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SASS TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR SUMMIT 2002

Thursday Session

The SASS 4th Annual Territorial Governors Summit was opened Thursday morning with Hipshot's 9:05 a.m. call to order and was followed by introductions of the administrative staff and Wild Bunch members present.

- * SASS Conscience - Judge Roy Bean, SASS #1
- * Cowboy Chronicle Editor - Tex, SASS #4
- * Moderator - Hipshot, SASS #7
- * Time Keeper/Parliamentarian - Coyote Calhoun, SASS #201
- * SASS Marketing Director - Chiseler, SASS #392
- * Recording Secretary/Parliamentarian - San Quinton, SASS #4818

The Chiseler updated the members on the State and Regional program successes as well as the SASS Scholarship status (over \$35,000 current balance).

Hipshot outlined the purpose of the Territorial Governor Summit along with the goals and objectives of the sessions.

San Quinton explained the voting structure and mechanics. The Governors will adhere to the rules as written in the Territorial Governor Bulletin and these rules will be strictly enforced. Territorial Governors and the official proxy holders, using prepared ballots, will vote on Saturday, and the votes are binding if passed by at least a two-thirds majority. Votes passing but not receiving a two-thirds majority will be sent back out to all Territorial Governors for a final vote. Twenty minutes are allotted for each agenda item. Unused time will be allowed to carry over to other items.

Then entire first session was spent discussing the first half of the agenda



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items. See each individual item below for detailed discussions.

First session was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Friday Session

Second session called to order Friday at 9:04 a.m. by Hipshot.

The entire second session was spent discussing the second half of the agenda items. See each individual item below for detailed discussions.

Second session was adjourned at 11:30.

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SASS STRIKES GOLD AT IT'S FIRST CONVENTION

By Chiseler, SASS #392

For the first time in Cowboy Action Shooting™ history, the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) opened its doors to more than 10,000 visitors, including 1100 registered conventioners for its 1st Annual SASS Convention and Wild West Christmas held at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, December 5-8, 2002. The convention featured informative seminars dedicated to the worlds fastest growing shooting sport, nightly social events, and the SASS Yesteryear Ball, which featured a traditional Victorian dancing. Between the SASS Convention and the PRCA Rodeo crowd, the Riviera Hotel was overflowing with a sea of cowboy hats.

In addition to seminars and nightly social events, the SASS Convention filled 25,000 square feet of exhibition space with such notable manufacturers as Colt, Marlin Firearms, EMF Company, Sturm Ruger and Company, Cimarron Firearms, Taylor's & Company, and American Western Arms. Old West mercantile vendors also covered the convention floor, selling merchandise relating to the sport.

SASS also presented a series of Wild West awards, which named the Cajon Cowboys of Chino, California, Best SASS Club; Hell on Wheels High Plains Regional, Best SASS Annual Match; Pale Wolf Brunelle, SASS #2495, of Oregon Old West Shooting Society, Best SASS Territorial Governor; EMF Great Western II, Best SASS Product; Wild West Mercantile, Best SASS Merchant; and The Westerns Channel, Best SASS Media.

The SASS Convention also raised \$8,000 for the Scholarship Foundation and capped off the weekend with SASS' largest Territorial Governor's summit to date. The Convention also set a milestone when it auctioned off badge number 50,000 for the Scholarship Foundation.

SASS has contracted with the Riviera for 2003 to use 100% of its convention facilities, including 100,000 square feet of exhibition area, and all available classrooms and meeting halls. Dates for SASS Convention and Wild West Christmas 2003 are December 4-7.

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There were 121 Governors present and 69 proxies for a total possible 190 votes.

Agenda Items

1) Should we rescind the rule giving a 10-second safety penalty for unintentionally leaving a spent round in the action or in the chamber of a long gun? This includes both rifles and shotguns.

There was much discussion whether or not this issue is really a safety issue.

Motion by Marshal Law and seconded to amend item 1: Change rule to read, "The shooter must clear any spent rounds prior to leaving the firing line. Any empty rounds found in a long gun upon reaching the unloading table will incur a 10-second safety penalty."

