

# National Congress of Old West Shootists

## Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Congress, Davenport IA

March 22, 2024

6:30 PM

### **Senate and Representative Caucus**

*Representative Caucus:* Eight Representatives were present, three Representatives by proxy, and two Representatives were absent (see Roll Call). Representative Tom Spanton was elected to the position of Chair of the Territorial Representatives.

*Senate Caucus:* All fifteen Senators were present (see Roll Call). Senator Mike Tatham was elected as Chair of the Territorial Senate. The senators recommended that the 2025 NCOWS convention be held at Davenport Iowa.

7:00 PM

### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Marshal John Hoker called the Congress to order at 7:00 PM  
Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **Roll Call**

*Senators present:* Dan Borer, Bryan Buck, Caroline Buck, John Covert, John Hoker, John Irons, Glen Kreilein, Dart Liebrandt, Patrick Postell, Alex Ray, Joe Ray, Dave Scott, Theresa Scott, Mike Tatham, Paul Weller

*Territorial Representatives present:* Duane Butt, Kevin Daniels, Cliff Fendley, Anastasia Hope, Henry Schlein, Mike Scott, Reed Van Ness, Thomas Spanton

*Present by Proxy:* Gary Davison, Kenneth Miller, Mark Ward

*Absent:* Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum

### **Installation of New Senators and Representatives**

Marshal John Hoker presided over the swearing in of new Territorial Representative Reed Van Ness and new Territorial Senators Dan Borer, Bryan Buck, Joe Ray, John Covert, Theresa Scott, and Paul Weller.

### **Election of Officers**

Dave Scott made a motion to nominate the existing officers for another term by acclamation.

Anastasia Hope seconded the motion.

*There being no objections, the motion carries unanimously.*

Elected Officers are John Hoker for Marshal, Dart Liebrandt for Deputy Marshal, Patrick Postell for Secretary, Joe Ray for Banker, and Bryan Buck for Judge.

Mike Tatham was elected to be Chair of the Territorial Senate by the Territorial Senate during the Senate Caucus.

Tom Spanton was elected to be Chair of the Territorial Representatives by the Territorial Representatives during the Representatives Caucus.

John Irons agreed to serve as Editor for another year.

## **Presentation of Minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> Congress**

A call to read the minutes from the 45<sup>th</sup> Congress was made.

John Covert moved to have Congress accept the minutes as posted and published in the magazine.

Seconded by Dave Scott.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

## **Marshal Report**

John said he was willing to lead the effort to host the Convention next year at Davenport Iowa.

Attendees gave John applause for the good job he has done this year.

## **Deputy Report**

Dart stated we have a great organization, and we need to continue with what we are doing.

## **Judge Report**

Nothing presented.

## **Banker's Report**

Banker's report was prepared by Banker Joe Ray.

Joe indicated that we may need to raise membership dues if we continue to lose money each year.

Reports that were presented were disseminated by Joe Ray and included:

1. 2023 Banker's Annual Report
2. 2023 National Convention Report
3. 2023 National Shoot Report

Copies of the report are appended to these minutes as Appendix A.

Motion to accept the bankers report was made by Bryan Buck, Seconded by John Covert.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

## **Senator Report**

Nothing presented.

## **Territorial Representative Report**

Nothing presented.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

Based on earlier recommendations, it was decided to hold the 2025 Convention at the DoubleTree by Hilton Davenport again. A motion was made in the Executive Committee by John Irons to hold the 2025 NCOWS Convention at the DoubleTree by Hilton Davenport. Joe Ray seconded the motion. The Executive Committee passed the motion unanimously. John Hoker is going to contact the DoubleTree by Hilton Davenport to determine available dates in late March 2025, select a date, and send a deposit to lock in the date with the DoubleTree by Hilton Davenport.

Chair John Hoker addressed agenda items for the 46<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2024 in the order of the published agenda.

