



**Minutes of the Australasian Tribe of the ICS
Special General Meeting
By ZOOM
29th June 2025**

The meeting opened at 1500 hrs with David Miller in the chair.

Attendees:

David Miller, Tony and Jan van der Spek, John Macknight, Nigel Wettenhall, Martin Singer, Barry Payne, Lawrence Paratz, John Moore, Kevin Rankmore, Russell Phillip, Trevor Nixon, Alan Breen, David Smith, Ossie Miller, Ken Holsworth, Danny Georgeson,

Apologies:

Graham Bunn, Mark Sareff, Vincent Mollica, Mark O'Halloran

Relationship of the Australasian Tribe with the USA International Comanche Society:

The Special General Meeting was called to specifically discuss our Tribe's continuing relationship with the ICS International in USA.

David Miller informed the meeting of the difficulties we have had with the USA Organisation and mentioned the following points.

- The overall ICS membership is now approximately 600 of which the Australasian Tribe numbers about 100 members. The major decrease in membership is in the USA Tribes.
- Our current membership fee is \$A183 and we are paying more than that to the USA International Comanche Society so we are effectively subsidizing their operations.
- The only benefit to our members is the receipt of the magazine which has reduced from six to four issues per year.
- The content of the magazine has deteriorated with very little now of interest to our own members.
- David Miller continues to attend Board meetings of the USA ICS but very little notice is taken of our comments. We have been suggesting that the magazine be sent electronically to save costs for several years but nothing has eventuated
- USA Board meetings have consistently been held without any minutes or an agenda.

The meeting was then opened for comments from the membership and the overwhelming feeling was that we are not getting value for our membership and that we could charge a lesser amount and keep those funds in Australasia for the benefit of our members.

David Miller and Nigel Wettenhall felt that there may still be some members who would like to retain membership with the USA International Comanche Society and that we should facilitate this if they wish but they would be responsible for the USA fees themselves.

The Members felt that it would be beneficial if our Tribe Chief and Deputy Tribe Chief could retain USA Membership and the meeting agreed that our Tribe would cover those membership fees.

Motion:

“That the International Comanche Society of Australasia membership fee for 2025/2026 be set at A\$100 including GST. For members who wish to also be members of ICS International this can be facilitated by the International Comanche Society of Australasia for an additional A\$219 including GST.”

Moved; David Miller Seconded: Nigel Wettenhall CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting closed at 16 hrs.