Motion was overwhelmingly defeated.

2) Since doubles do not automatically eject rounds when the gun is opened, should we allow doubles to be re-staged after use with spent rounds still in the gun?

There was much discussion about this being a part of item #1.

3) Stage DQ's are not handled consistently between rank point matches and total time matches. In a total time match, should we standardize the practice of scoring a stage DQ by allocating five seconds for each target in the stage plus 30 seconds for failure to engage?

Discussions among the entire group about fundamental differences between rank score and time scored matches. This item is actually an information exchange of what makes for better standardization. Straw poll was taken of clubs using rank scoring versus total time. Overall in attendance was approximately 70% rank versus 30% total time.

Motion by Claybuster and seconded to amend item 3 offered from the floor. In a total time match, should we standardize the practice of scoring a stage DQ and send to committee for later discussion?

Motion was overwhelmingly passed. If this agenda item passes at this Summit, Hipshot will appoint a committee to study and bring back. Friday discussion added information from Quick Cal for a resolu-

tion if passed on Saturday.

4) Since the interpretation of the rules is included in the RO-I materials, should we make the RO-I materials available to 100% of the membership upon request?

Many Governors present have a strong desire to provide the RO-I materials to all members. Discussion regarding how this could be accomplished ranged from sending it out to all new members, Territorial Governors carrying responsibility for dispersal, SASS to send out to all members periodically, SASS to provide members upon request. Revisions to the materials also require special handling and attention.

5) Our shooting population is getting older and the ladies are not always being given formal recognition. Should we add Senior Lady and Grand Dame as official SASS shooting categories?

Definition of Lady Seniors as over 60 and Grand Dame as over 70 were given. Tex offered a clarification of how the existing categories are intended. Discussion ranged from allowing matches freedom to offer categories versus requiring state level and higher matches to offer all official categories with awards going only to those with five or more participants.

6) Should we change rank scoring to determine ranking within each category only? A second calculation using the entire match shooting population would be performed to determine the overall winners. This would ensure only peers are judged against peers.

Mixed discussion was offered about the fundamental differences between rank scoring and total time matches. Discussion was recommended to make this change at state level and higher matches.

Motion by Marshal Law and seconded to change the second calculation to use total time for determining the overall men and ladies winners.

Motion was denied.

Hipshot, as the chairman, moved this item to committee for discussion and study for next year's Summit.

7) Since Territorial Governors are expected to lead by example, should we change Territorial Governor qualifications to additionally require they be RO-II graduates?

A show of hands among the members in attendance showed there were very few who had not taken the RO-II course. Some members feel this is a prejudicial move. Many instructors in attendance graciously offered their time to make more courses available to those areas that have few, if any, local RO-II instructors. Ideas were exchanged as to how to notify and encourage shooters to attend these courses.

Motion by Quick Cal and seconded to allow a grace period of one year for any existing Territorial Governor that has not currently taken the RO-II course.

Motion was accepted.

8) Since there are already too many categories, should we repeal the 49er Category? Any experience with this category?

Coyote Calhoun gave statistics of 2002 Regional matches regarding the 49er category. 11.3% of the shooters participated in this category. The Governors in attendance recognized Marshal Law for his diligence in getting this category approved. A clarification was offered regarding the age qualification for the category (The category includes those who are 49 years old and older).

9) Since it is imperative SASS be both safe and consistent, should we require all posse leaders to be RO-I graduates?

There was a brief discussion from the floor regarding the potential problems getting enough volunteer help if this requirement becomes mandatory. Others feel this requirement would be a welcome idea. Hipshot clarified this item is in regard to the actual Posse Leader and not the Timer Operator. Rowdy Yates raised a question of potential liability issues if this item were to become a requirement. Tumbleweed Thom addressed this issue as to the limit of liability for the club and other organizations involved. Additional discussion as to which organization (local clubs or SASS) should adopt or require this process. How would a rule of this nature be enforced? Most feel each club encouraging their members to par-

icipate in the RO Courses and not making it a requirement would best address this.