**1. Amendment to By-Law 3-8-d defining the amount paid to the Posse conducting the National Shootout, submitted by Patrick Postell**

*This increases the amount paid to the posse or posses conducting the National Shootout from \$500 to \$750. The \$500 amount was originally authorized in July 2006.*

3-8-d. The Executive Committee may establish and schedule at least one **match each year open to all-** National Congress of Old West Shootists ~~members a year~~, and shall sanction and schedule other National Congress of Old West Shootists-sponsored events as proposed and run by the various Posses. The Executive Committee shall authorize an amount of ~~\$500.~~ **\$750** to be paid to the posse or posses conducting the National Shootout. The Executive Committee may also establish and schedule an annual convention and trade show of the National Congress of Old West Shootists. The Executive Committee shall authorize an amount of \$1000 to be paid to the posses conducting the annual Convention.

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Paul Weller moved to accept the proposal.

John Covert seconded the motion.

During discussion, a few typos were identified and corrected.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Amendment to By-Law 8-1 – 8-3, submitted by John Irons**

*This modifies who can approve vendors at NCOWS events.*

8-1. Vendors wishing to sell merchandise or services at National Congress of Old West Shootists-sponsored events must obtain permission from the **National or local** Judge or his/her Deputy. **In the case of the National Convention, the sponsoring posse leaders.** ~~Such permission will be conditional on the vendor satisfying the requirements of this By-Law.~~

8-2. Vendors wishing to sell merchandise or provide services in the immediate visual area of the shooting participants and spectators may only display and sell original or authenticated replica goods or services of the period 1865-1899. The seller and his/her employees shall be appropriately dressed and accoutered for the time period, and their display of merchandise (~~including shelters~~) shall be appropriate to the historical period.

8-3. Vendors wishing to sell merchandise or services of a general "Western" nature but who do not or cannot conform to the stipulations of By-Law 8-2 may do so ~~if sequestered from the immediate visual vicinity of the shooting range participants and spectators~~ **with special approval from the National or local Judge or his/her Deputy.**

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John Covert moved to accept the proposal.

Bryan Buck seconded the motion.

During discussion, a grammar error was identified and corrected.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**3. Amendment to By-Law 9-3, submitted by Joe Ray**

*This defines additional payment responsibilities of the posse.*

9-3. In the event that the number of members in the posse exceeds the base policy, then the individual posses shall make up the difference between the payment and the premium. Posse shall be responsible for **the** cost of additional insured riders for landowners or other locations. **Posse shall be responsible for the payment of their NRA dues and Lockton's Risk Purchasing Group (RPG) membership.** (Amended March 2011)

**Bold** text is new.

Caroline Buck moved to accept the proposal.

John Covert seconded the motion.

During discussion, questions were brought up whether the additional cost to posses was worth it if we were going to possibly raise membership dues soon. What other providers are available for insurance? At least one posse thought this could greatly impact them.

*After discussion, the motion was withdrawn without objection.*

#### **4. Amendment to By-Law 9-4, submitted by John Irons**

*NCOWS liability insurance rates have recently doubled. This modifies the unlimited insurance reimbursement for the posse with a maximum amount to help NCOWS better manage rate increases.*

9-4. NCOWS Posse insurance benefit will be paid or reimbursed at the following rates.

The term “unique member” is defined as a home posse member who is not being used to count towards the insurance benefit on any other posse. They are paid current members, Individual, Charter, Life, Family, Senior, Junior, or Honorary, that are listed (for insurance purposes) on only one home posse roster. A member who is ~~a~~-listed on more than one posse must declare a single posse as his/her 'Home Posse'.

The term “100% NCOWS membership” is defined as all members of the posse are currently paid members of NCOWS, regardless of type of membership, be it Individual, Charter, Life, Family, Senior, Junior, or Honorary.

