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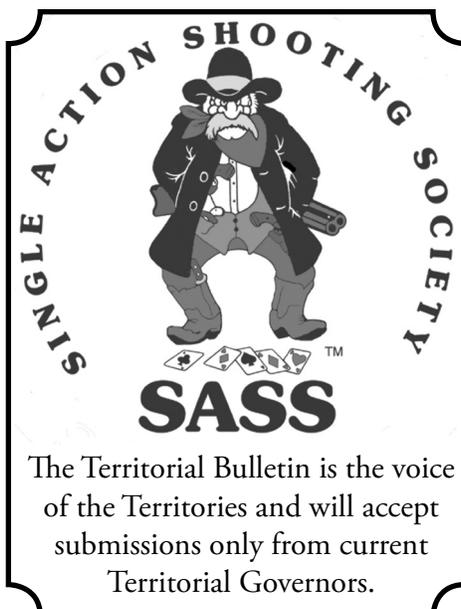
Thursday's opening session of the SASS 7th Annual Territorial Governors Summit was begun by a call to order at 9:11 a.m. by Hipshot.

Hipshot was followed by introductions of the administrative staff, RO Committee, and Wild Bunch members present.

Moderator – Hipshot, SASS #7
Recording Secretary/Parliamentarian – San Quinton, SASS #4818
RO Committee Representative and Time Keeper – Quick Cal, SASS #2707

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

Hipshot explained the voting structure and mechanics. The rules as written in the TG Bulletin will be enforced and strictly adhered to. Territorial Governors and the official proxy holders will vote via ballots on Saturday, and the votes are binding if passed by at least a 2/3s majority. Votes passing but not receiving a 2/3s majority will be sent back out to all Territorial Governors for a final vote. Time limits are allotted for each agenda item. Unused time will be allowed to carry over to other items.



The Territorial Bulletin is the voice of the Territories and will accept submissions only from current Territorial Governors.

Wildcat Kate was recognized to speak for the mounted clubs in attendance.

The entire first session was spent discussing the first eight action shooter

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Time is Now for Club Renewal

By Coyote Calhoun, SASS# 201

It is time to renew your club's SASS affiliation if you have not done so. The SASS office mailed out the renewal forms the first of November. It is very important we get your club's renewal by the end of the year. This allows us to keep your club's monthly shooting schedule and annual match schedule listed in The Cowboy Chronicle and on the SASS web site. This listing is important because it allows SASS members and potential members to locate you as well as facilitates SASS and clubs coordinating dates of matches and plan schedules. Other benefits to affiliation are Territorial Governor representation, license to use the SASS Logo, and special bulletins, like this one, to keep your club connected to our family of shooters.

So, if you have not renewed your club's affiliation for this year please do so now. This year, you may also renew on-line. The web address is:

www.sassnet.com/clubrenewalform.php

If you have any questions about renewal please call the SASS office at 877-411-SASS or you may e-mail me at coyote@sassnet.com.



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agenda items. See each individual item below for detailed discussions.

First session was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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

Second session called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Hipshot.

Second session was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Third session called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Hipshot

Hipshot announced that there will be a RO refresher course immediately following this session.

Coyote Calhoun offered a clarification on the modifications committee and entire process. The Wild Bunch is not saying all modifications are legal or illegal as of this time, but the formation of the committee is intended to make that determination. The exact time frame has not been set but the process needs to be given time to develop the best possible solution.

Hipshot introduced Larry Townson to present a range medical trauma kit to the body of Governors. The Firearms Trauma Shooting Kit is designed be used on a firing range and is readily available at a fee of \$17.50. Clubs may contact Larry at 800-771-0366 or email him at lartripar@aol.com.

The Open Discussion Items below were covered. See the individual

items below for details.