Motion by Leatherneck and seconded to replace the word "require" with "strongly encourage."

Motion was accepted.

10) Since we already have too many categories, should we impose a moratorium on any new shooting categories? If yes, additional discussion will be continued to the "open forum" in order to determine agenda items for next year's Summit.

San Quinton offered a view regarding recognition of SASS members in this sport. This is entertainment and more categories should be welcomed. Many members feel a "yes" vote on this item would be detrimental to the sport as a whole.

11) Since we already have too many categories, should we consider combining some of the existing shooting categories? If yes, additional discussion will be continued to the "open forum" in order to determine agenda items for next year's Summit.

The overwhelming majority of Territorial Governors felt there are not too many categories. Discussion from Item #10 was pertinent to this Item as well.

12) Should we consider opportunities to simplify the rules by repealing the "External Modifications" and institute the "15 foot rule" instead?

The vast majority of the Territorial Governors felt a repeal of the existing rules would be a mistake, and a 15-foot rule would definitely not be a good idea.

13) Changes after the fact are disconcerting. Should we ask The Wild Bunch to establish a grace period to formally "approve" changes adopted at the Summit? .

There was discussion from the floor about administrative procedures and responsibilities of the Territorial Governor's at this function. Majority of those in attendance agree SASS and the Wild Bunch have the ultimate authority in all decisions. The voting and approval process was again read and clarified.

14) Costuming is getting lax and needs some incentive to improve the "Cowboy" look at matches. Should we adopt the Classic Cowboy Category rule as submitted below?

San Quinton offered a clarification on the creation of this category. Questions from the floor arose about the viability of the category. Many members were in support of the item with several varied ideas. Some members are of the opinion this category should only require a double shotgun with more strict clothing requirements and some wish to have only one handgun with a reload on the clock. The vast majority of the members were in favor of adding this category, as written, as an additional category for recognition. Motion by Bat Masterson and seconded to add a Ladies Category as part of this item with different clothing requirements and leaving the firearm requirements the same.

Motion was accepted.

Rios was appointed as a committee chair to determine the requirements and bring back a recommendation to the group prior to voting. The requirements below include all the ladies' committee modifications.

Motion by Montana Brown and seconded to allow only rimmed cartridges of .40 caliber and larger in this Category.

Motion was accepted.

Classic Category Requirements

Handguns:

Any SASS legal Traditional Category pistols.

Calibers:

.40 caliber rimmed cartridges or larger - pistols and rifle (e.g., .38-40, .44 Special, .44 Russian, .44 Mag, .44-40, .45 Schofield, .45 Colt, including .36 caliber cap and ball or larger).

Ammo:

SASS legal ammo - smokeless or black-powder.

Rifles:

Any 1873 or earlier manufacture SASS legal rifle or a replica thereof (e.g., 1866, Henry, 1873).

Shotguns:

SASS legal external-hammer double barrel or lever actions.

Costuming:

Must choose at least three of the requirements listed below. All clothing items must be worn for the duration of the entire match, including awards ceremonies.

Chaps, spurs, cuffs, scarf worn loosely around the neck or with scarf slide, tie, vest, pocket watch with full-length chain, jacket, no straw hats allowed.

In addition to the above items, ladies may choose from the items listed below in order to compete within this Category:

Period watch, split riding skirt, bustle, hoops, corset, Victorian style hat (straw allowed), period jewelry, period hair ornaments (e.g., feathers), snood, Reticule (period handbag), period lace up shoes, camisole, bloomers, fishnet stockings, feather boa, cape.

Pistols MUST be shot as described in the SASS Duelist Category requirements ONLY! No Buscadero or drop loop holster rigs allowed.

All boots must be of traditional design (for example, leather or smooth rubber) with non-grip enhancing soles.

Hats must be worn for the entire match.

15) Rogue ROs. There have been a few reports of over-zealous ROs who are either doing the wrong things or have the wrong attitudes. Is there a problem that should be addressed by the RO Committee?