- 20 or more unique members and 100% NCOWS membership = ~~100% of the basic minimum premium~~ for **up to \$600 in reimbursement towards** liability insurance.
- 20 or more unique members and less than 100% NCOWS membership = ~~50% of the basic minimum premium~~ for **up to \$400 in reimbursement towards** liability insurance.
- 10-19 unique members and 100% NCOWS membership = ~~50% of the basic minimum premium~~ for **up to \$500 in reimbursement towards** liability insurance.
- 10-19 unique members and less than 100% NCOWS membership = ~~25% of the basic minimum premium~~ for **up to \$300 in reimbursement towards** liability insurance.

**Any liability insurance in excess of the NCOWS posse reimbursement schedule above shall be paid by the posse.**

Posse must submit membership list and members NCOWS membership numbers at time of policy renewal. (Amended March 2011, March 2013, March 2014)

**Bold** text is new, ~~Strikethrough~~ text is deleted.

*Agenda item withdrawn.*

#### **5. Amendment to By-Law 11 to number the NCOWS Rules & Regulations, submitted by Patrick Postell**

*Current NCOWS rules and regulations are not numbered in By-Law 11. This will allow for easier referencing of NCOWS rules and regulations in By-Law 11 by using their number.*

Number the individual NCOWS Rules and Regulations 11-1 through 11-10.

Mike Tatham moved to accept the proposal.

Caroline Buck seconded the motion.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **6. Addition to the Not allowed are the following: Revolvers list, submitted by John Irons**

*Brass grip frames and or revolver frames did not exist for these revolvers before 1900.*

**Brass grip framed reproductions of the Colt 1873 Model P**

**Brass framed reproductions of the Colt 1860 New Army 44 cal. percussion revolver**

**Brass framed reproductions of the Colt 1851 Navy 36 cal. percussion revolver with a roll engraved cylinder.**

**Brass framed reproductions of the Colt 1861 Navy 36 cal. percussion revolver**

**Brass framed reproductions of the 1858 Remington New Army 44 cal. percussion revolver**

**Brass framed reproductions of the 1858 Remington Navy 36 cal. percussion revolver**

**Bold** text is new.

Dave Scott moved to accept the proposal.

Bryan Buck seconded the motion.

During discussion, the following items were brought up. These are low-cost guns, are we keeping some people away from joining? It was brought up you have one year to be fully compliant at local matches. Are we trying to be too nitpicky about these guns or historically accurate?

*The motion passed 18 Aye, 8 Nay, 2 Votes not cast.*

*Nay: Mark Ward (proxy by Patrick Postell), Mike Scott, Kenneth Miller (proxy by Darrell Thayer), Kevin Daniels, Henry Schlein, John Hoker, Glen Kreilein, Theresa Scott*

*Votes not cast: Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum*

## **7. Addition to the Not allowed are the following: Revolvers list, submitted by John Irons**

*These calibers did not exist for these revolvers before 1900.*

**Reproductions of the Colt 1860 Army percussion revolver in 36 cal.**

**Reproductions of the Colt 1851 Navy percussion revolver in 44 cal.**

**Bold** text is new.

John Covert moved to accept the proposal.

Duane Butt seconded the motion.

*The motion passed 21 Aye, 5 Nay, 2 Votes not cast.*

*Nay: Mark Ward (proxy by Patrick Postell), Mike Scott, Kenneth Miller (proxy by Darrell Thayer), Kevin Daniels, Henry Schlein*

*Votes not cast: Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum*

## **8. Amendment to Range Rules and Regulations to number the rules, submitted by John Irons**

*Current range rules and regulations are not numbered. This will allow for easier referencing range rules and regulations by using their number.*

Number the individual Range Rules and Regulations 1 through 10.

Dave Scott moved to accept the proposal.

Alex Ray seconded the motion.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

## **9. Amendment to Range Rules and Regulations modifying formal protest procedures, submitted by John Irons**

*Clarify the procedure to lodging a formal protest.*

~~Individuals making~~ **Any participant at a National, Regional or local posse shoot may make** a formal protest to the Judge or Deputy Judge of questionable acts or violation of the rules by an individual. ~~shall accompany such protest by a \$10.00 protest fee. If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee is forfeited to the individual against whom the protest was made.~~ **The Judge or Deputy Judge shall have the following options of declaring that there is no violation, allowing the individual to continue on a provisional approval, or asking the individual to correct the behavior or offending item before continuing.** The Judge or Deputy Judge's decision shall be final.

