

National Congress of Old West Shootists

Minutes of the 40th Congress, Davenport IA March 16, 2018

6:30 PM

Senate and Representative Caucus

Representative Caucus: Nine Representatives were in attendance and five Representatives by proxy (see Roll Call). Three Representatives were absent. Representative Tom Spanton was elected to the position of Chair of the Territorial Representatives.

Senate Caucus: Thirteen Senators were in attendance and two Senators by proxy (see Roll Call). Senator Mark Smith was elected as Chair of the Territorial Senate.

7:00 PM

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Marshall Tatham called the Congress to order at 7:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call.

Senators present: David Birk, Bryan Buck, Caroline Buck, John Hoker, John Irons, Patrick Postell, Alex Ray, Joe Ray, Dave Scott, Mark Smith, Mike Tatham, John Torrence, Reed Van Ness

Present by Proxy: Ted Beechler, Michael Fischer

Territorial Representatives present: Len Abels, Duane Butt, Gary Davison, Anastasia Hope, John Saffran, Henry Schlein, Mike Scott, Thomas Spanton, Jay West

Present by Proxy: Larry Davis, Cliff Fendley, Paul Jacobson, Kenneth Miller, Mark Ward

Absent: John Holmes, Russ Sebetka, Steve Sagaser

Note that shortly before the meeting of Congress, Russ Sebetka withdrew the Cedar Valley Vigilance Committee from NCOWS as a charter Posse.

Installation of New Senators and Representatives

Deputy Marshal Mike Tatham presided over the swearing in of new Territorial Representatives and new Territorial Senators.

Election of Officers

Marshal, Mike Tatham

Deputy Marshal, John Hoker

Banker, Joe Ray

Secretary, Bryan Buck
Judge, John Torrence
Chair of the Territorial Senate, Mark Smith
Chair of the Territorial Representatives, Tom Spanton
Editor, John Irons remains appointed

Presentation of Minutes of the 38th Congress

A call to read the minutes from the 38th Congress was made.
John Torrence moved to have Congress accept the minutes as posted and published in the magazine.

Seconded by Caroline Buck.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bankers Report

Banker's report was prepared by Banker Joe Ray and was sent to Ted Beechler for review. No response was given.

The three reports that were presented were disseminated by Joe Ray and included

1. 2017 Treasurer's Annual Report
2. 2017 National Convention
3. 2017 National Shoot Report

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

Motion to accept the bankers report was made by Caroline Buck, Seconded by Henry Schlein.

Motion carried unanimously

Reports of Other Officers

General informative reports were made by the Judge and the Editor. No action by Congress was required.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Marshal Mike Tatham addressed agenda items for the 40th Congress, 2018 in the order of the published agenda. Below new business, the published numbers of the agenda items are retained to avoid confusion.

1. Proposal to revert classes to 2016 classes – submitted by John Torrence

This proposal is for reversion of the shooting classes to what they were in 2016, prior to the change in Congress, 2017. *The requirement for a minimum of 3 participants in a class to shoot for awards at the regional and national level is to be retained.*

10-1 There shall be forty-eight shooting classes by means of four categories:

— Gender

— Age

— Powder

— Number of Firearms

These categories are divided as such:

Gender: Men, Women

Age: Sub-junior (age 12 and under), Junior (13-17), Adult (age 18 and older), Elder (age 70 and older)

Style: Traditional, Open

Number of Firearms: Four-gun (two pistol, one rifle, one shotgun), Three-gun (two pistol, one rifle),

Two-gun (one pistol, one rifle)

Shooting Classes Breakdown					
Gender	Age	Style*	Number of Firearms		
			4-Gun (2P,1R,1S)	3-Gun (2P,1R)	2-Gun (1P,1R)
Men	Sub-junior (12 and under)	Traditional	1	2	3
		Open	4	5	6
	Junior (13-17)	Traditional	7	8	9
		Open	10	11	12
	Adult (18+)	Traditional	13	14	15
		Open	16	17	18
	Elder (70+)	Traditional	19	20	21
		Open	22	23	24
Women	Sub-junior (12 and under)	Traditional	25	26	27
		Open	28	29	30
	Junior (13-17)	Traditional	31	32	33
		Open	34	35	36
	Adult (18+)	Traditional	37	38	39
		Open	40	41	42
	Elder (70+)	Traditional	43	44	45
		Open	46	47	48 classes

*-Traditional (one handed hold with black powder or approved black powder substitute) and Open (one hand hold or two hand hold with smokeless, two hand hold with black powder or approved black powder substitute).