Information from Quick Cal, Chairman of the RO Committee was presented to update the entire TG body on relevant matters. Changes in verbiage to some of the RO material clarifications will continue to be made as situations arise. Cal suggested stage descriptions often create issues that can be easily resolved with a bit more thought. He also clarified some Gunfighter issues that may have been misunderstood. Stages that call for a procedure between the two pistols and allow the pistols to be staged rather than holstered have the possibility of permitting the Gunfighters to shoot five rounds using both pistols, re-stage the pistols safely, engage the next firearm or procedure and then return to the pistols to fire the remaining pistol sequence.

Action Shooting ballots were distributed at 11:00 A.M. Votes were cast, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. There were 197 Club Governors present and 98 proxies represented. The total possible votes available this year is 295.

Mounted shooting ballots were disbursed at 11:00 A.M. There were 11 Club Governors or representative present and 7 proxies represented. The total possible votes available this year is 17.

Third session was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Final Session (Sunday) called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Hipshot.

Hipshot recognized Wildcat Kate to announce the voting results for the

mounted program. All rule changes for the Mounted program will go into effect in January 2006. The Mounted program is proposing a round table meeting of interested parties at END of TRAIL 2006.

Coyote Calhoun was recognized to announce the addition of three additional Regions to the SASS Regional Program beginning in 2006.

Coyote also presented three 1873 replica rifles with different lever travel distances for a straw poll of what the TG body in attendance thinks of where the line needs to be drawn on modifications. The majority in attendance were in favor of the shortest lever travel rifle displayed. Tex offered a history of our sport and the evolution of the firearms modifications. Tex offered his impassioned opinion and explained that there are many ways to address this issue but in the end, the intent of the sport was to be playing an 1870's game and should continue in that direction.

The voting results for both action and mounted items were distributed. The minutes of this meeting along with the minutes of all of the other TG meetings will be included in the Territorial Governor Bulletin so all Governors can be aware of the information offered at this meeting.

Ratification votes will only be sent to the clubs not represented at the Summit. A straw poll was taken and overwhelmingly approved as to changing the voting process to allow the votes of the Summit to be binding and remove the ratification process entirely.

Straw Poll Items

- Categories

Should the Senior Category be subdivided into two different categories? As our age base gets older it is time to begin looking at where the majority of our shooters are participating. The senior category is growing, and it may be time to begin thinking about splitting it.

Wire Paladin made a motion to discuss this item at all Regionals and TG meetings for the next year to determine the validity or necessity of splitting the Senior Category. The motion was seconded and discussion followed to possibly split the Elder Statesman Category as well. 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 and older was proposed as age breaks for the Senior. Possibly use King of the Cowboys as the name of the category.

A straw poll was taken and the overwhelming majority was in favor of splitting both categories.

- Is the XS Sight legal?

The sight may be seen at the following web site: <http://www.xssights.com/newproducts.html>

The RO Committee did not find this sight violated any of the External Modifications. The sight is clearly pushing the limits.

The majority in attendance voted the sight should not be legal.

- Is the Lighting Rod legal?

It may depend on your definition of internal or external. The part can clearly be seen without disassembling the firearm so is it internal or external? The part has been altered dramatically, not just in contour, but the

addition of a roller-bearing that engages the hammer when cocked. Do we allow this to continue?

The Lightning Rod has been declared as illegal.

- Is USFA Race Grooves on their pistols legal?

Under our current rules the modification is "Iffy" If we say the grooves are too long then how long is too long? Do we really want to get into creating specifications for each and every part on a firearm? Where do we say yes and where do we say no?

Opinions varied widely from a cosmetic embellishment to an external modification. An overwhelming majority voted that this modification should not be allowed.

- 1893/97 Shotgun

What do you think about a shotgun built as an 1893 Winchester on the outside and an 1897 Winchester on the inside? This gun would have all the safety improvements of an 1897 but with the larger loading/extractor port of an 1893. Would we allow this? Remember this is not a voting session and any gun that would be built would have to be seen by the TG body and then voted on.