**Bold** text is new, ~~Strikethrough~~ text is deleted.

Dave Scott moved to accept the proposal.

John Irons seconded the motion.

During discussion, questioned whether fee should be removed or reduced to a smaller amount. Would a lot more protests be made if no fee was required?

*The motion failed 12 Aye, 14 Nay, 2 Votes not cast.*

*Aye: Mark Ward (proxy by Patrick Postell), Mike Scott, Gary Davison (proxy by John Newton), Kenneth Miller (proxy by Darrell Thayer), Kevin Daniels, Reed Van Ness, Tom Spanton, Patrick Postell, John Hoker, John Irons, Dave Scott, John Covert*

*Votes not cast: Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum*

Took a short break and resumed meeting at 8:30pm.

A motion was made by Mike Tatham to take agenda items 10 – 21 and assign them to a committee designated by the Marshal for review and refinement.

Henry Schlein seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Dave Scott to amend the motion to remove items 10 & 12.

Mike Tatham seconded the motion to amend the motion.

A motion was made by Tom Spanton to add item 21 to the motion to amend.

Bryan Buck seconded the motion to amend the amendment to the motion.

*The motion to amend the motion to amend passes 23 Aye, 3 Nay, 2 Votes not cast.*

*Nay: Henry Schlein, John Irons, Mike Tatham*

*Votes not cast: Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum*

Vote was taken on motion to amend the committee review and refinement motion to remove items 10, 12, & 21.

*The motion to amend passes 25 Aye, 1 Nay, 2 Votes not cast.*

*Nay: John Irons*

*Votes not cast: Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum*

Vote was taken on motion to take agenda items 11, 13 – 20 and assign them to a committee designated by the Marshal for review and refinement.

*The motion passes 23 Aye, 3 Nay, 2 Votes not cast.*

*Nay: Bryan Buck, John Irons, Dan Borer*

*Votes not cast: Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum*

## **10. Amendment to Range Rules and Regulations to allow additional option for indicating timing device starting, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*This defines an alternative method to alert a shooter that is hard of hearing that the timing device has started.*

The Timer Operator shall not hold the timing clock device any farther forward than the shooter's elbow of the arm operating the trigger to prevent injury to the timer operator in the event a mishap occurs. ~~See Safety and Procedure Rule 17.~~ **For a shooter that is hard of hearing and cannot hear the sound of the timing device starting, the Timer Operator shall provide tactile alert by tapping the shooter on the shoulder at the time the timing device sounds the audio alert.** (Added March 2023)

**Bold** text is new, ~~Strikethrough~~ text is deleted.

Dave Scott moved to accept the proposal.

Caroline Buck seconded the motion.

During discussion, some thought this was not necessary to define since it was already being done.

*The motion passed 24 Aye, 2 Nay, 2 Votes not cast.*

*Nay: John Irons. Joe Ray*

*Votes not cast: Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum*

### **11. Addition to Safety and Procedure Rule 3, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*This adds where loaded guns should be located before the shooter is called to the firing line.*

3. No loaded firearms except at the firing line or loading table. **Loaded long guns and pistols shall remain on the loading table until the shooter is called forward to the firing line. Holstering a pistol, then stepping away from the loading table when not called to the firing line will result in a 20 second safety penalty for the first offense. The second offense will result in a match disqualification.**

**Bold** text is new.

*Agenda item to be assigned to a committee for review and refinement.*

### **12. Addition to Safety and Procedure Rule 7, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*This expands on where a long gun can have its action closed.*

7. All long guns will have actions open at all times except **at the loading table**, on the firing line, or when they are in cases.

**Bold** text is new.

Glen Kreilein moved to accept the proposal.

