

National Congress of Old West Shootists

Minutes of the 43rd Congress, Nashville IN March 19, 2021

6:30 PM

Senate and Representative Caucus

Representative Caucus: Seven Representatives were in attendance and five Representatives by proxy (see Roll Call). One Representative was 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 Mike Owen was elected as Chair of the Territorial Senate.

7:02 PM

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call.

Senators present: Bryan Buck, John Covert, Robert Gallardo, John Hoker, John Irons, Dart Liebrandt, Mike Owen, Patrick Postell, Alex Ray, Joe Ray, Dave Scott, Mike Tatham, John Torrence
Present by Proxy: Caroline Buck, Paul Weller

Territorial Representatives present: Len Abels, Bill Allen, Duane Butt, Chris Fendley, Anastasia Hope, Henry Schlein, Thomas Spanton
Present by Proxy: Gary Davison, Roger Ragland, Mike Scott, Reed Van Ness, Mark Ward
Absent: Larry Quattlebaum

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, Patrick Postell
Judge, Bryan Buck
Chair of the Territorial Senate, Mike Owen
Chair of the Territorial Representatives, Tom Spanton
Editor, John Irons remains appointed.

Marshal, Deputy, and Judge Reports

General informative reports were made by the Marshal, the Deputy, and the Judge. No action by Congress was required.

Presentation of Minutes of the 42nd Congress

A call to read the minutes from the 42nd Congress was made.

Anastasia Hope moved to have Congress accept the minutes as posted and published in the magazine.

Seconded by Dave Scott.

The motion carried unanimously.

Banker's Report

Banker's report was prepared by Banker Joe Ray.

Reports that were presented were disseminated by Joe Ray and included

1. 2020 Banker's Annual Report
2. 2020 National Convention Report
3. 2020 National Shoot Report

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

Motion to accept the bankers report was made by Henry Schlein, Seconded by Anastasia Hope.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator & Territorial Representative Reports

General informative reports were made by the Senate Representative and the Territorial Representative. No action by Congress was required.

Western Heritage Letter

Marshal Mike Tatham read a thank you letter received from Western Heritage for the donation that NCOWS made to them. Letter was given to the editor to be put in the next Shootist.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Marshal Mike Tatham addressed agenda items for the 43rd Congress, 2021 in the order of the published agenda. Below new business, the published numbers of the agenda items are retained to avoid confusion.

1. 45 Auto Rim Use in Original Guns, submitted by Bryan Buck

Some of our approved revolvers (e.g. the Webley, Colt New Service, Belgian reproductions) were originally chambered for European calibers such as 455 Webley, 450 Adams, 455 Eley were modified after the turn of the century due to ammunition shortages for the WWI. The cylinders were shaved to accept 45 ACP and moon clips for the war effort. The revolvers themselves are approved for NCOWS use, but 45 ACP and moon clips are not. This proposal is to allow single loading cartridges of 45 Auto Rim, developed in 1920 to be specifically used in such revolvers, to be used in such modified original and approved firearms. This proposal is to put back into use approved guns, but for use with loading the cylinders one cartridge at a time. The proposal specifically excludes the 45 ACP caliber as a viable NCOWS round, with or without moon clips or in rifles. This proposal also excludes the use of the Colt 1917 and the Smith & Wesson 1917 models.

It is recommended that the 45 ACP caliber, moon clips, and the Colt 1917 and the S&W 1917 be added to the Unapproved List.

Withdrawn by Bryan Buck

2. Rule Change for Hip Shooting, submitted by Bryan Buck

Recommend the following change be made to Range Rule 4 “No quick-draw at any time.” for safety concerns.

Add the following below 4. **Bold** is new text.

4a. No hip shooting at any time.

Robert Gallardo moved to accept the proposal.

No one seconded the motion.

Motion dies for lack of second

3. Rule Change for Fanning, submitted by Bryan Buck

Recommend the following change be made to Range Rule 4 “No quick-draw at any time.” for safety concerns.