Comments from the floor about instructors handing out course materials along with the tests and therefore dilute the value of the intended information. Some feel a process of regulation would be unenforceable. Maybe repeated incidents could be documented and forwarded to the committee for some sort of punitive action. Several members suggested the issue should be handled at the local level.

16) Pistol Caliber Cartridges in Long-range Rifle competition. The Summit narrowly (56 to 50) approved deleting pistol caliber cartridges from the long-range rifle competition. Does this issue need to be readdressed by allowing pistol caliber in Long Range Rifle Competition?

No discussion was offered from the floor.

17) Gamesmanship. One of the things that distinguishes Cowboy Action

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Shooting™ competitions from most other action shooting sports is role playing and "playing cowboys" as we did as kids. Do you ever remember seeing one western movie where adversaries did anything but look each other squarely in the eye and adopted as non-threatening a posture as possible until it was actually time to slap leather? In order to balance the natural tendency to push the starting envelope to the maximum while maintaining a good "Old West" appearance, should we adopt a default "Starting Position" for stages that do not specify a start position? (e.g., "The Matt Dillon Position", eyes downrange, hands away from guns.)

Tex offered an impassioned explanation of what "playing the game" is really all about. SASS is a game and should be played as such without the "win at all costs attitude." Many explanations were offered as to potential problems. Most Match Directors felt all of these problems could be corrected through stage design. Others indicated there should be more flexibility without requiring stage designers to be quite so specific.

18) Gunfighter Category. The Territorial Governors have passed the "basketball traveling rule" restricting movement with a cocked firearm. Uncocked firearms always have the hammer down on an empty chamber (or spent round) and allow safe movement. The Governors have also declared it is safe to re-holster a loaded pistol, so long as the hammer is down on an empty chamber (or spent round). These approved safety rules could allow the Gunfighter category to be made less restrictive. Less restrictive rules allow the match designer far more latitude in stage design without having to consider making special allowances for Gunfighters. Should we adopt the following change to the Gunfighter Category?

* If a stage requires only one handgun and five rounds, allow the Gunfighter to load three and two and use both pistols, shooting Gunfighter style.

* If a stage is designed for a pistol, rifle, pistol sequence, for example, allow

the Gunfighter to engage the first five targets with both pistols, shooting Gunfighter style, holster, shoot the rifle, and then engage the second set of targets Gunfighter style. Obviously, the hammers must be down on the pistols before holstering.

*** THIS BULLETED ITEM WAS REMOVED VIA AN AMENDMENT FROM THE FLOOR.

* If the stage calls for ten pistol rounds in a row, but from two different shooting positions, under the current rules it is presently allowable for the shooter to move from one shooting position to the next with both pistols out so long as the hammers are down on spent chambers.

* It should be understood if the competitor feels the least bit uncomfortable at anytime on any scenario, shooting the stage "double duelist" style is acceptable. The "double duelist" style will be further defined by some minor changes in the Shooters Handbook as referenced below.

* If options are available to the Gunfighter, the RO and Spotters must be notified by the shooter regarding how they intend to engage the stage prior to starting the timer.

Tex offered the membership a detailed and animated discussion of this item. Some experienced Gunfighters in attendance argued against the process of allowing shooters to reholster with potentially cocked guns due to the inability to determine experienced versus beginner level shooters. Other experienced Gunfighters argued vehemently in favor of this entire process. Additional discussion about "Gunfighter friendly" stage design also ensued. Safety of SASS matches was the overall paramount issue among the majority of the speakers. Many think the adoption of these new rules would have the potential for creating an accident.

Motion by Pale Wolf Brunelle and seconded: Add an additional bullet as follows: If options are available to the Gunfighter, the RO and Spotters must be notified by the shooter of how he/she intends to engage the stage prior to starting the timer. (added above as item #5) Motion was accepted.

Motion by Doc Freud and seconded to remove the original section of this item that allowed a Gunfighter to pull both handguns under any circumstance

instead of just when shot back to back (originally Bullet #2).

Motion was accepted.

Motion by Pale Wolf Brunelle and seconded to allow butt-forward cavalry twist draw process to the Gunfighter rules.

Motion was denied.