Duane Butt seconded the motion.

*The motion passed 25 Aye, 1 Nay, 2 Votes not cast.*

*Nay: Henry Schlein*

*Votes not cast: Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum*

### **13. Addition to Safety and Procedure Rule 12, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*This clarifies that shooter should not move when a pistol is in hand.*

12. No running under time with a charged firearm in hand. **No walking on the stage with a loaded pistol drawn from the holster and in hand, finger in or out of the trigger guard. If a pistol has not been cocked, the pistol may be re-holstered to allow movement.**

**Bold** text is new.

*Agenda item to be assigned to a committee for review and refinement.*

### **14. Additional clarification to Safety and Procedure Rule 17, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*Some additional clarification is needed to further the safety of the shooter and timer operator, and define loads being fired.*

17. No squib, very light loads, or magnum velocity loads. No jacketed bullets, only cast lead alloy ~~only~~ bullets. Shot is to be lead only, and no larger than #7 1/2's. Only cartridges and velocities approved in The Tally Book are allowed. Shooters may be held responsible for damage caused to a target by too "hot" a load.

**Definitions:**

**"Squib" shall be defined as an inadvertent load too light for the bullet to clear the muzzle of the firearm it was fired in.**



**“Very Light Load” shall be defined as such a load that the timer device cannot pick up all the shots fired in a stage with the timer held no farther forward than the shooter’s elbow.**

**“Magnum Load” shall be defined as a heavy load that exceeds that of a standard black powder load equivalent and may damage targets or target stands.**

**Bold** text is new, ~~Strikethrough~~ text is deleted.

*Agenda item to be assigned to a committee for review and refinement.*

## **15. Additional clarification to Safety and Procedure Rule 17 for handling of squib loads, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*This corrects procedure for percussion firearms which is different than cartridge firearms.*

17a. **Squib in** Cartridge Firearms: When it is suspected a squib load has been fired, the timer operator will stop the shooter immediately. “Suspected” is when the round is too quiet, and no projectile exits the barrel and hits the target or the ground. The firearm shall be taken by the timer operator or designee, muzzle up, to the unloading table where the firearm will be made safe. The shooter may continue the stage with the other firearms. Rounds left in the firearm with the squib load will be counted as misses unless a reshoot has been offered. (Added March 2021).

17b. **Misfire in** Percussion Firearms: When a percussion ~~squib misfire~~ occurs (i.e. the percussion cap fires, but it does not fire the charge of black powder), the timer operator will stop the shooter immediately. The shooter will keep the firearms pointed down range for a minimum of 5 seconds to be sure the round is not a delay fire. ~~Then, the firearm shall be taken by the timer operator or designee, muzzle up, to the unloading table where the firearm will be made safe. The shooter may continue the stage with the other firearms. Rounds left in the firearm with the squib load will be counted as misses unless a reshoot has been offered.~~ **Once the margin of safety time (5 seconds) has been met followed by the shooter visually verifying the ball in the misfire chamber is still present, the shooter may continue until the firearm is empty. If the ball is no longer in the misfire chamber, it is a squib and the firearm shall be handed off to make safe. In the event that it is only a misfire, the shooter may, while still on the clock recap the chamber(s) that did not fire and finish the course of fire. Alternatively, the shooter may simply hand off the revolver after the 5 second period and take misses for all the chambers not fired.** (Added March 2021).

**Bold** text is new, ~~Strikethrough~~ text is deleted.

*Agenda item to be assigned to a committee for review and refinement.*

## **16. Additional sub-paragraphs to Safety and Procedure Rule 17 for handling of Very Light Loads, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*Clarification on how to handle light loads that the timer does not reliably pick up.*

17c. **In the event that a shooter has Very Light Loads that the timer device cannot pick up when held no farther forward than the shooter’s elbow, no reshoot shall be offered. Instead, the raw time shall be that captured on the timer plus five (5) seconds for each shot not registered by the timer device. For example, a stage calls for 15 shots. The timer device records a shot count of 10. Raw time shall be time recorded on the timer plus 25 seconds for the 5 shots not registered by the timer.**

