

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

1. **Av Shiloh, President, called the meeting to order** at 8:00 PM EST

2. **Roll Call by LaVerne Stroh**

Officers:

President	Av Shiloh	Present
Vice President	Bob Williams	Present
Treasurer	Bob Berry	Present
Secretary	LaVerne Stroh	Present
CFF President	Mike Foster	Present – Non Voting

Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

Tribe Rep SW	Scott Myers	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep SC	Ron Franks	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep SE	Jeff Munford	Absent
Tribe Rep Mid States	Pat Donovan	Absent
Tribe Rep NW	Bill Case	Present
Tribe Rep NC	Hank Spellman	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep NE	C J Stumpf	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep W Canada	Ken Mori	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep E Canada	Vacant	
Tribe Chief/Rep Europe	Kate Burrows	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep S. Africa	Russell Knowles	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep Australia	Nigel Wettenhall	Absent

Guests:

Tribe Chief MS	Carl Talkington
North Central	Dave Fitzgerald
South Central	Chuck Stroh

Quorum: Eight (8) voting members were present at the beginning of the meeting. C J, Bill, and Mike Foster joined shortly after the meeting began; so we had ten (10) voting members.

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

There were no dissenting votes; so the agenda was accepted.

4. **President's Opening Remarks by Av Shiloh**

Av thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Last month was the first month we did not have a quorum; so, several items had to be postponed until this meeting. With Oshkosh coming up quickly, this will be our last time to discuss this item prior to the event.

Av stated he was saddened to deliver some bad news. This past Saturday, the Northeast tribe had a fly-in in Rockland, ME, which was very well attended. Unfortunately, on the return flight, **two of our fellow Comanche friends were involved in an airplane accident caused by engine problems.** Lee Hutchins did not survive the accident. Henry Mansour has had multiple surgeries. He is still in serious condition; but has been able to have the surgeries, which is good news.

5. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from the Old Board Meeting on 03-24-2016, the New Board Meeting on 03-25-2016, the 05-17-2016 and 06-21-2016 TeamSpeak meeting by Board of Directors

The meeting minutes could not be accepted last month since we did not have a quorum. The minutes were sent out previously for review. LaVerne stated we will accept each of the minutes separately. The minutes were approved as follows:

--Old Board Meeting minutes from 03-24-2016 – **Hank moved to accept the minutes. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

--New Board Meeting minutes from 03-25-2016 – **Hank moved to accept the minutes. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

--Team Speak meeting minutes from the 05-17-2016 - **Hank moved to accept the minutes. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Bob Williams stated the request from the European tribe to have the 2018 convention was approved after the May meeting. Scott checked with the Southwest tribe chief, and it was agreed to allow the European tribe to host in 2018. The minutes should be updated to reflect that approval.

LaVerne stated the minutes reflect what happened during the meeting; so, legally, we cannot go back and update the minutes with what happened after the meeting. We can, however, have that information in this month's minutes so we have a record of the approval.

Bob Williams stated that would be fine; as long as it is on record.

Hank stated we could possibly add a note in the old meeting minutes as a post meeting note to state the request was approved and to see the July meeting minutes for more information. It would make it easier to find if anyone looks for the approval later.

--Team Speak meeting minutes from the 06-21-2016 - **Hank moved to accept the minutes. Bob Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Treasurer `s Report by Bob Berry

Bob Berry sent an email with the information prior to the meeting. He is currently inputting the June numbers and should have it done by the end of the month. All bills received are

paid. The taxes for 2015 are due to be filed by August 15, 2016. There will be a small amount of tax due.

The old HP computer was replaced with a Dell. Bob is in the process of moving the information from one computer to the other. He will ask Dave Fitzgerald for assistance if needed. Bob was able to purchase Microsoft Office through his company for \$10; so, we will now have Office on the computer.

Bob stated he is running low on the new member certificates; so, we need to make a decision on what we want to do about the certificates.

Bob Berry stated it was his understanding **we will not be paying Ray Fey for Oshkosh** this year. The supplies that Ray has stored from last year will be picked up Pat Donovan to be used this year.