19) Frontier Cartridge Duelist. Adding this category was soundly defeated (40-67) at last year's Summit. A second motion was tabled to change the existing Frontier Cartridge Category to a Duelist category, but, since it was not on the agenda, no vote was taken. In many parts of the country this is a very popular category and is offered at some of the major matches. Should the existing category be changed?

Tex offered an explanation of this idea as a result of many matches currently offering the category. Discussion from interested shooters was generally about the possibility that changing Frontier Cartridge to Frontier Cartridge Duelist would, in effect, kill the category totally. It was determined the original submission of this item was actually a two-part question and was misprinted in this agenda. This item was subdivided and Item 21 added to the agenda to recognize a Frontier Cartridge Duelist Category in addition to the existing Frontier Cartridge Category.

20) Should we place a moratorium on rule changes? If yes, additional discussion will be continued to the "open forum" in order to determine agenda items for next year's Summit.

Some feel, outside of safety related issues, there should be a year or two moratorium on new rule changes to give clubs time to catch up to existing rules. Others in attendance feel strongly we do not need to legislate new changes at each Summit to justify the existence of the Territorial Governors.

21) Frontier Cartridge Duelist. Adding this category was soundly defeated (40-67) at last year's Summit. A second motion was tabled to change the existing Frontier Cartridge Category to a Duelist category, but, since it was not on the agenda, no vote was taken. In many parts of the coun-

try this is a very popular category and is offered at some of the major matches. Should we add a new category for Frontier Cartridge Duelist?

Saturday Session

Hipshot called the third session to order at 9:03 a.m.

Hipshot introduced Miss Sherry to the members. She thanked everyone for the effort put into the SASS Christmas tree.

Ballots were disbursed to the members in attendance and each item was reviewed from the current minutes as recorded by San Quinton. Voting then commenced.

Meeting continued at 10:45 after all ballots were collected.

Doc Freud brought to the floor an idea of creating a category allowing .22 caliber handguns and rifles as well as a .410 shotgun. Questions arose as to how these participants would be scored. Many members felt a separate category entirely would be necessary. Many clubs represented reported successes of this idea already. The consensus seemed to be local clubs should experiment with this idea and offer more information in the future.

Johnny Colt shared an idea of week-day shoot possibilities.

Marshal Law brought up the possibility of automatic ejectors allowed for double shotguns. There was much discussion from the floor about the continued double versus pump shotgun issue. The consensus felt the rules needed to stay as they are currently are.

Diamond Dick shared information about California Police shooting matches that now offer a Cowboy Action Shooting™ discipline. The Pan Pacific Games will be in Sacramento, CA during August 2003 and includes a Cowboy Action Shooting™ match. There will be a limit of 150 shooters for this event.

Trinity requested a modification be made to the SASS Handbook, page four, after Spirit of the Game, to somehow reference the RO materials as further clarification of rules stated within the Handbook. A straw pole was taken and the majority of the members were in favor of this idea.

Quick Cal offered some ideas with regard to "wimp loads" within the sport.

His suggestion was to create a power factor based on velocity and bullet weight. For example, 1000 feet per second with a 100-grain bullet would equate to a 100,000 power factor. There were varying opinions among the members about what the effect of this process would be. Discussion ranged from vehemently opposed to vehemently in favor. After much discussion, the majority of the Territorial Governors seemed to be opposed to this kind of process.

Cole Younger addressed an issue within the blackpowder categories in regard to buffered loads. Cole colorfully defined cornmeal filler loads as "cosmic muffins" when fired. Many other interested members offered personal experiences within the blackpowder categories. Paladin proposed an agenda item to allow the 49er Category to become an "open" category, as are all other current age-based categories.

Marshal Law discussed some issues in regard to the SASS wire. It seems there is quite a bit of whining primarily consisting of a very few voices. The SASS wire should be considered only as entertainment value.

Hipshot discussed range lead control issues and offered contact information to the members. All clubs need to be aware of the impending problems for ranges with regard to lead control issues. Other members offered additional information about brass cases and noise ordinances as well as the lead issues. Members were reminded both state and federal laws must be considered in these types of issues.

