

National Congress of Old West Shootists

Minutes of the 42nd Congress, Online

April 2nd, 2020 to May 1st, 2020

Due to cancelation of the 2020 NCOWS Convention resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the normal Congress meeting did not happen. It was decided by the Executive Committee to have the Congress vote on required Congress meeting items using email.

Roll Call

Senators by Email: Bryan Buck, Caroline Buck, John Covert, John Hoker, John Irons, Dart Liebrandt, Patrick Postell, Alex Ray, Joe Ray, Dave Scott, Mark Smith, Mike Tatham, John Torrence, Reed Van Ness, Mike Owen.

Territorial Representatives by Email: Len Abels, Duane Butt, Gary Davison, Cliff Fendley, John Holmes, Anastasia Hope, Kenneth Miller, Michael Hansen, Larry Quattlebaum, Henry Schlein, Mike Scott, Thomas Spanton, Mark Ward.

Election of Officers

March 16th

Marshal Tatham Appointed a nominating committee to put together a slate of officers for the coming year. Committee Chair – Dave Scott, Committeemen – Cliff Fendley and Reed Van Ness.

April 2nd

After proper discussion, diligence and deliberation, the appointed Nominating Committee, consisting of Chairing Senator Dave Scott (IN), Senator Reed Van Ness (WI) and Representative Cliff Fendley (KY), as requested has considered the NCOWS election of officers for 2020 and reached the following recommendations in light of the necessary cancellation of the Annual Convention.

It is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that:

1) *The existing officers from 2019 should be re-elected to another one-year term and serve for the duration of 2020 (Mike Tatham Marshal, John Hoker Deputy Marshal, Joe Ray Banker, Bryan Buck Judge, John Irons Editor, John Torrence Senate Delegate, Tom Spanton Representative Delegate); and*

2) *The office of Secretary – currently vacant – should be put to a vote of the Congress, between the two candidates who have offered their names for consideration at this time. Those candidates being*

Senator Patrick Postell (TX)

Representative Henry Schlein (SC)

3) *The method of balloting is, of course, at the discretion of the Marshal and the Executive Committee, however, email balloting is recommended by the Nominating Committee.*

The Acting Secretary Buck emailed to the Congress two items are to be voted on. The first is to re-elect all the current officers, as they have agreed to serve another year. The second is to fill the vacant Secretary office, where we have two candidates. Votes needed to be returned to Acting Secretary Bryan Buck by April 16, 2020.

Item 1: Please vote Aye or Nay

Item 2: Please vote for one candidate for Secretary – Senator Patrick Postell or Representative Henry Schlein

April 16th

Tally of votes for the officers. There are 28 members of congress. There were two members that did not provide a vote. Since this is ordinarily a secret ballot, only final totals will be provided.

Item 1 to re-elect all the current officers: 26 votes Aye to keep existing officers, 2 votes not cast

Item 2 the Secretary office: 19 Postell, 7 Schlein, 2 votes not cast

New Officers:

Marshal, Mike Tatham

Deputy Marshal, John Hoker

Banker, Joe Ray

Secretary, Patrick Postell

Judge, Bryan Buck

Chair of the Territorial Senate, John Torrence

Chair of the Territorial Representatives, Tom Spanton

Editor, John Irons

Banker Report

Banker's report was prepared by Banker Joe Ray.

The three reports that were prepared included

1. 2019 Treasurer's Annual Report
2. 2019 National Convention Report
3. 2019 National Shoot Report

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

Reports of Other Officers

None presented

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

The Executive Committee discussed how to have the Congress vote on the 2020 Congress Agenda items.

April 13th

Marshal Tatham moved to email the 2020 Congress Agenda items to the members of the NCOWS congress giving them 2 weeks to vote Aye or Nay on each item. This voting is to take place after the officer election is complete.

Senator Irons seconded the motion.

The Executive Committee passed motion with a vote of 6 Aye, 1 Vote Not Cast: Senator Hoker.

April 16th

The 6 agenda items were emailed to the NCOWS Congress Members with instructions to return their Aye or Nay votes for each item the NCOWS Secretary by May 1st.

May 1st

Results of email voting

1. Addition to the “Unapproved List”, submitted by Bryan Buck

The Authenticity Committee recommends the following be added to the Unapproved list in the Revolvers Section:

Single action Colt 1873 and replicas thereof with octagonal barrels.

