

National Congress of Old West Shootists

Minutes of the 45th Congress, Nashville IN March 24, 2023

6:30 PM

Senate and Representative Caucus

Representative Caucus: Seven Representatives were in attendance and six 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 Tatham was elected as Chair of the Territorial Senate.

7:00 PM

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Marshal Dart Liebrandt called the Congress to order at 7:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call

Senators present: Richard Boyd, Bryan Buck, Caroline Buck, John Irons, Glen Kreilein, Dart Liebrandt, Patrick Postell, Alex Ray, Joe Ray, Dave Scott, Mike Tatham, Paul Weller

Present by Proxy: Robert Gallardo, John Hoker, John Torrence

Territorial Representatives present: Duane Butt, Robert Duff, Cliff Fendley, Anastasia Hope, Henry Schlein, Mike Scott, Thomas Spanton

Present by Proxy: Kevin Daniels, Gary Davison, Mike Hansen, Kenneth Miller, Larry Quattlebaum, Mark Ward

Installation of New Senators and Representatives

Deputy Marshal Dart Liebrandt presided over the swearing in of new Territorial Representative Robert Duff and new Territorial Senators Richard Boyd, John Irons, Glen Kreilein, Alex Ray, Dave Scott, and Mike Tatham.

Election of Officers

John Hoker was nominated for Marshal. Mike Tatham moved to close nominations for Marshal. Bryan Buck seconded. Chair Dart Liebrandt confirmed there were no additional nominations and then vote was held for John Hoker to be Marshal.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Dart Liebrandt was nominated for Deputy Marshal. Anastasia Hope moved to close nominations for Deputy Marshal. Alex Ray seconded. Chair Dart Liebrandt confirmed there were no additional nominations and then vote was held for Dart Liebrandt to be Deputy Marshal.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Patrick Postell was nominated for Secretary. Bryan Buck moved to close nominations for Secretary. Henry Schlein seconded. Chair Dart Liebrandt confirmed there were no additional nominations and then vote was held for Patrick Postell to be Secretary.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Joe Ray was nominated for Banker. Caroline Buck moved to close nominations for Banker. Mike Tatham seconded. Chair Dart Liebrandt confirmed there were no additional nominations and then vote was held for Joe Ray to be Banker.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Bryan Buck was nominated for Judge. Glen Kreilein moved to close nominations for Judge. Caroline Buck seconded. Chair Dart Liebrandt confirmed there were no additional nominations and then vote was held for Bryan Buck to be Judge.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Mike Tatham 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.

Presentation of Minutes of the 44th Congress

A call to read the minutes from the 44th Congress was made.

Bryan Buck moved to have Congress accept the minutes as posted and published in the magazine.

Seconded by Henry Schlein.

The motion carried unanimously.

Marshal Report

Dave Scott read a message from John Hoker. John said he was sorry he could not attend. He welcomed the new posse Northeast Territories Cattle & Freight Company and said we have already signed up 30 new members this year. He asked all Senators and Representatives to review the Congress listing in the Shootist magazine and verify their contact information is correct. He has been trying to get more people involved in our internet forum at CAS City and asked all Representatives to make sure their posse members know about CAS City. He also asked if anyone was interested in hosting the Convention next year to let the Congress know.

Deputy Report

Reminded people that NCOWS will reimburse expenses to promote NCOWS at events (refer to Tally Book for details). SMVS has done this with success this last year.

Judge Report

Nothing presented.

Banker's Report

Banker's report was prepared by Banker Joe Ray.

Reports that were presented were disseminated by Joe Ray and included

1. 2022 Banker's Annual Report
2. 2022 National Convention Report
3. 2022 National Shoot Report

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

Motion to accept the bankers report was made by Mike Tatham, Seconded by Bryan Buck.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Report

Nothing presented.

Territorial Representative Report

Nothing presented.

Recognized new Posse Representative

Robert Duff was recognized as the new posse representative for the Northeast Territories Cattle & Freight Company.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chair Dart Liebrandt addressed agenda items for the 45th Congress, 2023 in the order of the published agenda.

1. Approval of new the Posse “Northeast Territories Cattle & Freight Company”, submitted by Patrick Postell

The Executive Committee has reviewed the application of the Northeast Territories Cattle & Freight Company and found that they have met all required criteria to become an NCOWS Posse and recommends the Congress approve their application.

Dave Scott moved to accept the proposal.

Bryan Buck seconded the motion.

The motion passed 27 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstention.

Abstention: Kevin Daniels (by Bryan Buck proxy)

2. Amendment to the Range Rules and Regulations, submitted by Bryan Buck

Bryan Buck modified his original proposal to the following when agenda item was presented.

Some additional clarification is needed to further the safety of the shooter and timer operator.

