

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

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

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

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| 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 |