**In the event that the failure for the timer device to pick up all the shots is the fault of the Timer Operator a reshoot shall be offered.**

**Bold** text is new.

*Agenda item to be assigned to a committee for review and refinement.*

## **17. Additional sub-paragraphs to Safety and Procedure Rule 17 for handling of Magnum Loads, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*Clarification on how to handle magnum loads.*



**17d. In the event that a shooter has Magnum Loads that damage targets and/or target stands, the shooter must switch to standard load ammunition to prevent further damage and shall be held responsible for the damage to targets and/or stands. If the shooter does not have standard load ammunition, the shooter shall be disqualified from the match but is still responsible for damage to targets and/or stands.**

**Bold** text is new.

*Agenda item to be assigned to a committee for review and refinement.*

#### **18. Addition to Safety and Procedure Rule 22, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*This clarifies that shooter may not move when pistol is cocked and must be fired from that position.*

22. No cocked firearm with a live round under the hammer may ever leave the shooter's hand except for a malfunction. This also means from one hand to the other. **Once a firearm is cocked with a live round under the hammer, it must be fired from the position the shooter is in without moving, regardless of whether it will result in a procedural penalty.**

**Bold** text is new.

*Agenda item to be assigned to a committee for review and refinement.*

#### **19. Addition to Safety and Procedure Rules to Add a New Rule Specifying Safety Rule Penalties, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*There currently are no specified penalties for safety violations other than dropping a gun. The intent of this proposal is to specify the penalty for other safety rule violations by adding the following rule.*

**26. Any violation of safety rules listed herein results in a 20 second penalty for each offense for that stage, to be assessed by the Timer Operator. The designated counters or other people on the stage are to report a witnessed violation to the Timer Operator, who will consider validity of the report before assessing the penalty. Validity shall be determined by polling members of the posse after the report has been made. Three or more witnesses to the infraction constitute a valid infraction. The Timer Operator shall report the penalty to the scorekeeper before the final score is recorded.**

**Bold** text is new.

*Agenda item to be assigned to a committee for review and refinement.*

#### **20. Addition to Safety and Procedure Rules to Add a New Rule Regarding Safety Violations at the Unloading Table, submitted by Bryan Buck**

*The intent of this proposal is to specify the penalty for safety rule violations at the unloading table by adding the following rule.*

**27. At the unloading table, the following shall apply. The unloading table officer shall report any of the following infractions to the Timer Operator before the final score for the stage is recorded.**

**27a. An empty case left in a long gun is a 20 second penalty for each offense. There shall be no disqualification as there is no danger from an empty case, but it is a rules infraction.**

**27b. A live round in a long gun with the action closed or pistol when firearm has not been grounded for a malfunction, results in a stage disqualification (DQ), the second offense results in a match DQ.**

**27c. A live round found in a long gun with action open, 1st offense 20 second penalty for safety violation, second infraction results in a match DQ.**

**Bold** text is new.

*Agenda item to be assigned to a committee for review and refinement.*

**21. Addition to the Safety and Procedure Rules to Add a New Rule for Undocumented Practices used for Reshoots and Restarts, submitted by Thomas Spanton/Bryan Buck**

*To give direction to club officers and uniformity to matches, the following addition to the bylaws is proposed. This proposal is presented to put into written format what has been practiced by NCOWS.*

**28. Reshoots and Restarts.** If a malfunction occurs during a stage at a Regional level shoot or above, one, and only one, reshoot will be allowed.

**28a.** If the competitor has a malfunction during a timed portion of a stage and wishes to claim a malfunction, they must ground their firearm and raise both of their hands thus interrupting the course of fire. If the malfunction is not the result of a shooter problem, the shooter will be allowed to reshoot that stage. This will be the only reshoot granted. If, however, it is the result of a shooter error (e.g. forgetting to load the gun, loading the incorrect ammunition, squib, safety still on, etc.), it is a shooter problem and not eligible for a reshoot. The final time for this stage will be time on the Timing Device plus penalties for misses plus any procedural and/or safety penalties plus 10 seconds for each round not fired.