Bold is new text

Motion carried with a vote of 23 Aye, 0 Nay, 5 votes not cast

Vote not cast: Representative Kenneth Miller, Representative Mike Hansen, Representative Larry Quattlebaum, Senator Alex Ray, Senator Reed Van Ness.

2. Addition to the “Unapproved List”, submitted by Bryan Buck

The Authenticity Committee recommends the following be added to the Unapproved list under the Rifles section:

Henry Repeating Arms Side Gate Lever Action, all calibers.

Bold is new text

Motion carried with a vote of 23 Aye, 0 Nay, 5 votes not cast

Vote not cast: Representative Kenneth Miller, Representative Mike Hansen, Representative Larry Quattlebaum, Senator Alex Ray, Senator Reed Van Ness.

3. Appendix A Cleanup, Submitted by Bryan Buck

Rule 6 to be deleted since Originals Class no longer uses a shotgun

~~6. Shotgun gauges are limited to 16, 12, and 10. Brass or paper shot shells. Subject to the same propellant requirements.~~

6. Deleted

Strike through text to be deleted. Bold text is new.

Motion carried with a vote of 23 Aye, 0 Nay, 5 votes not cast

Vote not cast: Representative Kenneth Miller, Representative Mike Hansen, Representative Larry Quattlebaum, Senator Alex Ray, Senator Reed Van Ness.

4. Additional Text for Regional Event Approval, submitted by John Irons

3-8-d-1 Regional Events

Regional events differ from normal posse multi-day shoots in that they must adhere strictly to all NCOWS categories, rules, and regulations. This means local posse variations, additional categories, prize awards, etc. are not allowed. The event would only be open to NCOWS members, however the discounted membership for “New” members is allowed. Shooting medals would be available from NCOWS at cost, plus shipping. They also would be able to advertise the event on the NCOWS website, The Shootist magazine and on CasCity as a Regional Event.

3-8-d-2 Any posse or group of members may petition the Executive Committee to hold a Regional Shooting event. The petition must list the dates and location of the event and identify what region of the country it would represent e.g. 'Midwest; Southwest, Northeast, etc'.

3-8-d-3 Petitions must be received by the Executive Committee at least six months in advance. Multiple petitions for the same dates will not be allowed. Petitions may not be identified as the same region. But a Midwest and a South Central or North Central would be allowed.

3-8-d-4 The NCOWS Executive Committee shall act upon the petition or petitions within 30 days. The Marshal shall make a motion to approve the petition.

Motion carried with a vote of 22 Aye, 1 Nay, 5 votes not cast

Nay: Senator Dart Liebrandt.

Vote not cast: Representative Kenneth Miller, Representative Mike Hansen, Representative Larry Quattlebaum, Senator Alex Ray, Senator Reed Van Ness.

5. Proposal to allow the .45 Cowboy Special as an accepted NCOWS caliber, submitted by Joe Ray

My thought process started on this subject when a prospective member was wanting to use the .45 Spl. As a young boy he remembered shooting a .45 Colt gallery load on his grandfather's ranch in North Western Colorado. The EC told him we do not allow the .45 Spl and there was no documentation for a .45 Colt gallery load. Recently, there has been a thread on the Colt Forum (not CASCITY) concerning the same memories from the other participants of this thread.

This gallery load was most likely surplus .450 Adams. The British Govt issued the Adams revolver to Canadian police in the early 1870's. The .450 Adams has several names: .450 Adams, .450 Boxer, .450 Eley, and .450 Colt. This cartridge is basically a .45 Colt .62" in length with a thin rim. After 1900 American ammunition manufactures sold the .450 Adams surplus as .450 Colt for \$16 per 1000. The British .450's and .455 Webley will chamber in a Colt cylinder and they will fire with the thin rim. To me this proves the .45 Colt gallery load. One of the attachments is page 18 of the Hartley & Graham 1882 catalog which lists the .450 Adams and the .45 Webley. This proves availability in the US.

The .45 Spl has a .889-.92 length. The .45 Spl is for all practical purposes a .455 Webley Mark I with a thicker rim. Colt sold the SAA chambered in .455 Eley which is the same cartridge as the Mark I. The modern .455 Webley Mark II is shorter than the Mark I.