Addition to Range Rules and Regulations, after “The Judge or Deputy Judge's decision shall be final.” New paragraph:

The Timer Operator shall not hold the timing clock device any farther forward than the shooter’s elbow of the arm operating the trigger to prevent injury to the timer operator in the event a mishap occurs. See Safety and Procedure Rule 17.

Bold is new text.

John Irons moved to accept the proposal.

Paul Weller seconded the motion.

During discussion, it was decided that the Judge Bryan Buck should discuss proper timer operations in a future Shootist issue.

The motion passed 24 Aye, 3 Nay, 1 Abstention.

Nay: Richard Boyd, Mike Hansen (by Patrick Postell proxy), Henry Schlein

Abstention: Kevin Daniels (by Bryan Buck proxy)

3. Additional clarification to Safety and Procedure Rule 17 - Submitted by Bryan Buck

Bryan Buck modified his original proposal to the following when agenda item was presented.

Some additional clarification is needed to further the safety of the shooter and timer operator, and define loads being fired.

17. No squib, or magnum velocity loads. No jacketed bullets, only cast lead alloy ~~only~~ bullets. Shot is to be lead only, and no larger than #7 1/2's. Only cartridges and velocities approved in The Tally Book are allowed. Shooters may be held responsible for damage caused to a target by too "hot" a load.

Definitions:

"Squib" shall be defined as an inadvertent load too light for the bullet to clear the muzzle of the firearm it was fired in.

"Magnum Load" shall be defined as a heavy load that exceeds that of a standard black powder load equivalent and may damage targets or target stands.

Bold is new text, strike through text is deleted

17a. **Squib In** 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. (Added March 2021).

Bold is new text.

17b. **Squib In** 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. **Once the margin of safety time (5 seconds) has been met, the shooter may continue until the firearm is empty. If the shooter desires, the shooter may recap the chamber(s) that did not fire while still on the clock and finish the course of fire.** (Added March 2021).

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Caroline Buck moved to accept the proposal.

Paul Weller seconded the motion.

During discussion, issues were brought up with the definition of a squib and misfire and how they apply to percussion firearms.

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn without objection.

4. Addition to the Safety and Procedure Rules, submitted by Thomas Spanton

To give direction to club officers and uniformity to matches, the following addition to the bylaws is proposed. This proposal is presented to put into written format what has been practiced by NCOWS.

26. Alibi, Reshoot or Restart. If a malfunction occurs during a stage at a Regional level shoot or above, one, and only one, alibi will be allowed.

26a. If the competitor has a malfunction during a timed portion of a stage and wishes to claim a malfunction, they must lower their firearm to the “Ready” position and raise their non-shooting arm, interrupting the course of fire. If the malfunction is not the result of a shooter problem, the shooter will be allowed to shoot an alibi shoot for that stage. If, however, it is the result of a shooter error (forgetting to load the gun, safety still on, etc.), it is a shooter problem and not eligible for an alibi. The final time for this stage will be whatever maximum is determined by the club for that match (i.e. 999.99).

26b. If there is a range failure (failure of props, timer failure/unrecorded time, or Stage Marshal interference) beyond the competitor’s control, a reshoot may be granted.

26c. On a reshoot or alibi, the competitor starts over clean, carrying only accrued safety penalties forward.

26d. Restarts shall be allowed for a competitor to achieve a “clean” start before the first round goes down range. Multiple restarts by the same shooter, that in the judgment of the Stage Marshal are seen to be “taking advantage,” will not be entertained as they are not in the “Cowboy Code.”

Bold is new text.

Bryan Buck moved to accept the proposal.

Dave Butt seconded the motion.

During discussion issues in 26a about final time for stage and in 26b about reshoot may be granted were brought up.

The motion failed 2 Aye, 25 Nay, 1 Abstention.

Aye: Mike Hansen (by Patrick Postell proxy), Larry Quattlebaum (by Patrick Postell proxy)

Abstention: Kevin Daniels (by Bryan Buck proxy)

Chair Dart Liebrandt asked everyone to let the Congress know if anyone was interested hosting the 2024 Convention or 2024 Nationals.

There being no further new business, Dave Scott moved to adjourn.

Caroline Buck seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously

The 2023 meeting of the 45th Territorial Congress adjourned at 8:45pm.