**28b.** If there is a range failure (e.g. failure of props, timer failure/unrecorded time, Timer Operator error or Stage Marshal interference, etc.) beyond the competitor's control, a reshoot may be granted. This reshoot does not count against the "only one reshoot".

**28c.** On a reshoot, the competitor starts over clean, carrying only accrued safety penalties forward.

**28d.** Restarts shall be allowed for a competitor to achieve a "clean" start before the first round goes down range. A restart can be claimed when the timer has started, but the shooter has not picked up any weapon, and the shooter was not ready for whatever reason (e.g. not understanding the stage procedure, did not hear the timer start, etc.). Multiple restarts by the same shooter, that in the judgment of the Stage Marshal or Timer Operator are seen to be "taking advantage," will not be entertained as they are not in the "Cowboy Code."

**Bold** text is new.

Paul Weller moved to accept the proposal.

John Covert seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Dave Scott to sever 28, 28a, 28b, 28c, 28d into individual motions.

Mike Tatham seconded the motion to amend the motion.

*The motion to amend failed 9 Aye, 16 Nay, 1 abstention, 2 Votes not cast.*

*Aye: Mike Scott, Gary Davison (proxy by John Newton), Anastasia Hope, John Hoker, Dan Borer, Dave Scott, Mike Tatham, Alex Ray, Joe Ray*

*Abstention: Mark Ward (proxy by Patrick Postell)*

*Votes not cast: Robert Duff, Larry Quattlebaum*

During discussion, the following was brought up. Not clear what are malfunctions or range failures. Some items are not clearly defined. The proposal could use more work.

*After discussion, the motion was withdrawn without objection.*

There being no further new business, Dave Scott moved to adjourn.

Mike Scott seconded the motion.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

The 2024 meeting of the 46<sup>th</sup> Territorial Congress adjourned at 9:20pm.

## Appendix A – Banker’s Reports

### NCOWS ANNUAL REPORT 2023

1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023

#### INCOME

23-Convention	\$ 492.83
23-Nationals	\$ 888.00
23-Posse Renewal	\$ 70.41
24-Convention	\$ 595.00
24-Posse Renewal	\$ 243.95
Interest Income	\$ 30.12
Membership	\$ 13,591.70
Merchandise	\$ 533.85
Shootist Advertising	\$ 850.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 17,295.86</b>

#### EXPENSES

Insurance	\$ (10,573.75)
Merchandise Postage	\$ (13.38)
Office	\$ (3,944.42)
Shootist	\$ (7,112.81)
Shootist Postage	\$ (109.40)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (21,753.76)</b>

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 17,295.86</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (21,753.86)</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>\$ (4,458.00)</b>