Pistoleer (4 gun and 3 gun) and Originals remain unaffected, for total of 51 classes

Men's and Women's Four Gun Pistoleer: Shooter uses two pistols, one shotgun, and one pistol caliber rifle. Shooters are restricted to the use of percussion revolvers, pre-1873 percussion or original/authentic reproductions of rim fire cartridge pocket pistols, exposed hammer double barreled shotguns (percussion or cartridge) and reproduction or original pre-1873 pistol caliber repeating rifles (e.g. 1860 Henry, Spencer, 1866 Winchester, etc.) Shooters must shoot black powder or approved black powder substitute in all firearms except those chambered for rim fire cartridges. Pistols and revolvers must be shot one-handed. Pistoleer shooters will shoot the same course of fire as the other competitors except that in a stage requiring more than two shotgun rounds the Pistoleer shooter would not be required to shoot the extra rounds.

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Men's and Women's Originals: Shooter uses two guns, one rifle and one pistol to complete the course of fire. This class must be shot duelist/traditional style. Must have three originals present to have the class. For complete rules and regulations see Appendix A at the back of the Tally Book.

In addition to these classes, Chartered Clubs and special events may offer additional classes so long as they adhere to the general outline of these By Laws. (Amended March, 2011) (Amended June 2013)

10-1 NCOWS shooting classes are unique and offer the shooter a greater variety of firearm options. These options are in keeping with the various ways in which someone might have equipped themselves in the Old West. All NCOWS shooting classes, as established by By-Law must be made available to all shooters at each National, Regional or Charter Posse Shoot. These classes shall be:

Men's and Women's Four Gun Smokeless Shootist: Shooter uses two pistols, one shotgun, and one pistol caliber rifle. Shooters may shoot smokeless powder and may fire handguns using a two-handed grip.

Men's and Women's Three Gun Smokeless Shootist: Shooter uses two pistols and one pistol caliber rifle. Shooters may shoot smokeless powder and may fire handguns using a two-handed grip.

Men's and Women's Two Gun Smokeless Shootist Working Cowboy: Shooter uses one pistol and one pistol caliber rifle. No Gun Carts are to be used at any time. Shooters may shoot smokeless powder and may fire handguns using a two-handed grip.

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Men's and Women's Four Gun Seniors: Shall be open to those over age 60 only. Shooter uses two pistols, one rifle and one shotgun. May use any of the above shooting styles.

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Men's and Women's Two Gun Seniors: Shall be open to those over age 60 only. Shooter uses one pistol and one rifle. May use any of the above shooting styles.

Men's and Women's Four Gun Elder: Shall Be open to those over the age of 70 only. Shooter uses two pistols, one rifle and one shotgun. May use any of the above shooting styles.

Men's and Women's Three Gun Elder:

Shall be open to those over the age of 70 only. Shooter uses two pistols and one rifle. May use any of the above shooting styles.

Men's and Women's Two Gun Elder: Shall be open to those over the age of 70 only. Shooter uses one pistol and one rifle. May use any of the above shooting styles.

Boy's and Girl's Four Gun Juniors: Shall be open to those 12 through 17 only. Shooter uses two pistols, one rifle and one shotgun. May use any of the above shooting styles.

Boy's and Girl's Two Gun Juniors: Shall be open to those 12 through 17 only. Shooter uses one pistol and one rifle. May use any of the above shooting styles.

Men's and Women's Originals: Shooter uses two guns, one rifle and one pistol to complete the course of fire. This class must be shot duelist/traditional style. Must have three originals present to have the class. For complete rules and regulations see [Appendix A](#) at the back of the Tally Book.

