

# National Congress of Old West Shootists

## Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Congress, Nashville IN March 25, 2022

6:30 PM

### **Senate and Representative Caucus**

*Representative Caucus:* Five Representatives were in attendance and seven Representatives by proxy (see Roll Call). Representative Tom Spanton was elected to the position of Chair of the Territorial Representatives.

Senate Caucus: Twelve Senators were in attendance and three Senators by proxy (see Roll Call). Senator Mike Owen was elected as Chair of the Territorial Senate.

7:00 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, John Hoker, John Irons, Dart Liebrandt, Mike Owen, Patrick Postell, Alex Ray, Joe Ray, Dave Scott, Mike Tatham, Paul Weller

*Present by Proxy:* Caroline Buck, Robert Gallardo, John Torrence

*Territorial Representatives present:* Duane Butt, Kevin Daniels, Cliff Fendley, Anastasia Hope, Henry Schlein

*Present by Proxy:* Gary Davison, Mike Hansen, Kenneth Miller, Larry Quattlebaum, Mike Scott, Thomas Spanton, Mark Ward

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

Marshal Mike Tatham presided over the swearing in of new Territorial Representative Kevin Daniels and new Territorial Senators Caroline Buck, John Hoker, Dart Liebrandt, Mike Owen, and Patrick Postell.

### **Election of Officers**

The nomination committee of Mike Owen, Dave Scott, and John Torrence presented the following nominations:

- Marshal – John Hoker
- Deputy Marshal – Dart Liebrandt
- Secretary – Patrick Postell
- Banker – Joe Ray
- Judge – Bryan Buck

No additional nominations were made for Marshal. Bryan Buck moved that John Hoker be Marshal. Paul Weller seconded.

*Motion was passed unanimously.*

John Hoker took over as Marshal for rest of meeting.

No additional nominations were made for Deputy Marshal. Mike Owen moved that Dart Liebrandt be Deputy Marshal. Paul Weller seconded.

*Motion was passed unanimously.*

No additional nominations were made for Secretary. Bryan Buck moved that Patrick Postell be Secretary. Henry Schlein seconded.  
*Motion was passed unanimously.*

No additional nominations were made for Banker. Henry Schlein moved that Joe Ray be Banker. Alex Ray seconded.  
*Motion was passed unanimously.*

No additional nominations were made for Judge. Duane Butt moved that Bryan Buck be Judge. Henry Schein seconded.  
*Motion was passed unanimously.*

Mike Owen 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.

### **Marshal Report**

- Concerned about our aging membership.
- Would like to see an increase in the number of posses.
- Would like to see more NCOWS activity on CasCity.
- Need to ask NCOWS members to check in at CasCity so they can access NCOWS specific groups.

### **Deputy Report**

- Will be checking with SMVS posse about hosting NCOWS convention next year.
- Have received positive feedback for SMVS hosting the NCOWS convention.

### **Judge Report**

Nothing presented.

### **Presentation of Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Congress**

A call to read the minutes from the 43<sup>rd</sup> Congress was made.

Paul Weller moved to have Congress accept the minutes as posted and published in the magazine.

Seconded by John Covert.

*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. 2021 Banker's Annual Report
2. 2021 National Convention Report
3. 2021 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 Duane Butt.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

## Senator Report

Nothing presented.

## Territorial Representative Report

Nothing presented.

A round of applause was given to Mike Tatham for his years of service in Executive Committee.

## Old Business

There was no old business.

## New Business

Marshal John Hoker addressed agenda items for the 44<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2022 in the order of the published agenda.

### 1. Proposed revision to By-Law 4: Elections, submitted by John Irons

Background: In order to publish the Senate candidates platforms and ballot for Territorial Senate in the Fall Shootist magazine, the date for submission of Senate candidates needs to be received by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

4-2. Nominations for Territorial Senator must be received by the Secretary in their entirety, including the candidates' platforms, by ~~31 August~~ **15 July** each year. The election of Territorial Senators will be completed by 1 December each year.

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Mike Tatham moved to accept the proposal.

Paul Weller seconded the motion.

*Motion passed unanimously using roll call vote.*

### 2. Proposed revision to By-Law 10: Shooting Classes, submitted by John Irons

Proposal to eliminate the separation of shooting classes by age with exception of Junior and Adult.

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 Pistooleer:** 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 rimfire 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 rimfire cartridges. Pistols and revolvers must be shot one-handed. Pistooleer shooters will shoot the same course of fire as the other competitors except that in a stage requiring more than two shotgun rounds the Pistooleer 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)

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Mike Tatham moved to accept the proposal.

Paul Weller seconded the motion.

Anastasia Hope moved to amend the proposal to clarify it.

Duane Butt seconded motion.

Amended motion:

Proposal to consolidate the Adult, Senior, and Elder classes in a Single Adult class.

Following discussion, Anastasia Hope withdrew her motion to amend and was approved without objection.

Mike Tatham restated motion without objection.

Restated motion:

Proposal to consolidate the Adult, Senior, and Elder classes in a Single Adult class.

