

International Comanche Society Incorporated
 Minutes Nov 3, 2019 AGM
 Resumption of AGM of Oct 1, 2019
 By Ken Mori

1. Kate Burrows resumed the recessed AGM at 2300Z
2. Roll Call by Ken Mori (appointed secretary for this meeting)

Officers:

President	Kate Burrows	Present
Vice President	Randy Africano	Present
Treasurer	Steve Spector	Present
Secretary	Ken Mori	Present
Past-President		Vacant

Voting Tribe Chief/Tribe Representatives

Tribe Rep SW	Scott Myers	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep SC	Ron Franks	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep SE	Bernie Mazurek	Present
Tribe Rep Mid States	Kevin Frisbie	Absent
Tribe Rep NW	Bill Case	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep NC	Dave Fitzgerald	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep NE	Av Shiloh	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep W Canada	William Hughes	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep E Canada	Alan Hepburn	Absent
Tribe Rep Europe	Monica Rehkopf	Present
Tribe Chief/Rep S. Africa	Russell Knowles	Absent
Tribe Chief/Rep Australasia	Alan Breen	Absent

Non-voting Board Member

CFF President	Mike Foster	Absent
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Guests

LaVerne Stroh SC	Bruce Thumann SC	Robert Klein NE	Hank Spellman NC
Mark Sullivan SW	Graham Bunn Australasia		

Quorum: There were eleven (11) voting board members present for the meeting. Meeting quorum of 7 met.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Kate requested a motion to accept the agenda as provided.

Motion was made by Av Shiloh and seconded by Bernie Mazurek to accept the agenda as provided.

Mark Sullivan remarked that he did not receive the agenda and requested if someone could send him a copy of the agenda. Kate explained that the agenda is only sent to Board members so she read the short agenda. He then asked if there would be an opportunity for the candidates to make any comments or ask questions because he had a specific question about the election. Kate said that we will insert between agenda item 5, "Statement from the outgoing President", and agenda item 6, "Adjourn the AGM", an agenda item, "Any other Business", to allow any candidates who wished to have an opportunity to have their say.

Voting on the motion proceeded with the provision of adding to the agenda, "Any other Business".

Voting was done by asking if there are any dissensions or abstentions. No dissensions or abstentions. Motion passed.

4.0 Results of Election 2019

Bruce Thumann was asked by Kate to present the election results. He apologized on behalf of Sally Williams, Elections Chair, for her not being present to announce the election results. The final vote count was 461 votes with the breakdown being 449 valid website votes and 12 valid email votes. In summary, the voting breakdown of the election results was:

President:	Kate	282
	Hank	177
	Abstain	2
	Total	461

Vice President:	Randy	242
	Mark	207
	Abstain	12
	Total	461

Secretary:	W. Archer	273
	W. Cunniff	165
	Abstain	23
	Total	461

Treasurer:	Steve	302
	John	136
	Abstain	23
	Total	461

Kate summarized election by expressing her appreciation to all the volunteers, various officers and chairs for the work they put into the election. She was impressed with the number of people who turned out to vote and she thought that it was a good, solid vote. She thanked all the nominees for volunteering their time and putting forward their names for the various positions.

Monica asked if there was any possibility of getting a breakdown of voter turnout by Tribe; however, not a breakdown of how the Tribe voted for whom.

LaVerne said that kind of information breakdown by Tribe is not readily available. The breakdown would have to be done manually. That being the case, Monica retracted her request.

5. Statement from the Outgoing President

Kate re-iterated her earlier remarks in which she expressed her thanks and appreciation to those who provided input into the election, and to all the nominees who volunteered to come forward for the various positions. She thanked all the people who worked in background on the election such as the nominating chair, the website chair, for Scott handling the emails, and the election chair and committee for doing all the work at the end of the election and for putting the election results out in a timely fashion. She wished for a clean, fair and positive election, and for the most part, she thought that it was. She heard these election results is an opportunity to move forward and in that context, she said "let's give the members what it is that the members want. Members want a nice, friendly, upbeat, and positive Society. They want member benefits. They want a reason for being in the ICS".

6. Any Other Business

This was the item added to the agenda to give Mark Sullivan an opportunity to speak as one of the election candidates. Mark's comment was:

"My concern was the number of votes of 461 out of a membership of about 1500. That's a huge turnout, right? One third. More importantly, it was brought to my attention, and I didn't know about this until a week or so ago, that apparently last year Sandy Councill of Village Press told a number of people that 509 members, which is more than the number of people that voted in this election, there were 509 members who were fully paid members that had email addresses, and all the emails were returned as undeliverable. I'm concerned that it looks like a very significant portion of the Society did not receive a mail notice or email notice. I'm wondering if anything will be done or has been done to make sure that these people get notices because right now, they did not get notices. That's my concern. I think it's relevant to me because of the relative closeness of the voting for Vice President. It is well within the margin of error".

Kate's reply to Mark was that the election was noticed in the Flyer. She was also aware that a number of people deliberately put an incorrect email address on the website, and this is a known fact, because they did not want to be contacted whether it be by the ICS or by other members. Her plan is to contact each person who had their email bounce and ask for the reason whether it was deliberately an incorrect email address or whether they just forgot to change their email address to be current. She thanked Mark for bringing the subject up and it is on her list of things to do.

Monica Rehkopf commented that Mark should feel assured that the percentage of voter turnout was very good when put into perspective of past elections. This is what she had to say:

"I was election chair for the very first election of ICS when we started with ballots. Before that we just had our election at the AGM where people raised their hands and voted for the officers. When we started with ballots, we didn't have electronics at that time, so we wrote to every person and every person could write back and send in their ballot. I would say, Mark, you don't have to worry about the numbers because, in fact, the number of answers that came back this time, was the people that voted was really very high because at the time when we did the first election with ballots, I think we had maybe 3500 to 4000 members and each and everyone got a ballot and we had about 300 of them come back. So, it's actually that people aren't so much interested in joining the election so if you compare to that time when we had two to three times the members and had 300 or something answers back, this time we had 400 or more, and what are our numbers now, 1700 or something like that, it was a very good number so actually, you don't have to worry about that".

Robert Klein thanked Monica for the background history of election voting and how this election voting compared to the past election voting.

The perspective of voter turnout for this election in comparison to past elections was further commented upon when Kate directed a remark to Bruce Thumann, that she thought Bruce said when he was election chair, that the average voter turnout was between 100 and 200. Bruce replied that around 2009-2010 when there were roughly about 2500 members, the voter turnout was about 300 or about 12%.

Mark had one further question. He wanted to know how much time it would take to determine how the Tribes voted and to use this information to get more people involved.

Kate agreed with about getting this type of information. She remarked that she will work with LaVerne Stroh to see what can be done to get this information. With these remarks, the AGM was brought to a conclusion. Kate asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The New Board Meeting to follow.

Before taking the motion to adjourn, Av commented that in recent years, the vote count was less than 200 and our Bylaws require at least a 5% member voter turnout. Based on 1600 members, 5% represents 80 votes. So this election garnered 5 times the minimum of 80. He further commented that this has been the most active election in his memory with 461 votes. So believes that although not everyone may have been reached, more people were reached in a long, long time.

Motion to adjourn proceeded.

7. Adjourn the AGM

Kate asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Randy Africano and seconded by Bill Case to adjourn the AGM

Voting was done by asking if there are any dissensions. No dissensions. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2325Z (3:25 pm PST)

Next meeting NBM at 2340Z (3:40 pm PST).

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