In addition to these classes, Chartered Clubs and special events may offer additional classes so long as they adhere to the general outline of these By-Laws.

Bold is new text, strike-through text is removed

John Hoker moved to accept the proposal.

Bryan Buck seconded the motion.

After discussion, John Irons moved to amend the motion by adding "to take effect immediately". Henry Schlein seconded the motion.

Motion to amend to "This proposal is for reversion of the shooting classes to what they were in 2016, prior to the change in Congress, 2017, to take effect immediately." Carried unanimously.

Len Abels called the question.

Motion Passed with a vote of 28 Aye, 1 Nay

Nay: Dave Scott.

2. Proposed Changes to Unapproved List – submitted by John Torrence

Because the Winchester/Miroku 1866 rifles and carbines have the same factory short stroke as the Winchester/Miroku 1873, the Authenticity Committee recommends that it be added to the unapproved list. An illustration, with Winchester/Miroku on top of a standard Uberti, levers fully pivoted, was provided for review.

[Proposed Unapproved List, Rifles]

Winchester '94 with angle eject
Henry Big Boy and all other models
Modern lever-action rifles in current production equipped with angle eject,
ramped front sight.
H&R Buffalo Classic
Beretta Renegade (an 1873 w/factory installed short stroke)
Winchester **1866 and** 1873 made by Miroku

Bold is new text

Mike Scott moved accept the proposal.
Robert Chenault seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Illustration addition to Holster regulations in the Unapproved list – submitted by Duane Butt

This proposal is to add an image to the Tally Book to illustrate the acceptable and unacceptable holster coverage, to augment the words in the Tally Book under Not Approved Holsters.

Bryan Buck moved to accept the motion
Anastasia Hope seconded the motion

The image submitted was a pdf file with hand written notes and photographs of actual rigs.

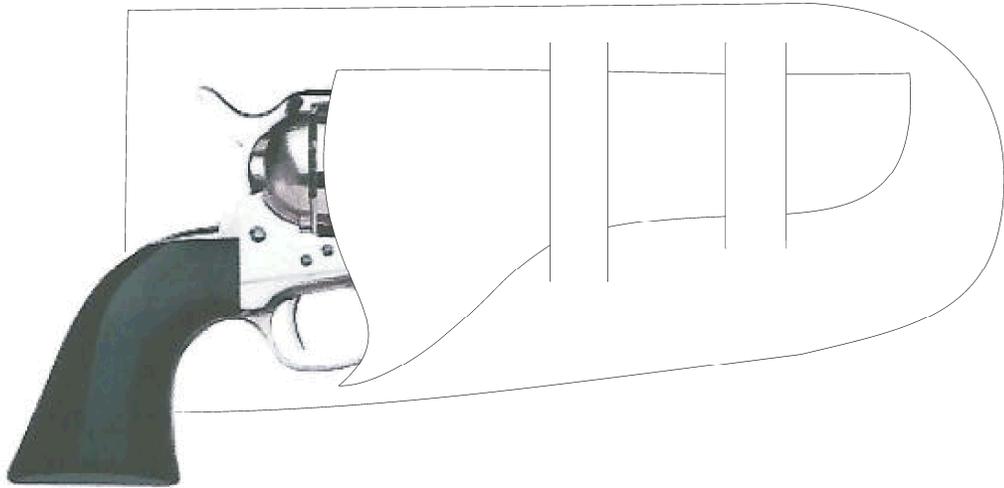
Bryan Buck made a motion to amend the proposal to remove the photos of actual rigs and to clean up the illustration with a superimposed drawing of acceptable and unacceptable holster coverage, to be drawn by Bryan Buck.

