is the Lock Haven, PA fly-in.

It was agreed to set the date for September 29 & 30. The main agenda item is to meet with Village Press on September 29 and then meet again on the 30th for other business.

1. **Strategic Planning Committee Formation by Pat Donovan**

Pat stated the committee consists of Bob Cretney, Bob Williams, Av Shiloh, Zach Grant, and Pat would like to get Bernie to join.

The committee’s goal is to see where ICS is going in the next five years and to improve our position in things like reducing money, increasing services, to be relevant to the aviation community and our members, education, and what changes would be required to the bylaws if we want to acquire STC’s, parts, etc.

We need to keep it fairly small so the committee can stay productive. He’d like to finish this to be presented at the spring board meeting. It can be discussed and presented at the annual board meeting.

1. **Miscellaneous New Business by Board of Directors**

Pat plans to continue the monthly TeamSpeak meetings. He’d like to keep them an hour long and if we aren’t done, we will carry it over to the next month. Try to talk to each other outside of the board meetings if necessary to keep things moving.

We have major problems as an organization coming down the road. Airplanes are gradually decreasing but the airplane and the people are great.

Bob Williams stated even the vendors had ideas on improving type clubs. We need to write them down so we have the after the convention.

Pat went around the table to see if there were any questions.

LaVerne asked if Village Press knows they won’t be doing inventory for us anymore and is that going to be a change in contract that they would charge us for. She stated when she talked to them about the website they were asking questions since they know there will be changes but they don’t know what for sure.

Bob Berry stated they should have a good idea of it. They know it is a losing proposition for us. He has never gotten a list of all of the charges for everything but they know it’s a losing proposition for us. When the website makes the move, we will be cutting off the merchandise.

Av stated last time he talked to Village Press, there shouldn’t be a problem with the ICS merchandise leaving. The realize it is a loss for us but it is a loss for them as well since doing all the packing and shipping for three dollars is also a loss to them.

Bob Cretney asked if we won’t have apparel anymore at all.

Bob Berry stated it will be available. We will have a vendor who will do it so each person will order what they want.

Av asked about the next TeamSpeak meeting date. The meetings were the third Tuesday.

Pat stated the next meeting will be July 18 at 8:00 PM EDT.

Kate stated she would probably not be in attendance since that would be 1:00 AM for her.

Monica stated she is representing the EU tribe since she was at the last two meetings.

Pat thanked everyone for attending the convention and is looking forward to the convention in Scotland.

Av stated Kate took notes at the Annual General Meeting since LaVerne wasn’t present.

Kate stated she would type them up and pass them along to LaVerne.

1. **Adjournment by Board of Directors**

**CJ moved to adjourn the meeting. Kate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**