Add the following below 4. **Bold** is new text.

4b. No fanning of revolvers at any time.

Withdrawn by Bryan Buck

4. Rule Change for correction, submitted by Bryan Buck

6. No breaking a 170~~E~~ **degree** plane with any firearm at any time during the stage. Draws from a cross draw must be done with the body turned to the firing line so the muzzle of the revolver is not breaking the 170~~E~~ **degree** rule. Stage disqualification for first offense, match disqualification for second offense in same day. Penalties for having the finger in the trigger guard or the revolver cocked before it is pointed down-range: 1st infraction - disqualification from the stage; 2nd infraction - disqualification from the match.

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

Secretary to fix typo at the direction of Marshal Tatham.

5. Rule Change for Dropped Firearm clarification, submitted by Bryan Buck

9. A dropped unloaded firearm ends the stage for a shooter. **Any unfired rounds in any firearms will be counted as misses. An additional penalty of 30 seconds will be imposed.** A dropped loaded firearm will result in a match disqualification. The **dropped** firearm will be retrieved and cleared by Posse Leader or Timer.

Bold is added text.

Withdrawn by Bryan Buck

6. Clarification of rule 14, submitted by Bryan Buck

14. Shotguns are staged with magazines and chambers open and empty and are loaded under the clock. (Pistoleer class **using a percussion muzzle loading shotgun**, arms charged but not capped.) All empty shells must be ejected before grounding or moving throughout a stage when carrying the firearm.

Bold is added text.

Withdrawn by Bryan Buck

7. Clarification of rule 17 on Handling Squib Load Situations, submitted by Bryan Buck

New text is recommended for how to handle squib loads during firing of a stage. The intent is to have the same rules for all posses throughout NCOWS.

17a. Cartridge Firearms: When the range officer detects a squib load has been fired, he or she will stop the shooter immediately. Detection 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 range officer 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.

17b. Percussion Firearms: When a percussion squib occurs (i.e. the percussion cap fires, but it does not fire the charge of black powder), the range officer 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 range officer 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.

Bold is new text.

John Covert moved to accept the motion.

Robert Gallardo seconded the motion.

John Covert made a motion to amend the proposal as follows:

- 1) Change 'detects' to 'suspected' in 17a.
- 2) Change 'range officer' to 'timer operator' in 17a & 17b.
- 3) Add 'unless a reshoot has been offered' to last sentence in 17a & 17b.

Motion to amend was seconded by Dave Scott.

Amended motion:

17a. 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.

17b. Percussion Firearms: When a percussion squib 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.

Motion to amend passed unanimously.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

8. Proposal to Clarify Definition of Pocket Pistol in the Approved List, submitted by Bryan Buck

Current text:

Pocket Pistol

Any approved hand gun with 4 inch barrel or shorter; any approved pistol caliber.

The current definition of a pocket pistol is very broad, and includes handguns (pistols) that were not really pocket-sized pistols. For instance, if you have a Colt New Service revolver, caliber 45 Colt, and the barrel has been shortened to four inches or less, under the current definition, this would be a “pocket pistol”. However, such a revolver is a large frame (the largest frame revolver produced by Colt in our era) and would not be suited to be carried in a pocket – the actual intent of a true pocket pistol. This is an effort to better define “pocket pistol” in the context of the NCOWS time frame. During that time period, there were many manufacturers and designs of pocket pistols, revolvers or two-, three-, or four-barrel pistols (e.g. the Frank Wesson Superposed pistol or the Sharps four-barrel). It is not the intent here to create an itemized list. That would be an exhaustive exercise, and surely an important one would be left off a list. Rather, the intent here is to better define the characteristics of a pocket pistol.