Motion to amend was seconded by Dave Scott
Motion to amend passed unanimously

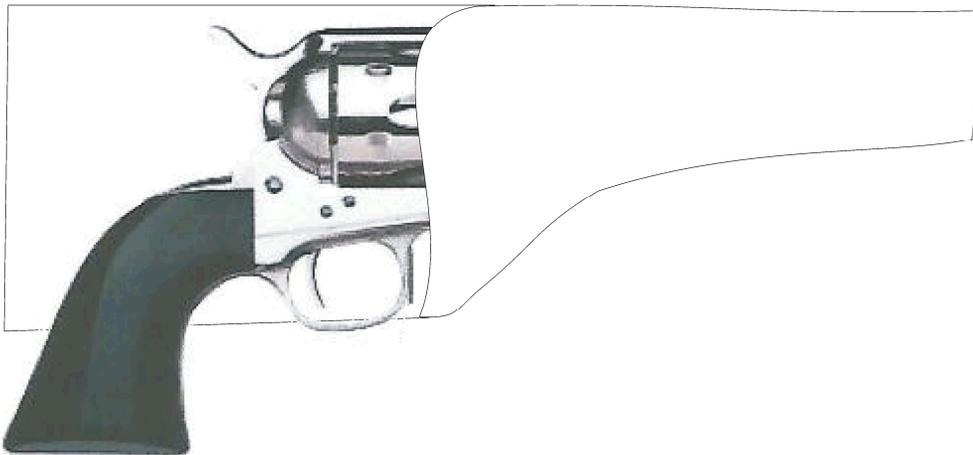
Mike Owen moved accept the proposal.
Mark Smith seconded the motion.

The amended motion passed unanimously

Images of the revised minimum acceptable holster coverage and the unacceptable coverage are included in these minutes for completeness.



Minimum Acceptable Holster Coverage



Unacceptable Holster Coverage

4. By-Law cleanup proposal – submitted by John Irons

Purpose of this proposal is to separate “Shooting Classes” from the other miscellaneous rules and regulations.

Rename By-Law 10 to “SHOOTING CLASSES”

Change name of By-Law 10 from “Rules and Regulations” to “Shooting Classes”

Create By-Law 11 “NCOWS RULES AND REGULATIONS”

Add miscellaneous rules and regulations to By-Law 11 Beginning with “No matte-finished or brushed-finish stainless steel firearms are allowed except as specifically exempted in these Rules and Regulations, e.g. only those stainless steel firearms whose finish resembles an original nickel-plated finish. No modern commemorative firearms shall be allowed”, and ending with “...22 caliber hand guns for main stages are to be pocket pistol/derringers; only. .22 revolvers and rifles are restricted in use for specialty shoots only. Single-Shot cartridge rifles shall weigh no more than twenty (20) pounds for official NCOWS competition. “

Bryan Buck moved accept the proposal.

Reed Van Ness seconded the motion.

The amended motion passed unanimously

5. Proposal to separate the Senior and Elder classes by choice of powder and type of hold. Submitted by John Irons

Under 10.1

Replace (strike-through text to be removed):

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With new text:

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Men's and Women's Elder Four Gun Smokeless Shootist: Shall be open to those over the age of 70 only. Shooter uses two pistols, one shotgun, and one pistol caliber rifle. Shooters may shoot smokeless powder and may fire handguns using a two-handed grip.

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Bryan Buck moved accept the proposal.

Mike Scott seconded the motion.

The motion passed 26 Aye, 3 Nay

Nay: Gary Davison, Cliff Fendley, Kenneth Miller (by Robert Chenault proxy)

Discussion on 2019 Convention – 2018 hosts willing to present the convention again in 2019. The Executive Committee will accept proposals for the 2019 Convention.

2018 National Shoot was confirmed to be 6-9 June 2018.

There being no further new business, Caroline Buck moved to adjourn.

Henry Schlein seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The 2017 meeting of the 39th Territorial Congress adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Appendix A – Banker's Reports

BANKER'S REPORT 1/1/2017-12/31/2017

		INCOME	
CATEGORY			AMOUNT
17-National Shoot			\$ 1,766.37
17-Convention			\$ 4,226.62
Interest Income			\$ 5.87
Membership			\$ 17,972.69
Shootist Advertising			\$ 822.00
		TOTAL INCOME	\$ 24,793.55
		EXPENSE	
18-Convention			\$ 575.00
Insurance			\$ 7,391.00
Office			\$ 1,416.43
Office Rent			\$ 228.00
Postage & Delivery			\$ 401.53
Shootist			\$ 8,745.75
Merchandise			\$ 855.20
		TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 19,612.91
		INCOME	\$ 24,793.55
		EXPENSE	\$ (19,612.91)
		NET INCOME	\$ 5,180.64
1/1/2017	Cash on Hand/Beginning Balance		\$ 28,043.36
12/31/2017	Cash on Hand/Ending Balance		\$ 33,223.90
		NET INCOME	\$ 5,180.64