Colt built around 1% of the Single Action Army production in the British calibers. Colt shipping records show list SAA's shipped to England in the following calibers: .450 Boxer, .450 Eley, .455 Eley and .476 Eley. The .476 is the only one that will not chamber in a standard .45 Colt SAA. Many of these single actions returned to America with the English cattle barons. These were rich Englishmen who invested in the American ranching/beef industry during the late 1870's thru the great blizzard of Jan 9, 1887, which destroyed many ranches in the west and caused a lot of foreign investors to get out of the cattle business.

The .45 Spl will also closely replicate the size and ballistic characteristics of the .44 Henry Flat better than the .44 Russian cartridge does. As you can see, by the chart below, the .45 Spl is a close match to the Henry round.

| | 44 Henry | 44 Russian | 44 Colt (Modern) | 45 Special |
|-----------------|----------|------------|------------------|------------|
| Bullet Diameter | .446" | .430" | .430" | .452" |
| Case Length | .892" | .961" | 1.097" | .890" |
| Case Capacity | 25-28 gr | 24.4 gr | 30.6 gr | 25.1 gr |

I will admit that the original intent of the .45 Spl is a gamer load to lighten the recoil of their pistols to shoot black powder really fast. That being said, I believe we are not being true to our history if we do not allow the .45 Cowboy Special. The .45 Cowboy Special is no more than a modern adaptation of an older cartridge as are several of the rounds already in use i.e. .357 Mag, .44 Special and .44 Magnum. If the .45 Special is not allowed, we ought to remove these modern cartridges as well.

Motion failed with a vote of 9 Aye, 14 Nay, 5 votes not cast

Aye: Representative Len Abels, Representative Duane Butt, Representative John Holmes, Representative Henry Schlein, Representative Mike Scott, Representative Tom Spanton, Senator Dart Liebrandt, Senator Joe Ray, Senator John Torrence.

Vote not cast: Representative Kenneth Miller, Representative Mike Hansen, Representative Larry Quattlebaum, Senator Alex Ray, Senator Reed Van Ness.

6. Proposal to amend by-laws with method of replacing a Senator who cannot complete the term, submitted by Bryan Buck

3-9 In the event that a Senator is not capable of completing his or her elected term, a *pro tempore* Senator shall be appointed by the Marshal to complete the term of office.

3-9-a The Executive Committee may solicit names from the general membership if no candidate comes forward on their own accord.

3-9-b The Executive Committee shall review potential candidates for *pro tempore* Senator. The Marshal then shall select a candidate for appointment.

3-9-c The Executive Committee shall then accept a motion from within the Executive Committee for the candidate. Once seconded, the Executive Committee shall vote on whether the Marshal shall appoint the proposed candidate. A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required to accept the Marshal's appointment.

3-9-d At the end of the term to be completed, the *pro tempore* Senator has the right to run for election in the general Senate election.

Motion carried with a vote of 22 Aye, 1 Nay, 5 votes not cast

Nay: Senator Dave Scott.

Vote not cast: Representative Kenneth Miller, Representative Mike Hansen, Representative Larry Quattlebaum, Senator Alex Ray, Senator Reed Van Ness.

Appendix A – Banker's Reports

2019 BANKERS REPORT 1/1/2019-12/31/2019

INCOME

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------------|
| 19-Convention | \$ | 2,343.93 |
| 19-Nationals | \$ | 1,376.90 |
| 20-Convention | \$ | 2,225.00 |
| Membership | \$ | 15,647.49 |
| Merchandise | \$ | 212.51 |
| Posse Renewal | \$ | 418.68 |
| Total Income | \$ | 22,224.51 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------------------|
| Insurance | \$ | (7,163.44) |
| Office | \$ | (2,254.76) |
| Shootist | \$ | (7,899.64) |
| Total Expenses | \$ | (17,317.84) |
| Total Income | \$ | 22,224.51 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | (17,317.84) |
| OVERALL TOTAL | \$ | 4,906.67 |

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|--------------------------|----|------------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$ | 40,813.07 |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$ | 45,719.74 |
| NET | \$ | 4,906.67 |