Proposal to clarify the Approved List, submitted by Bryan Buck and Mark Smith

New Text

Pocket Pistol

A Pocket Pistol is defined as any pre-1899, percussion or cartridge, single or double action revolver, or replica thereof, that meets the following criteria:

1. A barrel no longer the 4 inches.
2. Weighing less than 27 ounces / 765 grams.
3. Any cartridges used to have a case length not to exceed 1.2 inches (typical of a .41 long colt.)

Dave Scott moved to accept the motion.

Mike Owen seconded the motion.

Alex Ray made a motion to amend the proposal to change ‘pre-1899’ to ‘pre-1900’.

Motion to amend was seconded by Anastasia Hope.

Amended motion:

Pocket Pistol

A Pocket Pistol is defined as any pre-1900, percussion or cartridge, single or double action revolver, or replica thereof, that meets the following criteria:

1. A barrel no longer the 4 inches.
2. Weighing less than 27 ounces / 765 grams.
3. Any cartridges used to have a case length not to exceed 1.2 inches (typical of a .41 long colt.)

Motion to amend passed unanimously.

The amended motion passed 24 Aye, 2 Nay.

Nay: Mike Scott (by John Irons proxy), Tom Spanton

9. Appendix A Cleanup, submitted by Bryan Buck

Remove shotgun reference from rule 13 since Originals Class no longer uses a shotgun.

13. Course of fire will be the same during the match as other shooters using two firearms. Reloads may be required, and use of a ~~shotgun or~~ revolver to engage rifle targets, may be dictated by the participant's choice of firearms.

Strike-through text is deleted.

John Covert moved to accept the motion.

Mike Owen seconded the motion.

John Covert made a motion to amend the proposal to remove entire second sentence.

Mike Owen seconded the motion.

Amended motion:

13. Course of fire will be the same during the match as other shooters using two firearms. ~~Reloads may be required, and use of a shotgun or revolver to engage rifle targets, may be dictated by the participant's choice of firearms.~~

Strike-through text is deleted.

Motion to amend passed unanimously.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

10. Proposed addition to By-Law 11 NCOWS RULES AND REGULATIONS, submitted by John Irons

The use of modern brass or lead bullet components may be used in order to fabricate ammunition for approved period correct firearms for which no commercially manufactured ammunition is readily available.

Bold is added text.

Len Ables moved to accept the motion.

John Covert seconded the motion.

Bryan Buck made a motion to amend the proposal to insert “original” between the words “correct firearms”. Motion to amend was seconded by Mike Owen.

Amended motion:

The use of modern brass or lead bullet components may be used in order to fabricate ammunition for approved period correct original firearms for which no commercially manufactured ammunition is readily available.

Motion to amend passed unanimously.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

11. Proposal to open the use of 22 short, long & long rifle for pistol use, submitted by Roger Ragland

It is suggested and proposed the following:

Open the use of 22 short, long & long rifle for pistol use (obviously no auto loaders).

This will reduce costs and allow the conservation of reloading components of higher approved calibers. It could make NCOWS Action shooting more affordable to new shooter prospects. In addition, cost of ammo would be far less for both current shooting members and new prospects.

Roger Ragland moved to accept the proposal.

No one seconded the motion.

Motion dies for lack of second

12. Proposal to add new shooting class called Town Marshal, submitted by Duane Butt

The following will be added to By-Law 10: Shooting Classes

Men’s and Women’s Town Marshal: Shooter uses two pistols and one shotgun. Shooters may shoot smokeless powder or black powder or approved black powder substitute powder. Shooter may fire handguns using a one-handed or two-handed grip.

Henry Schlein moved accept the proposal.

Bryan Buck seconded the motion.

The motion failed 5 Aye, 22 Nay.

Aye: Roger Ragland (by Joe Ray proxy), Bill Allen, Dave Butt, Henry Schlein, John Irons

13. Proposal that the Ruger Vaquero with birds head grip be added to the approved list, submitted by Duane Butt

It is requested that the following be added to the approved list.

Ruger Vaquero with birds head grip.

Bold is added text.