Bob stated he is working with a new supplier in Traverse City regarding the items in our inventory. The items are better quality items (Nike, IZOD) when our current stock is depleted. The plan is to personalize the clothing items, which will probably sell better; plus, this merchandise is made in the USA.

Village Press will send an inventory of our products for Oshkosh. Bob Berry had previously sent the list with all of the information in May to those involved with AirVenture. As discussed previously, we are attempting to get rid of our current inventory and go to individual orders instead of keeping inventory on hand. We have some items that have been there for ten years. Last year in Oshkosh, we sold two items out of ten that were there.

Hank stated we need to discount these items until we can sell them. Bob stated that is what they did last year. Some items sold for \$5.00 just to move it.

Bob Berry stated he and CJ had talked about having a small inventory for Oshkosh; maybe just a few of each size – enough to get the discount when we purchase the items. The idea going forward is that we will not keep clothing items in stock. If someone wants a shirt, jacket, etc., they will order it directly from the supplier.

CJ stated there is still something to the instant gratification. There are two types of Comanche people; those that have liberal funds and those that are trying to fly on a budget. Pat Donovan thinks they are two different groups. There may be those who want the old \$25 polo shirt vs. the guy who wants the \$40 better quality polo.

Av stated that is why he likes the idea of purchase on demand and customization.

Bob Williams stated we could do it similar to conventions where people could order the merchandise and pick it up at Oshkosh when they get there. Also if the delivery from the new company would be a one-day turn around; so we could pick up each day and bring the items to Oshkosh. Bob Berry stated the company's timeframe for customized merchandise is about a two-week timeframe; so that would not work.

Bob Berry stated he received a request from Pat Donovan to print some material for Oshkosh. Bob stated he told C J to get the printing done at a local print shop. He will pay for it over the phone when CJ or Pat or whoever is having it done calls him. He is unable to get the books printed in time for Oshkosh through Village Press with such a short notice.

Av asked Bob Berry how we are doing as of June 30 relative to the budget. Are we on target, below, above?

Bob stated we were pretty much on target the end of April. He doesn't have the June figures completed yet.

Bob Berry stated he would like the board to decide what to do about the membership certificates during this meeting if possible. Do we want to order more? There are about 50 left in stock. He stated he has the one he received in a file; but unless we have members framing them, we could probably discontinue issuing the certificates. His was printed on an office printer; and not a good one at that. It is barely legible.

Dave stated that if a new member is interested in getting a new member's certificate, we could put a .pdf file on the website, and they could print a certificate if they wanted one.

Bob Williams stated if we want to keep the certificates and use a .pdf, we could also put a picture of the airplane on the certificate if the member sends one in.

Hank stated we could ask new members if they wanted a certificate, and then send one.

Bob Berry stated he would rather not have that option since there is a minimum purchase requirement, and they are not cheap.

Av stated we could send a certificate in a pdf format as Dave suggested.

LaVerne asked if anybody is really keeping and displaying them. Her guess is that they are either in a drawer or have been tossed.

Bill Case stated he thinks the certificates should die a natural death.

C J stated she was concerned it would upset people much like the issue of the Flyer not being printed.

Av stated this is a different issue. This would only be for new members; but we could give them a pdf.

Scott stated this isn't a recurring thing. It is a onetime issue; and a new member wouldn't even know they were supposed to get one.

Bob Berry stated these certificates are not just printed out. They are a certificate on good heavy paper stock that is then filled in with the member's information. Back in the day, they used to be done in the fancy lettering; but the last certificates are printed on an office

printer. His was done with very bad ink and not aligned well at all. A possibility would be to use up the current supply and just not replenish them.

Scott suggested we stop sending them now; and if anybody complains, we have some in stock we can send to anyone who asks for one.

Av stated he thought that was the best idea, but someone needed to make a motion.

Ron Franks moved to discontinue sending the certificates and issue a certificate only if someone asks for one. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Berry will instruct Village Press to discontinue sending the certificates to new members. They will be sent only if a member requests one.

7. ICS instructor list by Av Shiloh and Zach Grant

Av stated he has discussed the list with Zach and Carl Talkington. We should be able to get this ready to go within 30-60 days. Carl did an in-depth analysis of the form, and they will incorporate some of the suggestions from Carl to make the list easier to maintain. Carl has volunteered to maintain the list. Thank you Carl.