Coyote Cap was recognized to discuss a modification to the 1887 Lever Winchester. He also introduced a potential new shotgun similar to a Winchester 1893 pump shotgun. Cap gave a history of the development of the 1893 shotgun.

Discussion from the floor was both opposed and in favor of adopting this gun as a SASS legal firearm.

The straw poll reflected the majority was in favor of allowing this shotgun.

- Should we consider adopting a minimum velocity rule?

Over the years, many discussions have taken place about this issue. A power factor would create a mandatory requirement on all matches for measuring velocity and bullet weight which has been strongly opposed due to the time and effort necessary. Simply measuring the velocity of questionable rounds would not impose a mandatory chronograph issue, but would encourage an honor policy instead. Should we reconsider the issue? Should there be variable minimum velocities based on caliber?

Discussion from the floor was all in favor of this idea. Snakebite and Tex gave some history of the velocity requirements and power factors that have been introduced and abandoned over the years of the sport.

The straw poll reflected a massive majority in favor of this idea.

- Should the Gunfighter shooting style be allowed in all categories?

The discussions were all over the place with the majority against.

It was agreed that all straw poll items covered at the T.G. Summit should become part of the items that Coyote presents across the country during the next year and used as potential agenda items for the next summit.

The Final Session was adjourned at 11:20.



SASS Territorial Governor Summit 2005 Action Shooter Agenda Items

1. Should all SASS State and higher championships be required to honor all SASS Categories even if there is only one participant?

We are now requiring all sanctioned State and above championships to honor all categories with five or more participants.

Questions from the floor regarding whether or not the same level of awards for all categories are required. General consensus was the awards would not have to be equal but all categories should be offered. Some discussion ensued about smaller matches not being able to afford the awards for all categories. Opinions varied for and against adding requirements to State and higher level matches.

PASSED

242 For - 52 Against - 1 Abstain

2. Should all rule changes passed at the Territorial Governor's Summit go into effect as of March 1st of the following year?

With END of TRAIL moving its calendar forward to June of 2006, would it be best for SASS to initiate the newly adopted changes in the rules, following the SASS Convention in December, to an earlier date? With dates of matches varying, it would not be a good idea to attach new rules to a match date but rather a calendar date. March 1st, at this point, would precede all Regional, National, and World championships.

All discussion was enthusiastically in

favor of establishing a specific date.

PASSED

293 For - 2 Against - 0 Abstain

3. Should all blackpowder categories be changed to add the following statement in the Shooters handbook?

"It is expected the blackpowder competitor shall contend with smoke-obscured targets. To insure this, all shotgun, revolver and rifle powder charges must produce smoke equivalent to a base line load of 15 grains by volume (1 cc) of ffg blackpowder. Some blackpowders or blackpowder substitutes may require less volume to produce this amount of smoke."

Through testing it has been determined that 1cc of blackpowder, in either a .32, .38, .44 or .45 case, all produce approximately the same amount of smoke. Competitors will be required to produce this amount of smoke. Some types of blackpowder, or blackpowder substitutes, may produce this amount of smoke with less volume of powder. It is also recommended there be an appeal procedure (three Territorial Governors) if it is suspected a competitor is not producing the correct amount of smoke and base line loads be on hand to compare to the shooter's loads. It is also recommended the penalty for such an infraction should be a Spirit of the Game Penalty (30 Seconds), removal from the blackpowder category, and placement in a comparable smokeless category.

Hipshot explained the origin of this

agenda item. A Committee appointed by Hipshot has spent their time and effort to come up with this verbiage after extensive testing.

There were questions from the floor regarding what level of match this rule would apply to. There was discussion about the overall inability to enforce this type of rule. Snakebite offered some history of how this item originated and the pros and cons of how the committee finally formulated the verbiage to address the issue of shooters loads not smoking "enough." Additional discussion was offered about what the problem really is with the black powder smoke issue. There are actually two ways to lessen smoke - decrease the volume of black powder or use duplex loads (which are illegal). Much opinion was offered that the process of determining "enough" smoke as worded in this item would create a very subjective process and therefore difficult at best to administer.