Withdrawn by Duane Butt

There being no further new business, Len Abel moved to adjourn.

Anastasia Hope seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The 2021 meeting of the 43rd Territorial Congress adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Appendix A – Banker’s Reports

2020 BANKERS REPORT 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

INCOME

19-Nationals	\$ (247.17)
20-Convention	\$ (2,118.09)
20 Nationals	\$ 235.00
Membership	\$ 16,918.43
Merchandise	\$ (231.92)
20-Posse Renewal	\$ 315.00
21-Posse Renewal	\$ 245.00
Interest Income	\$ 3.44
Total Income	\$ 15,119.69

EXPENSES

Insurance	\$ (8,105.71)
Office	\$ (5,984.46)
Shootist	\$ (7,212.52)
Total Expenses	\$ (21,302.69)

Total Income	\$ 15,119.69
Total Expenses	\$ (21,302.69)
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ (6,183.00)

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 45,719.74
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 39,536.74
NET CHANGE	\$ (6,183.00)

2020 Convention

DATE	CK NUM	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	AMOUNT
10/29/2019		Deposit	Registration	\$ 65.00
11/5/2019		Deposit	Registration	\$ 480.00
11/22/2019		Deposit	Registration	\$ 470.00
12/10/2019		Deposot	Registration	\$ 925.00
12/31/2019		Deposit	Registration	\$ 155.00
1/14/2020		Deposit	Registration	\$ 130.00
1/22/2020		Deposit	Registration	\$ 500.00
2/13/2020		Deposit	Registration	\$ 260.00
2/18/2020		Deposit	Registration	\$ 810.00
3/2/2020		Deposit	Registration	\$ 845.00
3/9/2020		Deposit	Registration	\$ 1,030.00
3/13/2020		Deposit	Registration	\$ 370.00
3/30/2020	2261	Mary K. Ray	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/1/2020	2265	Jim Kakvacos	Refund	\$ (260.00)
4/3/2020	2286	Doug & Carol Kenealy	Void	\$ -
4/3/2020	2279	Rick & Kay Followell	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/3/2020	2287	Glen Kreilein	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/6/2020	2303	Mark Smith	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/6/2020	2270	Bryan Buck	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/6/2020	2271	D. Butt	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/6/2020	2272	Joe Cacciatore	Refund	\$ (105.00)
4/6/2020	2276	Ralph Fancher	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/6/2020	2280	Lyle Greiner	Refund	\$ (105.00)
4/6/2020	2296	Patrick Postell	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/6/2020	2297	Ed Randolph	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/6/2020	2298	Jeff Saltzman	Refund	\$ (105.00)
4/7/2020	2299	Henry Schlein	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/7/2020	2268	Jerry & Wendy Brickley	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/7/2020	2283	John Irons	Refund	\$ (80.00)
4/7/2020	2288	John Lay	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/9/2020	2302	John & Rosemary Sharp	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/9/2020	2269	Homer Brown	Refund	\$ (115.00)
4/10/2020	2309	David R & David A. Young	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/10/2020	2295	Reed Van Ness/Devyn Mentink	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/13/2020	2301	Mike & Theresa Scott	Refund	\$ (160.00)
4/13/2020	2275	Mike Constable	Refund	\$ (80.00)
4/13/2020	2281	Annie Hillman	Refund	\$ (120.00)
4/13/2020	2304	Tom Spanton	Refund	\$ (155.00)
4/13/2020	2313	Bear Wallow Distillery	Refund	\$ (125.00)