2017 CONVENTION

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Tag	Amount
17-Convention						
			Radisson Quad City			\$
9/22/2016	Checking	2156	Plaza	Convention Deposit		(1,000.00)
						\$
9/29/2016	Checking	2157	Lockton Risk Services	Rider for Crown Plaza Quad City		(25.00)
						\$
11/16/2016	Checking	DEP	Deposit	3 Vendors		340.00
						\$
12/28/2016	Checking	DEP	Deposit	1 Vendor, 9 Conventioneers		675.00
						\$
1/12/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	5 Conventioneers, 2 Vendors		555.00
						\$
1/26/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	3 Conventioneers, 2 Vendors		465.00
						\$
1/28/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	6 Conventioneers, 4 Vendors		830.00
						\$
2/6/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	9 Conventioneers, 5 Vendors		1,005.00
						\$
2/13/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	11 Conventioneers, 1 Vendors		640.00
						\$
2/17/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	5 Conventioneers, 2 Vendors 1 Donation		600.00
						\$
2/28/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	5 Conventioneers, 4 Vendors		625.00
						\$
3/14/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	10 Conventioneers, 1 Vendors		630.00
			Radisson Quad City			\$
3/14/2017	Checking	2163	Plaza	Convention Payment		(4,825.22)
						\$
3/15/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	6 Conventioneers		395.00
			Radisson Quad City			\$
3/25/2017	Checking	2165	Plaza	Convention Payment		(625.16)
						\$
3/25/2017	Checking	2166	Joe Nobilery Band	Convention Intertainment		(375.00)
						\$
3/26/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	Pistol Shoot		55.00
						\$
3/26/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	Banquet Photo's		235.00
						\$
3/26/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	Raffle & Silent Auction		1,127.00
						\$
3/26/2017	Checking	DEP	Deposit	Walk ons and Late Registration		1,655.00
						\$
			TOTAL			2,981.62

2017 NATIONAL SHOOT

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
INCOME				
4/7/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 4	\$ 360.00
4/25/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 6	\$ 525.00
4/28/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 2	\$ 190.00
5/4/2017	DEP	Deposit	Ron Sayre	\$ 95.00
5/5/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration Steve Channel	\$ 105.00
5/9/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 5	\$ 395.00
5/12/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 2	\$ 170.00
5/15/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 2	\$ 250.00
5/15/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 3, Jr Renewal 1	\$ 280.00
5/19/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 4	\$ 330.00
5/25/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 2	\$ 160.00
5/26/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 5	\$ 435.00
6/1/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 3	\$ 235.00
6/6/2017	DEP	Deposit	Registration 4	\$ 360.00
6/26/2017	DEP	Deposit	On Site Registrations	\$ 2,890.00
			TOTAL	\$ 6,780.00
EXPENSES				
5/18/2017	2170	Ron Sayre	Refund for Nationals due to illness	\$ 95.00
6/10/2017	2173	Jay West	Shoot Booklet Printing	\$ 215.00
		West Side Sportsman's Club		
6/10/2017	2174	West Side Sportsman's Club	Shoot Fee	\$ 2,625.00
		West Side Sportsman's Club		
6/10/2017	2175	Blue Ribbon Awards	Banquest	\$ 1,174.50
6/24/2017	2176	Roger Ragland	Badges	\$ 214.15
6/26/2017	2177	John Holmes	Refund unable to attend due to illness	\$ 75.00
6/26/2017	2178		Refund unable to attend due to illness	\$ 75.00
			TOTAL	\$ 4,378.65
			TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,780.00
			TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ (4,378.65)
				\$ 2,401.35