Clay Buster offered some research about an easier way to determine duplex loads containing nitro-cellulose by using a readily available chemical kit. Additional discussion continued about using a velocity minimum rule instead of an amount of smoke.

Leatherneck offered an amendment to remove the last sentence of this verbiage. The motion was seconded and passed by an overwhelming majority.

A great deal of discussion ensued about the protest and appeal process of this entire issue.

Doc Faraday clarified that this issue would apply to ALL revolvers which

would include Cap and Ball guns.

A motion to change the “Three Territorial Governor” statement be changed to “Three Match Officials”. It was seconded and approved the explanation area of this issue would be added ONLY to the RO materials and NOT the Handbook

Quick Cal presented the RO Committee’s proposal for appealing the issue of black powder smoke.

PASSED

245 For - 49 Against - 1 Abstain

4. “B” Western has been a great success at END of TRAIL, The Shoot-out at Mule Camp, and several other State and Regional matches. It is time to make it “official.” Should we make the B Western category official?

The following are the rules for the category. Handguns: All SASS legal handguns are allowed. Rifles: Any SASS legal rifle of 1884 or later design or a replica thereof (i.e. 1892, 1894, Lightning Rifle, or Marlin). Shotguns: All SASS legal shotguns. Ammunition: All SASS legal ammunition is allowed. Leather: Buscadero holster rigs or drop loop rigs. (All of the pistols must be carried below the top of the gun belt.) All belt and holster rigs must be embellished (fancy stitching, conchos, spots or tooling). All holsters must be of the “Straight Hang” type. No cross draw or shoulder rigs. Shooting style: Any non-gunfighter shooting style. Clothing: Shirts must be of the “B” Western style with snap buttons or any of the following, “Smiley Pockets,” embroidery, appliqués, fringe, or

different colored yokes. Shield Shirts are also allowed if it has piping or embroidery. Pants must be jeans, ranch pants, or pants with flap over the rear pocket, keystone belt loops and/or piping or fringe. Pants must be worn with a belt. Suspenders are not allowed. Felt hats only, no straw hats. Hats must be worn. All boots must be of traditional design with fancy stitching or multi-color fancy design with smooth, non-grip enhancing soles. Lace-up boots and moccasins are not allowed. Western Spurs with rowels are required for men. Ladies may wear skirts or split riding skirts. You must choose at least one or more of the following optional items: Gloves or gauntlets, scarves with slides or tied around the neck, coat, vest, chaps, cuffs. All costumes are expected to be fancy and flashy.

The “B” Western costuming must be worn during the entire match and awards ceremony with exception of evening formal occasions. Costumes that depict leading role characters in “B” western movies are allowed as long as the costume is complete with all accessories.

Coyote Calhoun, aka The Pecos Pimp, was recognized to present his personal passion of the B Western category. He explained the days of Roy, Gene, and Hoppy truly defined the beginnings of SASS and should now be an officially approved category.

A great deal of discussion ensued from the floor about whether or not the B Western dress was just a Costume Category instead of a Shooting Category. Opinions were offered both for and against having another category. Many offered opinions that

the B Western idea have definitely added additional flair to the dress of shooters at matches.

Should spurs be required? Many expressed safety issues with wearing spurs.

Some offered the B Western flair adds to the Fun Value of matches.

Johnny Colt offered a motion to allow any SASS legal shooting style instead of non-Gunfighter style. Clay Buster seconded the motion and discussion followed that by allowing any shooting style within this category would truly make this a unique shooting category. Additional clarification of how shooters could change shooting styles within this category would be added to the RO materials. The amendment was overwhelmingly passed.