Hipshot presented information regarding the Step Outside program. This program is about introducing new shooters to the shooting sports disciplines. Paladin proposed an agenda item for next year to further define what is a miss. Also proposed was a total repeal of the Failure to Engage penalty currently in the rules.

The members were reminded of the process required to get an item on the agenda for next year.

Doc Faraday proposed a new category called "Shootist" with requirements that would substantially change the match winners. Suggestion was made to make a proposal for next year's agenda.

A request was made for the Wild

Bunch to make the Handbook and RO materials available via PDF files on the SASS web site in order to simplify the distribution of materials.

Hipshot adjourned the third session at 12:00 noon.

Sunday Session

Hipshot called the final session called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Results of the voting process were handed out to all Governors. San Quinton reviewed the results and answered questions from the Territorial Governors.

The results of agenda item #18 regarding changes to the Gunfighter Category resulted in clarification of the "Double Duelist" shooting style within the Gunfighter Category. There will be one modification made to the Shooters Handbook, page 10. The current statement "double duelist" (i.e. one pistol at a time) will be changed to (i.e., one loaded pistol out at a time).

Marshal Law initiated a discussion readdressing the Gunfighter Certification process that was previously dismissed a few years ago. He was assigned the duty of investigating a new and refined process to be discussed next year.

Cole Younger announced the new Henry Rifle Company .44 magnum rifle. It was agreed this gun should come to the Wild Bunch for approval prior to being allowed in competition.

Hipshot/Cole Younger brought up an issue of defining the holstering process with regard to breaking the 170-degree rule. The issue seems to be the current rule of allowing the shooter to holster the handgun will sometimes violate the 170 rule. There was discussion if which way the shooter turns while holstering should determine a violation. (When the shooter has turned to move parallel to the firing line and the pistol barrel is straight down, is there a safety procedure difference depending upon whether the pistol is "down range" from the shooter versus "up range" from the shooter?) A straw pole was taken and the results were fairly evenly split.

All rules made or changed here will go into effect at END of TRAIL 2003. The new categories will also be in effect. END of TRAIL 2003 will be run under (draft) Version 11 of the Handbook,

SASS Territorial Governor Summit 2002 - Tally of Votes

Item #	Item Description (As Amended)	For	Against	Abstain	Result
1	Should we rescind the rule giving a 10 second safety penalty for unintentionally leaving a spent round in the action or in the chamber of a long gun. This includes <u>both rifles and shotguns</u> .	36	153	0	Fail
	Percentage	19.05%	80.95%		
2	Since doubles do not automatically eject rounds when the gun is opened, should we allow doubles to be re-staged after use with spent rounds still in the gun?	30	158	0	Fail
	Percentage	15.96%	84.04%		
3	In a total time match, should we standardize the practice of scoring a stage DQ and send to committee for later discussion. The committee's recommendations is as follows: In total time scored matches, a maximum time per stage will be established by adding together all available miss penalties, plus 30 seconds. Shooters receive maximum stage time for DNF, DQ, or not completing the stage within the maximum time.	170	18	1	Pass
	Percentage	90.43%	9.57%		
4	Since the interpretation of the rules is including in the RO-I materials, should we make the RO-I materials available to 100% of the membership upon request?	185	3	0	Pass
	Percentage	98.40%	1.60%		
5	Our shooting population is getting older and the ladies are not always being given formal recognition. Should we add Senior Lady(over 60) and Grand Dame(over 70) as official SASS shooting categories?	163	24	2	Pass
	Percentage	87.17%	12.83%		
6	Should we change rank scoring to determine ranking within each category only? A second calculation using the entire match shooting population would be performed to determine the overall winners. This would ensure only peers are judged against peers.				Moved To Committee

TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS RATIFICATION VOTE

Two agenda items from the 2002 Territorial Governors Summit passed but not by the two-thirds majority needed to enact them. Please take the time to vote on these two agenda items. Your votes must be submitted to Hipshot at the SASS Office by February 15, 2003. If you voted at the summit you should vote again.