Carl stated there were some outstanding issues to take care of before we finalize things.

Av will contact Carl to finalize the details and the list will go forward for publishing.

The finalized list will be published in the Flyer with a strong disclaimer for liability purposes of how we recommend the instructors. CPPP will have their list separately.

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

CJ stated that after talking to Bob Berry her understanding is the money that was supposed to go to Ray Fey can now be used by the Oshkosh committee for other things to keep Oshkosh running smoothly.

Av stated the \$2000 that was budgeted for Ray Fey is not part of the normal Oshkosh budget. It was only to pay Ray Fey; so, since Ray is not being paid, those funds go back into the budget.

Bob Berry stated there are things that will need to be purchased, such as water, snacks, etc. The Oshkosh budget only covered the rental of the space and tent. Ray's expenses last year were for water and other items during the show. So, the committee should be able to use their discretion to purchase the needed items; but they cannot exceed \$2000.

Av stated he would like the Board to approve an amount.

CJ stated it should be a not to exceed amount. They have been proceeding with the assumption they had up to \$2000.

Av stated he would like the board to approve a motion to cover up to \$2000 to be used by the committee at their discretion.

Bob Berry stated we need to remove the \$2000 that was allocated to Ray Fey. So, we should transfer the funds from Ray Fey to the Oshkosh committee.

LaVerne asked if the original amount budgeted for Oshkosh was for the tent and space only, or did it cover other items.

Bob Berry stated it covered the cost for Ray, inventory, and other items.

Av asked if there was any other amount in the budget for Oshkosh. We need to look at this closely for next year to be sure we have everything covered in the amount budgeted.

Av moved to transfer the \$2000 that was allocated for Ray Fey to the Oshkosh AirVenture committee, who will use those funds at their discretion; but not to exceed \$2000. Bob Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CJ stated she has been working with the membership committee and some members regarding ideas that have come up over the year. She asked Bill and Scott to describe the business card idea.

Av asked if we could discuss this item during the membership committee report.

CJ stated we could discuss the business cards then, but the other items are Oshkosh related; and she would like to address it here.

The first item is the Creech manual. It is the document Bob Berry was referring to earlier regarding the printing. Village Press is out of stock on that item and we need to have one or two available for Oshkosh so someone can see what it is and possibly purchase one. It is a .pdf document that can be printed out and spiral bound.

Bob Berry stated he is expecting they take the printing to a local printer and call him to pay for it when it is done. As stated previously, Village Press cannot get it done in time for Oshkosh.

CJ will work with Bob Berry to get that accomplished.

Av asked how the Oshkosh planning is going in general such as schedules, speakers, etc.

CJ stated this is her first time working on Oshkosh. She got a late start; but, the tent delivery should be delivered and set up on Thursday or Friday. Zach suggested we purchase a flat panel TV we can use for videos, etc. That was purchased and is now part of the tribe

inventory. The tables and chairs we purchased are being stored by a local EAA chapter. They will be brought in and set up in the tent as in previous years.

C J stated one new thing we are doing this year is utilizing the video by Scott Gentile. He is the guy we talked about in previous meetings who does a detailed analysis of each aircraft they have on the simulation. He will give a quick talk on the simulators and why he chose the Comanche as one of the airplanes in the simulator. He has given us permission to run the simulator during Oshkosh.

Av stated he visited with Scott Genteel last week when they were at the same mechanic shop. Scott liked Av's Comanche, so Scott is going to use Av's Comanche as a C model Comanche for the simulator.

CJ asked the Board for any other cross marketing ideas. Av stated there probably are ideas, but they will probably have to be addressed for next year.

C J stated that may not be true. Pat Donovan told her he has talked to people during the set up and has set things up at the last minute as the show was progressing; so, if anybody has any ideas, she will try to get it going.

Hank suggested getting the FAA to talk about getting by without a third class medical.

Mike Foster stated getting AmSafe to talk about their seat belts. They are scheduled to be a vendor at Oshkosh; so they may come over and do a session. They have excellent seat belts; and, they are FAA approved.

CJ stated they will look into the ideas from Mike and Hank.

Av asked Mike if CFF was doing anything at Oshkosh.