Appendix A – Banker’s Reports

NCOWS Annual Report 2022

1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022

INCOME

22-Convention	\$	(644.50)
22-Nationals	\$	1,574.61
22-Posse Renewal	\$	280.00
23-Convention	\$	725.00
23-Posse Renewal	\$	350.00
Interest Income	\$	5.97
Membership	\$	16,867.91
Merchandise	\$	823.94
Shootist Advertising	\$	1,190.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$	21,172.93

EXPENSES

Insurance	\$	(8,847.67)
Merchandise Postage	\$	(36.76)
Office	\$	(2,757.96)
Shootist	\$	(8,593.60)
Shootist Postage	\$	(125.55)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	(20,361.54)

OVERALL NET INCOME \$ **811.39**

2022 Convention Report

INCOME

10/14/2021	Registration Conventioneer	Schlein, Fancher	\$ 130.00
10/14/2021	Registration Vendor	Schwier, Brunnermer	\$ 155.00
11/11/2021	Registration Conventioneer	Dan & Diane Carder	\$ 130.00
11/17/2021	Registration Conventioneer	Schirmer, Leibbrandt & Butt	\$ 300.00
11/22/2021	Registration Vendor	Liebrandt	\$ 105.00
11/30/2021	Registration Conventioneer	John Liford	\$ 130.00
12/12/2021	Registration Conventioneer	Postell	\$ 65.00
12/17/2021	Registration Conventioneer	Brickley, Wyand	\$ 195.00
1/19/2022	Registration	Registrations	\$ 585.00
1/26/2022	Registration	Young & Mears	\$ 170.00
1/31/2022	Registration	Kakavecoc & Hammond	\$ 260.00
2/1/2022	Registration	Ray & Kreilein	\$ 195.00
2/4/2022	Registration	Hoker & Owen	\$ 170.00
2/8/2022	Registration	Kenealy, Bauer & Abels	\$ 295.00
2/15/2022	Registration	3 Conventioneer, 1 Vendor	\$ 220.00
2/16/2022	Registration	Lay	\$ 105.00
2/17/2022	Registration	Van Ness	\$ 65.00
2/22/2022	Registration	Anastasia's Books	\$ 155.00
3/2/2022	Registration	Jacobs & Hillman (Vendor)	\$ 205.00
3/4/2022	Registration	Smith, Quade, West Fork, Kirkeby	\$ 375.00
3/10/2022	Registration	Gardner, Saltzman, Scott, Schwier	\$ 470.00
3/12/2022	Registration	Alex Ray	\$ 65.00
4/3/2022	Registration	Followell	\$ 130.00
4/3/2022	Registration	Buck	\$ 65.00
4/3/2022	Registration	Scott	\$ 65.00
4/3/2022	Registration	Late Registrations	\$ 145.00
4/3/2022	Walk-ins	Walk-ins	\$ 200.00
4/3/2022	Raffle	Raffle	\$ 1,391.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 6,541.00

EXPENSES

3/27/2022	Rusty Bucket	Band	\$ (200.00)
3/27/2022	Janet Lewis	Dance Instructor	\$ (300.00)
3/27/2022	Spinning Lady	Spinning Seminar	\$ (80.00)
3/27/2022	SMVC	Posse Stipend for Convention	\$ (1,000.00)
3/27/2022	Seasons Lodge	Convention Meeting room & banquet	\$ (4,395.50)
TOTAL EXPENSE			\$ (5,975.50)

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,541.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (5,975.50)
NET	\$ 565.50

NCOWS 2022 NATIONALS

INCOME

4/4/2022	Knife Raffle	Cash	\$ 95.00
4/18/2022	Registration	Alan Blinzler	\$ 75.00
4/25/2022	Registration	9 Registrations	\$ 870.00
5/3/2022	Registration	6 Registrations	\$ 490.00
5/6/2022	Registration	6 Registrations	\$ 540.00
5/10/2022	Registration	Mike Owen	\$ 90.00
5/17/2022	Registration	Joe Spearman	\$ 100.00
5/17/2022	Registration	Bench & Butt	\$ 220.00
5/19/2022	Registrations	Weller, Covert. Irons, Ryan	\$ 350.00
5/20/2022	Registration	Mike Scott, J. Kakavec	\$ 180.00
6/3/2022	Registrations	Burgess, Gallardo, Hobbs	\$ 280.00
6/4/2022	Registration	Liford, Melton, Bozarth, Hope/Tatham	\$ 530.00
6/8/2022	Knife Raffle	Cash	\$ 235.00
6/8/2022	Revolver Raffle	Cash	\$ 505.00
6/8/2022	Primer Raffle	Cash	\$ 430.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 4,990.00

EXPENSE

5/3/2022	St John The Baptist	Banquet Hall Rental	\$ (350.00)
5/20/2022	Paul Weller	Toner for Shoot Booklets	\$ (60.39)
6/3/2022	KVC	Posse Stipend	\$ (500.00)
6/8/2022	Elaine Bones	Banquet	\$ (480.00)
6/8/2022	Free State Rangers	Range Fee	\$ (2,025.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE			\$ (3,415.39)

TOTAL INCOME		\$ 4,990.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ (3,415.39)
TOTAL NET		\$ 1,574.61