Many questions surfaced about changing the rifle requirements to allow any SASS legal rifle. Pros and cons were offered dealing with this issue but the majority spoke in favor of leaving it as is.

Opinions expressed varied widely amongst the attendees.

PASSED

222 For - 70 Against - 3 Abstain

5. Should any competitor be allowed to protest a non-safety issue (miss, procedure, equipment, etc.) on another shooter?

As referenced in the SASS RO materials, everybody is a safety officer but, there are specific positions assigned to members of each posse to best facilitate a match. Traditionally, all calls

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have been the responsibility of persons in those positions, only. Those persons are the spotters, timer (Chief RO), posse marshal, and burm marshal. Should this now be opened up to all competitors?

All discussion was overwhelmingly not in favor of this item.

FAILED

6 For - 289 Against - 0 Abstain

6. Should any competitor be allowed to protest a safety call on another competitor? Or is this the job of the stage/posse marshal and spotters.

We have always said every competitor is a safety officer. Should we allow any competitor to go to the Match director and protest another competitor for safety reasons?

Rios made a motion to strike the last sentence of this item. The item was seconded and overwhelmingly approved.

Several clarifications were offered about this item to state both #6 and #7 will be added to the RO materials in statement form in order to allow the materials to reflect the information properly.

FAILED

21 For - 270 Against - 4 Abstain

7. Should we allow competitors in the Frontier Cartridge Category, which is a traditional style shooting category, the option to choose to shoot Gunfighter style? (Not the Frontier Cartridge Duelist Category.)

This would give the gunfighters another category in which to shoot. Also, this would allow the Territorial Governors to determine the viability of allowing the Gunfighter style in other traditional shooting categories at later dates.

Concerns from the floor were expressed about why the Gunfighter shooting style could not be allowed in all categories. Some concern was expressed about continuing to protect the Gunfighter category and allow it ONLY in that category. Gunfighter holster rules would still apply.

MUST BE RATIFIED

156 For - 133 Against - 6 Abstain

After the ratification vote the item did not received the number of votes (2/3 majority) needed.

FAILED

179 For - 157 Against - 6 Abstain

8. There needs to be a clarification/standardization of exactly when a shooter may compete in an age-based category. The age of the competitor the day the match starts will be the age used for the match.

The age of the competitor the day the match starts will be the age used for the match. SASS has always used the date of the match as to whether a shooter can participate in an age based category. If the match starts on Thursday then your age on Thursday is the age used for the match.

Does the age apply as of the MAIN match or the warm up or side matches? Suggestion was to make the age as of the MAIN match. It was clarified that the RO materials indicate

the match begins as of the warm up or side matches. It was offered that the advertised beginning date of the match be the determining factor.

Montana Brown made a motion that the verbiage read "The age of the competitor as of the official published start date of the match will be the age used for determining participation in any age based category for the match". The motion was seconded and overwhelmingly approved.

PASSED

287 For - 8 Against - 0 Abstain

9. Should the practice of putting the hammer tie down strap of the holster under the hammer (between the hammer and the frame) be allowed?

The current rule (hammers must be fully down) disallows it. It has been brought to several persons' attention that this practice is being taught and being used by a large number of persons. Is it safe and should it be allowed?

No discussion was warranted on this item.

FAILED

18 For - 276 Against - 1 Abstain

10. Should we revisit the issue of empty shells left on the carrier of an open shotgun or rifle?

At the present time, it is a minor safety if an empty shell is left on the carrier of a rifle or shotgun or in the chamber of a double barrel. Should this rule be changed to a no call issue?

After initial reaction this item needed no discussion, quite a bit of debate ensued dealing with the difference in loaded and unloaded rounds in firearms. It was expressed that since some clubs seem to be enforcing this rule differently, it should be removed. Discussion about the difference in treatment of rifles and shotguns may need to be considered. A great deal of sentiment surfaced supporting the removal of this penalty as it poses no real safety issue. Quite a bit of history regarding the origin of this penalty was covered in detail, and it was determined many other issues have evolved in the sport that warrant revisiting this issue. Arguments both for and against changing this penalty were offered during the discussion.