Mike stated he had no commitments from anybody involved with CFF. Cliff Wilewski will be there doing a maintenance seminar as he has done in previous years.

C J stated they are planning a round table discussion on panels. Betty and Ron Keil will be on hand for that.

C J stated one thing she hadn't expected is the turnover in the potential display aircraft. Three display aircraft have had to pull out. As of now, Zach has agreed to display his aircraft; but it would be nice to have a back-up in case something happens and Zach can't make it.

Hank stated they could use his aircraft since he won't be flying for a while; but someone would have to get it to Oshkosh. The only potential issue with using his airplane is the annual runs out July 31. So, it would have to be back by them.

Av stated that if there were bad weather, airplane problems, etc. it would be a big issue to get it back home. It would involve ferry permits, which can be quite a chore. It takes so many signatures and is not an easy thing to do anymore.

CJ stated she had some contacts with the local FAA people and was sure Cliff could help.

Av stated it is not easy to get all of the required signatures even if you know people. He has gone through it recently. It is a long process; nothing like it used to be.

Av thanked Hank for offering; but we should only think about using his airplane as a last resort.

C J will contact Hank if his airplane is needed.

9. Flyer – Letter from Director’s Schedule by Av Shiloh and LaVerne Stroh

LaVerne stated she had not heard back from the email sent to those who have not prepared a letter yet. C J is scheduled to get her directors letter done in August, which would be for the October Flyer; but we do not have anyone preparing a letter in July for the September issue.

Av asked if there was anybody online who had not done a letter yet that might want to volunteer.

Scott stated he had not done a letter to the director yet.

Av asked Scott if he could possibly get something ready for the July issue.

Bob Williams stated he thought it was too late to submit something in July.

Av stated it was due about July 25; so, it could still work. Av will confirm the deadline; but he thinks we could make it if Scott is willing to work on it. He may be able to get them to give an extra day or two.

Bob Williams suggested Scott cover his involvement with AOPA and getting the regional fly-in’s set up. That would be very informative to those who have no idea what it takes to get that all in place.

Av stated Scott could also cover his involvement in the various committees, his years on the board of directors, the e-newsletter he sends out, his flying career, and anything about his airplane, himself and his family. It should be a very interesting article.

Scott stated he will verify the deadline and if he can get it done in July. He will let Av know in the next few days.

Av stated that would leave the overseas folks left and asked LaVerne to send them a follow up email asking them which month they preferred, September or October.

LaVerne will send a follow up email to Nigel and Kate to have them select which month they want.

10. E-Newsletter Click Rates by Scott Myers

Scott sent an email with a spreadsheet attached providing some information on the newsletter Pete prepares. Scott sends the newsletter using a service called Constant Contact. That service allows sending out mass emails without having to do just a few at a time as you would on your home email.

Scott stated there was a decline in several categories. The stats show the number of emails sent out and the number opened. Of the 1600 emails sent, only 800 opened the email. That means 50% of those receiving the email are not even opening the email. Of the 800 who opened the email, only 400 clicked the link to open the document. So out of 1600, only 400 looked at the newsletter, which leaves us with about a 25% contact rate.

Scott talked to Constant Contact to see if there was something we could do to get them to open the email. They didn't know of any better way to do it than we are currently using. Scott had proposed the idea of emailing the newsletter content rather than have them click on a link; but, Constant Contact reps did not think that was a good idea. It is not recommended to do it that way due to the size of the newsletter. People may quit reading. They felt 50% wasn't that bad; but, we aren't trying to sell anything – just have people read something of interest. So, our percentage should be higher.

Scott stated when he started sending the mass email, he sent about 1900. We are now at about 1600. Those that get the email have the option to "opt out". There are about 50 who have done that. The types of devices being used to open the email have changed somewhat. Initially, it was 57% using a desktop and 43% using a mobile device (phone or tablet) to open the email. Now, we are at 57% for a mobile device and 43% for desktop users.

Scott thought about sending a survey out to get more information; but at the current rate, they may not open the survey. Maybe we could put something in the Flyer to get more feedback on the newsletter.

Av stated he was astounded at the drop in the number of people who aren't even opening the message.

Av stated it may be an indicator that people prefer a written copy.