2019 CONVENTION REPORT

INCOME

| | | | | |
|------------|---------|-------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| 9/11/2018 | Deposit | 2 Vendor 1 Conventioneer | \$ | 480.00 |
| 11/13/2018 | Deposit | 1 Vendor 1 Conventioneer | \$ | 225.00 |
| 12/3/2018 | Deposit | 4 Vendor | \$ | 490.00 |
| 12/31/2018 | Deposit | 3 Vendor 2 Conventioneer | \$ | 435.00 |
| 1/17/2019 | Deposit | 8 Conventioneer 2 Banquet | \$ | 670.00 |
| 1/26/2019 | Deposit | 5 Conventioneer 2 Banquet 2 Vendor | \$ | 715.00 |
| 2/1/2019 | Deposit | 2 Conventioneer | \$ | 120.00 |
| 2/11/2019 | Deposit | 10 Conventioneer | \$ | 660.00 |
| 2/22/2019 | Deposit | 10 Conventioneer | \$ | 685.00 |
| 2/25/2019 | Deposit | 8 Conventioneer 4 Vendor | \$ | 885.00 |
| 3/4/2019 | Deposit | 8 Conventioneer 3 Vendor | \$ | 930.00 |
| 3/8/2019 | Deposit | 10 Conventioneer 1 banquet | \$ | 635.00 |
| 3/18/2019 | Deposit | 2 Conventioneer | \$ | 120.00 |
| 3/24/2019 | Deposit | Late registration & Banquet Tickets | \$ | 465.00 |
| 3/24/2019 | Deposit | Raffle/Silent Auction | \$ | 1,385.00 |
| 3/24/2019 | Deposit | Walk-in | \$ | 1,200.00 |
| 3/24/2019 | Deposit | Shoot | \$ | 55.00 |
| | | TOTAL INCOME | \$ | 10,155.00 |

EXPENSES

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|-----------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | | Radisson Quad City | | |
| 5/16/2018 | 2205 | Plaza | Convention Deposit | \$ (1,000.00) |
| 3/14/2019 | Debit | Office Depot/Office Max | Printing of financial reports | \$ (37.02) |
| 3/16/2019 | 2231 | Jackie Kirkaby | Refund | \$ (95.00) |
| 3/24/2019 | 2233 | Sandy Koester Band | Band for Convention Banquet | \$ (500.00) |
| | | Radisson Quad City | | |
| 3/27/2019 | 2234 | Plaza | Convention Payment | \$ (5,636.07) |
| | | | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ (7,268.09) |
| | | | TOTAL INCOME | \$ 10,155.00 |
| | | | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ (7,268.09) |
| | | | NET INCOME | \$ 2,886.91 |

19-NATIONAL SHOOT REPORT

INCOME

| | | | | |
|-----------|---------|------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 4/1/2019 | Deposit | Registrations | \$ | 270.00 |
| 4/11/2019 | Deposit | Registrations | \$ | 375.00 |
| 4/18/2019 | Deposit | Registration | \$ | 180.00 |
| 5/3/2019 | Deposit | Registrations | \$ | 200.00 |
| 5/9/2019 | Deposit | Registrations | \$ | 440.00 |
| 5/13/2019 | Deposit | Registrations | \$ | 595.00 |
| 5/17/2019 | Deposit | Registrations | \$ | 330.00 |
| 5/21/2019 | Deposit | Registrations | \$ | 310.00 |
| 5/22/2019 | Deposit | Registrations | \$ | 160.00 |
| 5/24/2019 | Deposit | Registration | \$ | 95.00 |
| 5/29/2019 | Deposit | Registrations | \$ | 255.00 |
| 5/31/2019 | Deposit | Registration | \$ | 95.00 |
| 7/8/2019 | Deposit | Late Registrations etc | \$ | 2,910.00 |
| | | TOTAL INCOME | \$ | 6,215.00 |

EXPENSES

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|-----------|------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 5/10/2019 | 2237 | WSSC | Deposit/Posse Fee | \$ | (500.00) |
| 6/18/2019 | 2242 | Rob Beaven Catering | 19-Nationals Banquet | \$ | (1,500.00) |
| 6/18/2019 | 2243 | West Side Sportmans Club | Shooter Fee for Nationals | \$ | (2,485.00) |
| 7/5/2019 | 2244 | Jay West | Shooters Booklet | \$ | (353.10) |
| 1/16/2020 | 2254 | Blue Ribbon Trophy | Shooters Badges | \$ | (247.17) |
| | | | | \$ | (5,085.27) |
| | | | TOTAL INCOME | \$ | 6,215.00 |
| | | | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ | (5,085.27) |
| | | | NET TOTAL | \$ | 1,129.73 |