2020 Convention (continued)

DATE	CK NUM	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	AMOUNT
4/14/2020	2315	Brian Bauer	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/14/2020	2278	Steve Fields	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/14/2020	2289	Dart Liebrandt	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/14/2020	2294	Roger & Missy Crowe	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/15/2020	2310	William Schwier	Refund	\$ (80.00)
4/15/2020	2290	Duane Liebrandt	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/16/2020	2307	Jim Tucker	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/20/2020	2284	Tom & Judy Jacobs	Refund	\$ (170.00)
4/20/2020	2273	Steve & Jeanna Channel/SMVS	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/20/2020	2282	Hoker	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/20/2020	2291	John & Patty Liford	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/20/2020	2316	SMVS	Refund	\$ (671.09)
4/21/2020	2318	SMVC	Refund	\$ (162.00)
4/23/2020	2311	Mark A. Brunnemer	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/24/2020	2277	Cliff Fendley	Refund	\$ (120.00)
4/24/2020	2308	Steve & Lyn Wheatley	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/24/2020	2312	The Outpost	Refund	\$ (80.00)
4/24/2020	2319	Dayne Jessup	Refund	\$ (65.00)
4/27/2020	2320	Doug & Carol Kenealy	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/30/2020	2306	John & Michele Torrence	Refund	\$ (120.00)
5/1/2020		Loy & Mary Jane Quade	Donation	\$ 130.00
5/1/2020	2266	Jeff Bailey	Refund	\$ (65.00)
5/1/2020	2274	Bob Chenault	Void	\$ -
5/1/2020	2285	Dayne Jessup	Void	\$ -
5/1/2020	2292	Larry Little	Refund	\$ (65.00)
5/1/2020	2293	Gearld Mears	Void	\$ -
5/1/2020	2305	Steven Tong	Refund	\$ (80.00)
5/3/2020	2314	Rocky's Pizza	Refund	\$ (50.00)
8/26/2020	2267	William Bell	Void	\$ -
8/26/2020	2300	Dave & Beth Scott	Refund	\$ (130.00)
		NET TOTAL		\$ 106.91

2020 NATIONAL SHOOT

DATE	CK NUM	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	AMOUNT
3/9/2020	DEP	Deposit	Registration	\$ 180.00
3/17/2020	DEP	Deposit	Registration	\$ 105.00
4/13/2020	DEP	Deposit	3 Registrations	\$ 265.00
5/26/2020	DEP	Deposit	Registration	\$ 260.00
6/8/2020	DEP	Deposit	Dan Carder	\$ 115.00
6/16/2020	DEP	Deposit	3 Registrations	\$ 265.00
6/23/2020	DEP	Deposit	4 Registratons	\$ 340.00
6/30/2020	DEP	Deposit	2 Registrations	\$ 170.00
7/6/2020	DEP	Deposit	3 Registrations	\$ 235.00
7/31/2020	2338	Refund	Joe Ray	\$ (95.00)
8/1/2020	2331	Refund	Bryan & Caroline Buck	\$ (150.00)
8/1/2020	2332	Refund	Duane Butt	\$ (110.00)
8/1/2020	2333	Refund	Dan Carder/Void	\$ -
8/1/2020	2334	Refund	Brian Bauer	\$ (75.00)
8/1/2020	2336	Refund	Mike Owen	\$ (85.00)
8/1/2020	2337	Refund	Gearld Mears	\$ (85.00)
8/1/2020	2339	Refund	William Schwier	\$ (95.00)
8/1/2020	2340	Refund	Alan Blinzler	\$ (75.00)
8/1/2020	2341	Refund	John Irons	\$ (75.00)
8/1/2020	2342	Refund	John & Michelle Torrence	\$ (160.00)
8/1/2020	2343	Refund	Steve Wheatly	\$ (105.00)
8/1/2020	2345	Refund	Dale Savaglic	\$ (75.00)
8/1/2020	2346	Refund	Richard Marchal	\$ (105.00)
8/1/2020	2347	Refund	Lynn Wyand	\$ (85.00)
8/1/2020	2349	Refund	Patrick Postell	\$ (75.00)
8/7/2020	2350	Refund	Dart & Donna Liebrandt	\$ (190.00)
11/12/2020	2355	Refund	Dan Carder	\$ (60.00)
			NET TOTAL	\$ 235.00