Bob Williams stated maybe monthly is too frequent for the newsletter. When we began, we had more people opening the email; but as we've gone along it has dropped. He also believes in what Av stated and that is the print copy may have something to do with it.

CJ stated it may be just the demographics. Younger people will only read content if it comes through media. One thing to look at may be to check email addresses and see if we

have many Yahoo, Gmail, etc. The messages may be filtered out to spam. Maybe the aging of the group has something to do with the decrease.

Scott stated that CJ's ideas may be valid; but, we don't really have the tools to determine age of the members, etc. He did ask Constant Contact about the spam issue. They said they only provider they have had issues with was Gmail; but Scott is using Gmail and gets the document.

Av stated he is using Verizon who uses heavy spam filters, and he gets his all of the time.

Scott looked at some competing companies, like Mail Champ; but, the number we send could become a cost issue.

LaVerne stated that every month you open the newsletter, it looks identical to the last month. So, people may think it is the same every month and not even read it through; maybe we need to move content around so it looks different each month.

Av stated that could be an issue. Maybe should have Pete highlight the date so people know it is a new issue. Av wondered if the problem may have due to the size of the pdf. It may be too large.

Scott stated the biggest file so far is 1.2 MB; some are 600 – 700 MB. So, it should open fairly easy even on a tablet.

Dave stated the document opened on his tablet in just a couple of seconds.

Scott wondered if maybe the document did not display well on the smaller devices.

Dave stated it looked fine on his tablet and phone. It is just small.

Bob Williams stated we have about 400 people looking at the newsletter. If you have 100 people that come to a convention, you probably have about 50-60 pilots. So if you have ten times as many people read the newsletter that may not be as bad as it looks.

If anybody has any ideas on the newsletter issue, please let Scott know.

11. New Website Report by LaVerne Stroh

Av stated he has appointed LaVerne as the chairperson of the committee.

LaVerne stated she has contacted the developers and talked to them briefly. They are currently on vacation and will contact her when they get back. They have been holding and waiting on us to do give them feedback and take the next step.

LaVerne stated when she tried to get on to the website, the password didn't work. The developers stated nobody had been on the site in so long that none of the passwords were working anymore.

As soon as the passwords are reset, LaVerne will send an email out to let everyone know so they can log in, look around, and give feedback on the site.

Av stated he had received a third email stating his membership was due to expire. The return link does not work. If he is receiving them, he is assuming other members are receiving the same thing.

LaVerne stated the email messages are going out to board members only since we are the only ones in the database. We are basically the test subjects to make sure the emails are generating as they are supposed to.

Carl stated he got several of the emails stating his membership was about to expire. He renewed it on the actual website; but he is still receiving messages that his membership expired from the new website.

Av stated he thought it was because the database they are using is an old database. They don't have access to the current database to update the information.

Scott stated the Lapeer website is just for board members. They locked in whatever the database was at the time, and now the memberships have expired. It has nothing to do with the memberships on the actual ICS website.

Dave stated when they moved the website to a different address; they did not stop the email being issued.

LaVerne stated she was told they did not stop them because they were using it as a test to make sure the emails were issuing correctly.

Scott stated he wanted to apologize for his lack of keeping things moving on the website. He is still willing to help if needed.

Av stated he accepted Scott's apology, but in light of everything that has been going on, an apology is not necessary. We appreciate all of his help and what has been done so far.

12. Committee Reports by Committee Chairs

Bill Case stated he has been looking at membership trends. The decline has leveled off. Total members are 1960 according to Village Press. The latest thing the membership committee was working on is to have business cards for all members that they can hand out to Comanche owners who may not be members. He prepared a black and white card similar to those being used by Cirrus in their magazine. The cards would be printed on heavy card stock that is perforated, with ten cards to a sheet. There will be a sheet of those in the Flyer, and you can just tear them apart and hand them out. There will be something in the

Flyer explaining the purpose behind the cards and what we would like to see them used for. Hopefully, everyone will use them. Based on the response from the tribe chiefs, they felt this might be a new idea for getting members. All members should be conscious of membership and should work on getting new members.

