

**COMANCHE FLYER FOUNDATION
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**

President Mike Foster called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM CDT (2332 Zulu) and the following were present:

Board Members:

Mike Foster
Shirley Nelson
Lorne Harmon

Av Shiloh
Denise Porter
Tom Wolf

Trustees:

Dave Fitzgerald
Bruce Thumann
John MacKnight

Opening Statement by Mike Foster

Mike welcomed everybody and thanked all for their time.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Shirley Nelson sent the interim report, 08/01/16-07/31/17, to Dave Fitzgerald to post on the CFF website. (see copy attached of that report.)

Fiscal Year Status

Shirley said that CFF has received approval from the IRS to change our fiscal year to the calendar year. The next tax return will be for the 08/01/16 – 12/31/17 period – 17 months.

CPPP Report

Dave Fitzgerald has 6 people signed up for the Hawthorne, CA class October 21-22, 2017. Scott Myers, Southwest Tribe, will do an e-mail in a few days and then again at the end of the month to advertise the event. The SW tribe is subsidizing the event for their tribe members.

Dave is looking into posting the event on the Delphi forum, and also the Piper Comanche Facebook page, which is pretty active.

N110LF Report

Mike Foster says that the first picture on the museum's website is now N110LF. It looks like the museum has spread things out a little so N110LF is not boxed in as much. Mike has asked his contact at the museum to send him new pictures.

NEW BUSINESS

AOPA Regional Fly in at Norman, OK

Mike and Paula Foster attended the AOPA Fly In in Norman, September 8-9, 2017. Mike passed out CFF brochures and talked to a lot of people, some new owners or people looking to buy Comanches. He said it was decent exposure for CFF.

Av may be attending the next one in Groton, CT, October 6-7, 2017. If he goes, he will be able to pass out brochures.

The last AOPA Fly In for the year is in Tampa, October 27-28, 2017. At this point, there is no word if that will change or not, due to Hurricane Irma.

Discuss and Take Action on Scholarship Budget for Balance of 2017 and 2018

We have until the end of December 2017 on our old budget (see Fiscal Year Status). Shirley advised that we have about \$13,500 in the Taylor Scholarship checking account, which should last us through the end of 2017, so we won't need to move any money into that account until 2018.

CPPP Scheduling

Dave F. advised that the Mid-States tribe has scheduled a CPPP class on April 21, 2018.

Av and Dave went to Melbourne, FL, to talk to FIT – Florida Institute of Technology – about using their facilities for CPPP classes. FIT has Redbird trainers, and meeting rooms that can accommodate 55 people, plus other facilities. FIT was very receptive and welcomed working with CFF. Dave is working on a concept model of a 3-day class – the 2-day regular course and on the 3rd day, attendees can take an IPC or work on emergency procedures, in the Redbird trainers or in their own aircraft. Dave may also set up a side trip to the Bahamas. Would like to plan 6-8 months ahead for this. FIT will not charge CFF for use of the facilities, but will charge pilots for additional services and training.

There was much discussion about allowing a pilot's mechanic to sit in on the ground school class, since many pilots have asked.

Lorne Harmon made a motion: **“CFF will allow a pilot to bring his own mechanic to the ground school portion of the CPPP for no cost if the pilot desires.”** Tom Wolf 2nd, all agreed, but Av Shiloh abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

ICS/CFF, Continuation of CPPP Discussion

Pat Donovan, CFF president, wrote Mike F. an e-mail expressing that he wanted CFF to schedule a CPPP class in each tribe region by the end of 2017.

Much discussion was had in how this could be accomplished. Should we schedule an event and see if we can fill the class instead of relying on tribe chiefs or other tribe members to drum up interest in a class in their area? Dave says that there is a lot of advance work coordinating with the airports, hotels, and transportation, and we don't want to have to cancel classes that do not fill up. Dave favors continuing to work with tribe chiefs/members to remind them that we are ready and available to do training in their area.

There is also a monetary consideration. With our minimum of 6 attendees, we can break even. With less, we lose money. Av states that he has never charged CFF for his time in working a CPPP event, so he would be willing to do more classes to help defray the cost of paying instructors. (Shirley concurred that she has never paid Av for his services.)

Shirley said we should let the CPPP Committee decide if they can work it out with the number of attendees if less than 6. Shirley (as Treasurer), Tom Wolf, Dave Fitzgerald and Mike Stich are on that committee.

After much discussion, Shirley Nelson made a motion: **“CFF will rescind the requirement for a minimum number of CPPP attendees and will let the CPPP committee make the decision on the number of attendees.”** The vote was Four – Yes; One – No; Av Shiloh abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

Any Other Discussion or Comments

No further discussion or comments.

NEXT MEETING

The next CFF Board meeting was set for Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the usual time: 6:30 PM CDT (2330 Zulu), via Teamspeak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM CDT (0127 Zulu).