# Convention 2023

## INCOME

11/28/2022	Registration	Schlein Conventioneer	\$ 65.00
12/1/2022	Registration	Caciatore Conventioneer	\$ 105.00
12/7/2022	Registration	Carder	\$ 65.00
12/8/2022	Registration	1 Vendor, 1 Conventioneer	\$ 130.00
12/16/2022	Registration	Schwier & Brunnermer	\$ 180.00
12/16/2022	Registration	H.B. Brown	\$ 115.00
12/27/2022	Registration	Richard Boyd	\$ 65.00
1/3/2023	Registration	Weller	\$ 65.00
1/9/2023	Registration	5 Conventioneer, 1 Vendor	\$ 390.00
1/21/2023	Renewal	Abels aka Red River Trading	\$ 155.00
1/23/2023	Registration	5 Conventioneer, 1 Vedor	\$ 415.00
2/3/2023	Registration	3 Conventioneer, 2 Vendors	\$ 495.00
2/3/2023	Registration	Kakavecos Family	\$ 260.00
2/3/2023	Registration	4 Conventioneer, 1 Vendor	\$ 350.00
2/6/2023	Registration	Findley	\$ 105.00
2/9/2023	Registration	5 Conventioneer, 1 Vendor	\$ 350.00
2/13/2023	Registration	Brickley & Hillman	\$ 275.00
2/14/2023	Registration	Scott, Borer, Mears, Marion	\$ 390.00
3/2/2023	Registration	Jackie Kirkeby	\$ 80.00
3/2/2023	Registration	Dee Burgess	\$ 130.00
3/2/2023	Registration	A. Ray	\$ 65.00
3/5/2023	Registration	Torrence, Marter	\$ 235.00
3/12/2023	Registration	Kidwell	\$ 105.00
3/30/2023	Registrations	Scott, Consatable & Channel	\$ 310.00
3/30/2023	Sponsorship	Bear Wallow Distillery	\$ 25.00
3/30/2023	Pistol Raffle	Cash	\$ 1,380.00
3/30/2023	Knife Raffle	Cash	\$ 65.00
3/30/2023	Walk Ins	Cash	\$ 360.00
3/30/2023	Late Registrations	Cash	\$ 355.00
3/30/2023	Registration	Cash Theresa Scott additional tables	\$ 50.00
		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 7,135.00</b>

## EXPENSE

3/26/2023	SMVS	Posse Payment	\$ (1,000.00)
3/26/2023	The Seasons Lodge	Banquet & Hall Rental	\$ (4,452.00)
4/1/2023	SMVS	Booklet Printing	\$ (465.17)
		<b>TOTAL EXPENCE</b>	<b>\$ (5,917.17)</b>

		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 7,135.00
		<b>TOTAL EXPENCE</b>	\$ (5,917.17)
		<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ 1,217.83</b>

# 2023 NATIONALS

## INCOME

1/3/2023	Registration	Weller	\$ 95.00
1/9/2023	Registration	Cacchiatore	\$ 95.00
1/23/2023	Registration	Liebrandt	\$ 180.00
2/3/2023	Registration	Melton	\$ 105.00
2/3/2023	Registration	Boyd	\$ 75.00
2/3/2023	Registration	Carder	\$ 105.00
2/9/2023	Registration	Schlein	\$ 95.00
2/13/2023	Registration	Kreilein & Bozarth	\$ 190.00
2/14/2023	Registration	Butt & Schwier	\$ 210.00
3/6/2023	Registration	Buck	\$ 150.00
4/10/2023	Registration	Abels	\$ 105.00
4/18/2023	Registration	Ray	\$ 95.00
5/2/2023	Registration	Kahre, Postell, Smith	\$ 225.00
5/9/2023	Registration	Bursovsky, Torrence, Estrada, Birk	\$ 405.00
5/11/2023	Registration	Irons, Covert, Schirmer, Bench	\$ 330.00
5/16/2023	Registration	Liford, Gallardo, Spearman	\$ 315.00
5/21/2023	Registration	Sherwood	\$ 80.00
5/30/2023	Registration	Hope, Tatham, Borer, Ryan	\$ 400.00
6/13/2023	Registrations	9 Registrations or additions	\$ 660.00
6/13/2023	Gun Raffle	Cash	\$ 425.00
6/13/2023	Knife Raffle	Cash	\$ 100.00
6/13/2023	Side Matches	Cash	\$ 13.00
9/14/2023	Unknown	Cash found in Vest Pocket	\$ 60.00
		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 4,513.00</b>

## EXPENSE

5/10/2023	St John The Baptist Hall	Banquet Hall Rental	\$ (350.00)
6/13/2023	KVC	Posse Fee	\$ (500.00)
6/13/2023	Elaine Bones	Banquet Meal	\$ (700.00)
7/3/2023	Free State Rangers	Range Rental	\$ (2,075.00)
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (3,625.00)</b>

		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 4,513.00</b>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (3,625.00)</b>
		<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ 888.00</b>