Bill stated the cost was much more than expected; so he is recommending we spend \$752 for 4000 cards. That would cover two mailings to each member. We will insert one sheet of business cards now, and one in a future edition of the Flyer. Another cost not expected was the 17.5 cents per mailing from the post office for the separate piece being put in the magazine. So, that is another \$300.

Av stated he was assuming the sheet would be inserted similar to the one we inserted in the Flyer with the voting information. So, he doesn't understand why this would cost so much more and why it was any different than the other one since it would be an insert in the magazine just as the other one was.

Bill stated he wasn't sure why, but that is what Village Press stated had to be done for the post office. Maybe the \$300 we spent for the other insert included the postage.

Av stated the cost was just for the insert. There was no additional cost for mailing.

Scott asked if it was going to be bound into the magazine or just inserted. Maybe that would make a difference.

Av stated maybe there was a misunderstanding with Village Press. Unless the sheet would bring the weight above a certain threshold, there shouldn't be an additional cost.

Bill stated he will look into it and see what the extra postage costs are for. The words blown-in to the magazine may be the issue.

CJ referred to business cards at Oshkosh she had briefly spoken about before. The colored business cards that Scott has prepared, and several members have purchased, will be available for purchase at Oshkosh. They will be approximately \$20.

Bill stated as part of the membership drive, he plans on ordering those business cards for each tribe chief or whoever the tribe chief designates as the person to get them.

Av stated he has used 30-40% of those he purchased. They not only look good, but the QR code on the cards makes it even nicer, especially for those who use apps.

Scott stated these are offered to the general membership and wondered if we needed a different design for the tribe chiefs.

CJ stated the idea was for the general membership could have the N number of their airplane in place of the Tribe Chief wording on the current cards.

13. Miscellaneous Old Business by Board of Directors

There was no old business.

14. AOPA Fly-in Preparations by Av Shiloh for Scott Myers and Pat Donovan

Scott stated everything is underway. He is working with Bill Case and the NW tribe for the fly-in in August. Phil Hobbs mailed the material to Bill. Bob Williams is working with Scott on the Battle creek, MI fly-in. The Prescott, AZ fly-in is in October, and Scott has talked to Lorne Harmon about that one.

Scott stated the banners we send around for these events are in a zip up bag which is then placed into a cardboard box to send. Phil Hobbs told Scott the box is in bad shape. To be able to send it this time, he had to duct-tape the box together and hoped it would make it. With that in mind, do we need to think about getting a hard sided case to send the material in? The size of the box is about 1' X 1' X 4', and we send another box with brochures and other material.

Scott stated we are running low on the brochures. We have enough brochures for the next three fly-in's and then we need to decide if we want to print more of the current brochures or make changes before we print them.

One other item we need to look into for future fly-ins is the cost. AOPA does not charge us for one aircraft on display; but the cost is \$250 for a second aircraft. We will have two at Bremerton. So, we need to be sure we have the cost in the budget for next year.

Mike Foster stated there are aircraft on the field they can use as a static display for Prescott. Mike will have his airplane there, too.

Scott stated he is leery of using the airplane from the guy on the field since he is trying to use his airplane for promoting his business.

Bill Case stated we may need to discuss this with the guy and make sure he doesn't plan on having a big display for his business and not much for ICS.

Scott stated he would get it worked out. The airplanes that are planned to be displayed often change; sometimes several times.

Av stated he felt just getting a new cardboard box should suffice. AOPA has cut the number of fly-ins from previous years. If the box we are using has held up this long, it would be much more economical to just replace the cardboard box when needed.

Mike stated he has been selling manuals on E-bay. When he sends those, they are shipped as educational material, which cuts the cost. We may be able to do that with the ICS material as well. The post office has flat rate boxes for educational material and the cost is very cheap compared to the other shipping. So, using that box would be an option.

15. Comanche Mechanic List by Av Shiloh

Av stated he has mentioned before the number of questions he receives from people looking for a good mechanic. Av and Carl have been discussing this since we last discussed it, and Av stated Carl had some good ideas.

Carl stated his suggestion would be to set up a space on the website where members can list mechanics or shops they had service from. He would really discourage ICS getting involved in trying to come up with a mechanic list. It would be very difficult to rate a mechanic or shop.

Av stated he agreed with Carl, and we also have the liability concern if ICS suggests them.

