

**COMANCHE FLYER FOUNDATION  
ANNUAL MEETING RENTON, WA  
JUNE 28, 2013**

President Lorne Harmon called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM, PDT. The roll was called and the following were present:

Board Members:

Lorne Harmon  
Shirley Nelson  
Denise Porter  
Dennis Springer

Board Members on Skype:

Friedrich Rehkopf  
Mike Foster

Board Members Not Present:

Karl Hipp

CFF Trustees:

Don Nelson  
Bernie Mazurek  
Sally Williams  
Frank Sargeant  
Janet Sargeant  
Bob Cretney

CFF Trustees on Skype:

Paula Foster  
Monica Rehkopf

Guests:

Bill Case  
Berl Grant  
Bob Williams  
Scott Myers

Guests on Skype:

Dave Fitzgerald

**Opening Remarks:**

Lorne Harmon welcomed everyone to open the meeting and stated that this was the annual CFF Board of Directors/Trustee meeting in compliance with the CFF bylaws.

**Old Business:**

**1) Approval of Spring Board Meeting in DeSoto/Lancaster, TX minutes (March 23, 2013)**

The minutes had previously been distributed to the BOD by e-mail. Copies were passed out at this meeting. Don Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sally Williams 2nded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

## **2) Financial Report**

Shirley Nelson gave an interim report and will send an e-mail with the year-end report at the end of July. There were a few CDs and books sold; maybe \$500 profit for the period July 1, 2012-2013. There have been no income-producing CPPP seminars during that period.

## **3) CPPP-Approved Instructors**

Lorne advised that there are four new CPPP instructors – Donny Nelson, Steve Zaboji, Larry Wittbeck and Dave Alldred. The instructors will be getting together within a month to review the new curriculum. The goal is to have more instructors for localized training.

## **4) Per Diem Pay**

There was discussion about changing the CPPP instructor reimbursement guidelines to provide a flat \$50/day for meals. (This does not affect reimbursement for hotel and travel expenses.) Frank Sargeant made a motion to replace the meal reimbursement with \$50/day per diem. Don Nelson 2nded the motion. During discussion, various attendees voiced their opinion that \$50 is too low and \$75 is more realistic. Sally Williams made a motion to replace the meal reimbursement with \$75/day per diem. Don Nelson 2nded it. The motion was unanimously passed.

## **5) Scholarship Committee**

Frank Sargeant advised that there are no names before CFF right now for scholarships. We should be asking flight schools and other trade schools for recommendations for needy, GA mechanic students. Previously, CFF provided scholarships of \$3,000 for 3 students annually. Now \$1,500 for 6 students is available. Peggy Harmon and Frank Sargeant are on the committee. Frank asked for help from the attendees and will entertain all suggestions about finding candidates. It is not limited to finding candidates at schools.

## **New Business:**

### **1) Development of new CPPP Program**

Don Nelson reported that he, Donny Nelson and Dennis Springer have been working on putting together the new CPP course. The Australian tribe helped by providing all of their own training information for our use. The Australian's have a Power Point presentation which is being updated. We also got back the electronic copy of the QRH, but the training supplement had to be rebuilt since we did not get it back electronically. The new program will be ready to go on August 1. Lorne had advised all of the tribe chiefs of the new program.

Friedrich advised that the Australians send out the information packet to participants before hand so that pilots are prepared going into the class to speed up the training.

Bernie Mazurek provided Steve Smith as a potential instructor. Lorne has spoke with him and he may be a candidate at a later date.

## **2) Discussion of new On-Line CPPP Course**

Tom Wolf, Southwest tribe member from Phoenix, has volunteered to lead this project. Lorne read an e-mail that Tom had sent to Lorne on June 20, 2013 advising that he is agreeable to being a CFF trustee. He has been working with Don Nelson and Donny Nelson on the Power Point presentation and has looked in the Bonanza Society's BPPP (**Bonanza Pilot Proficiency Program**) online course and the company that created that. The total cost to BPPP was approximately \$29,000. Before moving forward, the cost of a program has to be approved by CFF.

Lorne advised that 5% of the general Comanche population (not just ICS members) goes through the training, about the same as the BPPP gets. The online course work would be completed by each pilot, instead of the pilot attending classroom training, then the pilot would contact a (local) CFF-approved CFI to conduct the flight training. This will keep the cost down for the pilot who doesn't have travel costs. The course may cost \$395 (per Lorne), including the online course plus the cost of the instructor (\$200). The balance of the fee will come to CFF. An online course only (with no flight instruction) may be an option at \$295, which BPPP offers.

Frank Sargeant asked the time-frame for CFF to recoup the cost of setting up the program, and if there was anybody within ICS who could develop it themselves. Lorne said that all of the cost may never be paid back and he was unaware if anyone in ICS had that expertise. Friedrich Rehkopf said that contracting with a company instead of an individual may ensure that it gets done in a more timely manner.

Don Nelson thinks that \$30K to develop the program is worth it. It would make the program available to more people, help keep the Comanches flying and will bring our organization up to date. If it is not done, CFF may go away.

Mike Foster asked if the flight portion can constitute a BFR and/or IPC. Lorne advised that we could get Wings approval. Still holding hope that there may be an insurance credit available with some companies.

Friedrich made a motion to move that CFF reserve up to 20% of its spendable assets to develop the online training program. Bernie Mazurek 2nded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **3) Possible Reduction in CPPP Course Fees**

The current rates are \$800 for advance registration, or \$850 otherwise. Lorne suggested a reduction to \$650. Don Nelson agreed, or even reduce it to \$625. Bernie Mazurek asked for the break-even point which Lorne said was around \$750.

Don Nelson thinks there are enough new Comanche owners, and pilots repeating the class, to keep it going. ICS is selling about 100 POHs per year. Bob Cretney said that 15-20% of attendees are repeating the course. There are 2220 ICS members, per Sally Williams, and 4000 Comanche owners.

A further Skype meeting will be held to discuss the CPPP course fees.

#### **4) Nomination and Election of Directors and Trustees**

Friedrich and Monica Rehkopf verbally gave Lorne Harmon their proxy for the election. The nominating committee consisted of Don Nelson and Denise Porter. Don noted that the president, Lorne Harmon, has a 2-year term, which does not expire until next year. All of the Board of Directors members have one-year terms, which are expiring now. All of the current board members have agreed to return for another year:

- Mike Foster, Vice-President
- Shirley Nelson, Treasurer
- Denise Porter, Secretary
- Karl Hipp, Board of Directors Trustee
- Friedrich Rehkopf, Board of Directors Trustee
- Dennis Springer, Board of Directors, Trustee

Don Nelson nominated each of the current board members for reelection for another one-year term. Frank Sargeant moved to reelect all the current board members. Bernie Mazurek 2nded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

The following Trustee members terms are expiring, all of whom have agreed to return for another year:

- Paula Foster
- Toni Springer
- Don Nelson

Don moved to reelect these Trustee members. Frank Sargeant 2nded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

Don also moved to nominate Tom and Erica Wolf as new trustees. Sally Williams 2nded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

There were three trustees whose term expired this year, Shel Bresin, Dennis Carew and Ilene Carew.

#### **5) Other New Business**

There was no other new business presented.

#### **Adjournment**

Don Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Sargeant 2nded it. The motion was passed unanimously. Lorne closed the meeting at 5:00 PM PDT.

Submitted by  
Denise Porter  
CFF Secretary  
07/14/13