John Covert moved to accept restated motion.

Paul Weller seconded the motion.

*The motion passed 23 Aye, 4 Nay.*

*Nay: Gary Davidson (by John Hoker proxy), Cliff Fendley, Robert Gallardo (by Patrick Postell proxy), Mark Ward (by Patrick Postell proxy)*

### **3. Proposal to add new shooting class called Al Sieber, submitted by Duane Butt**

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

**Al Sieber:** Shooter uses one pistol, one shotgun, and one single shot rifle. All shooters shoot in one category regardless of sex, age, or style of shooting. Shooters must shoot black powder or approved black powder substitute in all firearms and may fire handguns using a one-handed or two-handed grip. Shooter must use a single shot rifle and shoot as many shots as needed to complete stage. Shooter must use a percussion or cartridge revolver and shoot five shots only. Shooter must use a percussion or cartridge shotgun and shoot two shots only. Can be shot without shotgun with a 20 second penalty. Rifles over the revolver caliber must use light loads such as 45-70 Gov't 40 grain black powder loads maximum with filler. Maximum bullet weight of 405 grains.

Bryan Buck moved to accept the proposal.

Paul Weller seconded the motion.

*The motion failed 4 Aye, 23 Nay.*

*Aye: Duane Butt, Dart Liebrandt, John Torrence (by Mike Tatham proxy), Paul Weller*

There being no further new business, John Covert moved to adjourn.

Mike Owen seconded the motion.

*The motion carried unanimously*

The 2022 meeting of the 44<sup>th</sup> Territorial Congress adjourned at 8:26pm.



# Appendix A – Banker’s Reports

## NCOWS Annual Financial Report 2021

CATEGORY	Description	Memo	Amount
1/1/2021		BEGINING BALANCE	\$ 39,536.74
<b>INCOME</b>			
21-Convention			\$ 779.64
21-National Shoot			\$ 31.93
21-Posse Renewal			\$ 210.00
22-Convention			\$ 1,210.00
22-Posse Renewal			\$ 105.00
Interest Income			\$ 2.38
Membership			\$ 15,989.23
Merchandise			\$ (46.41)
Shootist Advertising			\$ 1,198.00
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 19,479.77</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Donations Insurance			\$ (1,000.00)
Merchandise Postage			\$ (8,152.36)
Office			\$ (19.57)
Shootist			\$ (2,863.60)
Shootist Postage			\$ (10,916.10)
			\$ (85.99)
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (23,037.62)</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 19,479.77</b>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (23,037.62)</b>
		<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ (3,557.85)</b>
		<b>LOSS</b>	<b>\$ 3,557.85</b>
		<b>BEGINING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 39,536.74</b>
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 19,479.77</b>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (23,037.62)</b>
		<b>CASH ON HAND 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$ 35,978.89</b>

## 21-Convention

### INCOME

1/8/2021	DEP	Deposit	Registrations	\$ 470.00
1/26/2021	DEP	Deposit	Resgistrations	\$ 260.00
2/5/2021	DEP	Deposit	Registrations	\$ 1,210.00
2/10/2021	DEP	Deposit	Registration 4 Vendor 3 Conventioneer	\$ 615.00
2/19/2021	DEP	Dep	Registrations	\$ 455.00
2/23/2021	DEP	Registrations	Channel & Buck	\$ 300.00
3/5/2021	DEP	Registration	Irons, Bauer,Keaneally, Smith & Fendley	\$ 470.00
3/7/2021	DEP	Registration	Little, Covert, Boyd, Hoker, Kirst,& Spanton	\$ 640.00
3/8/2021	DEP	Rocky's Pizza	Sponsor	\$ 50.00
3/8/2021	DEP	Bear Wallow Dist	Sponsor	\$ 75.00
3/8/2021	DEP	Sponsor	Outpost, B Rich	\$ 100.00
3/8/2021	DEP	Registration	Brickley, Fields, Followell, Torrence	\$ 510.00
3/25/2021	DEP	Late Registrations	Late Registrations	\$ 760.00
3/25/2021	DEP	Cash	Walk Ins	\$ 120.00
3/25/2021	DEP	Cash	BB Gun Shoot	\$ 106.00
3/25/2021	DEP	Cash	Raffle	\$ 220.00
3/25/2021	DEP	Cash	Late Registrations	\$ 520.00
			<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,881.00</b>

### EXPENSE

3/21/2021	2363	Seasons Lodge	Convention Center	\$ (4,371.36)
3/21/2021	2364	Dale Roahrig	Band	\$ (200.00)
3/21/2021	2365	SMVS	Posse Stipend	\$ (1,000.00)
3/25/2021	2366	Jerry Brickley	Refund	\$ (130.00)
4/7/2021	2367	Walt Kirst	Refund	\$ (160.00)
4/9/2021	2368	SMVC	Beer for Friday meal	\$ (240.00)
			<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (6,101.36)</b>
			<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,881.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (6,101.36)</b>
			<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ 779.64</b>