Scott stated this is similar to the instructor list. We have a liability disclaimer for that, so how would this be different?

Av stated this is somewhat different in it would be very difficult to rate mechanics. With the instructors, we have some items to prequalify them using the questionnaire. A questionnaire would be an almost impossible task to rate a mechanic. The mechanic listing Carl is referring to would not be a rating. It would just be information from a Comanche owner on his particular dealings with a shop or mechanic.

Carl stated even with the listing, we will have a disclaimer at the top of the list stating we are not responsible for the list. It is just information from one member to another.

Dave stated he gets asked the question about mechanics very often as the webmaster. He tells them any good mechanic should be able to work on the Comanche.

Av stated he had to disagree somewhat since some mechanics are much more knowledgeable about the specifics of a Comanche than others.

Av stated Carl also suggested making the list part of the forum. It is member driven and not ICS driven. It is input from fellow members.

Hank stated just a listing of mechanics is not helpful. Some are looking for someone to do a pre-buy, some need landing gear experts, others need radio experts, etc. Some who are good at one thing may not be as good at the other.

16. East Canada Tribe Chief/Rep by Dave Fitzgerald and Av Shiloh

Tim Stain, the East Canada Tribe Chief, has moved to China. Dave has been talking to people to get this going.

Dave stated he has been talking to Frank Petricone, who is a friend of Tim's. He is going to get back to Dave to let him know if he is interested or will provide names of anybody else

who might want to help with getting the tribe going again. Bryan McDougall is another person who may be interested. We will need to keep working until we find someone who wants to be the Tribe Chief.

Av stated the tribe has been pretty inactive; so, **if you have any ideas of who might want to be involved, let Dave and Av know.**

LaVerne asked if we could send something out to the tribe mailing list asking for volunteers or input. Since we have several who want to get the tribe active again, maybe someone will come forward.

Ken Mori stated he has talked to several members of the tribe and most of them aren't interested. He has talked to a mechanic who, while he can't take on the job, has provided names of some members who maybe would do it.

Ken will talk to those individuals he has corresponded with, and possibly some others, and he will get back to Av and Dave with some possibilities.

Hank stated for many years he has been disturbed over the lack of oversight ICS has over the various tribes. While most cooperate, there is one or two who don't cooperate and nothing happens. We have requirements in the bylaws to have elections every year. If they are not following the rules and having elections, they should be declared inactive. There are structured steps that need to be taken to get them activated again rather than waiting for someone to step up and say they will do it. He is afraid that may bite us someday.

Av stated this could be a long discussion and probably one we should talk about in a face to face meeting. However, **the tribes are independent corporations with their own charters, so we are limited of what we can tell them to do.** As it is now, it is difficult to find volunteers to take the tribe positions. So much depends on the tribe and the individuals that keep things moving in the tribe. There have been instances where Av has tried to contact a tribe chief in a supposed active tribe, and it has taken months to get a response.

Hank stated that the tribe chiefs are directors for ICS, and they shouldn't just be able to walk in and say they are the new tribe chief.

Av asked Hank to work on drafting something on how to handle these situations.

Dave stated he took quite a bit of time and got a listing of all of the officers and representatives for each tribe which he has posted to the website. If you see any mistakes in the list, let Dave know.

17. Miscellaneous New Business by Board of Directors

Mike Foster stated he and Paula will be hosting a fly-in in San Antonio, TX on October 7, 8, & 9. If you are interested, contact Mike. The hotel is on the Riverwalk, and they will be doing a tour of the tower.

Av suggested Mike put the information in the newsletter.

Mike stated that is underway, along with something being put in the Flyer.

C J stated they added a ride share program to their fly-ins. If you have an extra seat and are willing to take someone, you can put a note out there. Likewise, if someone needs a ride, they can put in a note about needing a ride. .

Av stated it may be a way for people to share costs to get to a fly-in. There were a few who did the ride share for their last fly-in.

18. Next Team Speak Meeting by Scott Myers

The next meeting will be August 16, 2016 at 20:00 EDT. There were no objections.

19. Adjournment by Board of Directors

Hank moved to adjourn the meeting. LaVerne seconded. There were no objections to the adjournment.