1) Should we ask The Wild Bunch to establish a grace period to formally "approve" changes adopted at the Summit?

For Against Abstain

2) There have been a few reports of over zealous ROs who are either doing the wrong things or have the wrong attitudes. Is there a problem that should be addressed by the RO Committee?

For Against Abstain

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7	Since Territorial Governors are expected lead by example, should we change Territorial Governor qualifications to additionally require they be RO-II graduates? A one year grace period for existing Governors would be allowed.	142	46	1	Pass
	Percentage	75.53%	24.47%		
8	Should we repeal the 49er Category?	18	165	6	Fail
	Percentage	9.84%	90.16%		
9	Since it is imperative SASS be both safe and consistent, should we strongly encourage all posse leaders to be RO-I graduates?	181	8	0	Pass
	Percentage	95.77%	4.23%		
10	Should we impose a moratorium on any new shooting categories?	38	149	1	Fail
	Percentage	20.32%	79.68%		
11	Should we consider combining some of the existing shooting categories?	32	155	1	Fail
	Percentage	17.11%	82.89%		
12	Should we consider opportunities to <i>simplify</i> the rules by repealing the "External Modifications" and institute the "15 foot rule" instead?	31	156	2	Fail
	Percentage	16.58%	83.42%		
13	Should we ask The Wild Bunch to establish a grace period to formally "approve" changes adopted at the Summit?	95	85	9	Send Out
	Percentage	52.78%	47.22%		
14	Should we adopt a Classic Category under the rules as stated in the minutes of the 2003 Territorial Governors Meeting?	140	44	5	Pass
	Percentage	76.09%	23.91%		
15	There have been a few reports of over zealous ROs who are either doing the wrong things or have the wrong attitudes. Is there a problem that should be addressed by the RO Committee?	104	65	19	Send Out
	Percentage	61.54%	38.46%		
16	Pistol Caliber Cartridges in Long-range Rifle competition. The Summit narrowly (56 to 50) approved deleting pistol caliber cartridges from the long-range rifle competition. Does this issue need to be readdressed by allowing pistol caliber in Long Range Rifle Competition?	46	133	8	Fail
	Percentage	25.70%	74.30%		
17	Should we adopt a default "Starting Position" for stages that do not specify a start position? (i.e. "The Matt Dillon Position", Eyes downrange, hands away from guns.)	43	141	4	Fail
	Percentage	23.37%	76.63%		
18	Should we adopt the changes to the Gunfighter Category as stated in the 2002 Territorial Governors Summit?	153	30	5	Pass
	Percentage	83.61%	16.39%		
19	Should the existing Frontier Cartridge category be changed to a Duelist only category?	18	162	8	Fail
	Percentage	10.00%	90.00%		
20	Should we place a moratorium on rule changes?	30	153	5	Fail
	Percentage	16.39%	83.61%		
21	Should we add a new category for Frontier Cartridge Duelist?	128	47	12	Pass
	Percentage	73.14%	26.86%		

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which will include all modifications and additions from this meeting.

Coyote Cap asked all members in attendance to consider requiring all timer operators to be RO graduates.

Pale Wolf Brunelle asked the RO Committee to consider adding verbiage to the RO materials, addressing when penalties begin and end. It should be clear they start at the loading table and end at the unloading table.

Pale Wolf Brunelle was recognized for his receipt of the First SASS Territorial Governor of the Year Award.

Bucolic Buffalo poled the members as to interest in a Cyber/Postal Match.

As a result of Agenda Item #3 pass-

ing, Hipshot appointed a committee to come up with a standardized method of scoring a DQ in total time matches. The committee was chaired by Quick Cal and made up of the following members: Turkey Creek Red, Trinity, Kid Hawkins, More or Less, Johnny Colt, Texas Jack Morales, Old Dead Eye, and Marshal Law. The committee's recommendation is as follows: In total time scored matches, a maximum time per stage will be established by adding together all available miss penalties, plus 30 seconds. Shooters receive maximum stage time for DNF, DQ, or not completing the stage within the maximum time.

The final session was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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