There was a motion from the floor to strike "or rifle" from the statement. The motion was seconded and overwhelmingly defeated.

Doc Faraday clarified this item does not in any way change the existing rule. Without changes, it will only be a determiner of whether this penalty will be addressed for change at the 2006 TG Summit

Jubal Sackett offered an amendment to change this item to read "Should the issue (safety penalty) of empty shells left on the carrier of an open shotgun or rifle be changed to a no call issue?" The motion was seconded and discussion followed that the responsibility of the TG's in attendance is to adapt to the changes that occur during the Summit sessions. It was clarified that passing this motion will potentially create a change in the current penalty rules. This motion

passed overwhelmingly.

FAILED

126 For - 168 Against - 1 Abstain

11. If a part of a firearm has been clearly altered and the part is visible without disassembly, that is to say the part can be seen by the normal handling of the firearm, (such as the case with the Lighting Rod) then the part is illegal.

Current rule says internal parts may be altered but external parts may not. This would more clearly define internal parts and external parts.

Hipshot offered the following official response to this item.

After lengthy discussions among the Board of Directors of SASS and input from many club sources across the world, we have determined this agenda item will be tabled at this time. It is our opinion the time has come to draw a line on firearm modifications in order to preserve the original purpose of our sport as well as insure continued participation opportunities for all levels of amateur competitors. The Wild Bunch along with the RO Committee and other appointed SASS members will work together in the very near future to set forth guidelines for acceptable firearms modifications. It is our objective to finalize our decision and publish a document of all acceptable modifications by the end of March 2006 in order to allow time for all members to be notified via The Cowboy Chronicle, TG Bulletin, SASS Wire and other means available prior to END of TRAIL 2006. It is our intent for these new guidelines to go into effect at END of

TRAIL 2006.

Since the Territorial Governors contribute such an enormous amount of effort for SASS and the clubs they represent, we would like to use this time slot to allow input from the body of the Territorial Governors in attendance here today. We will take all ideas shared here into consideration as we work to arrive at a decision that is in the best interest of all parties associated with our sport.

Discussion was offered from the floor about creating a new sub-committee to address firearms modifications in the future. The overwhelming majority of Governors in attendance are in favor of drawing a line with modifications of firearms. Hipshot offered clarifications on how the process could work best. Great concern was expressed that existing modifications should not be eliminated. Cole Younger was recognized as the Chairman of the newly formed Firearms Modifications Committee. It was strongly suggested that extreme care be taken on the organization of this committee and the final wording of this document as it will have massive impact on overall future of the sport. It is very important the approval process for modifications be readily available to shooters and manufacturers. Coyote Calhoun explained the Committee would have the authority to determine if a part is illegal, but the Territorial Governors would be the ultimate source of determination for parts that may have merit.

Coyote Calhoun clarified that, as of this time, the Lightning Rod is not legal.

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Annual State Championship Meeting

By San Quinton, SASS# 4818

Meeting was called to order by Coyote Calhoun at 2:35 p.m., Thursday 12/2

States Represented: Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Idaho, Maryland, West Virginia, Michigan, Louisiana, Mississippi, Washington, Wyoming, Massachusetts, Vermont, California, Texas, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Alaska, Ohio, Arkansas

RO Committee Members – San Quinton, Palewolf Brunelle

Coyote Calhoun thanked all in attendance for successful State events.

Contracts for 2007 State Championships are now available. Contact the SASS office or Coyote Calhoun for additional information.

The State Black Powder Championship program was discussed. They will now be called the SASS Black Powder Shootout Series. There is intent to create special pins and awards for these events in order to better separate the Black Powder Champions from the State Event Champions. All matches are encouraged to be creative within the black powder events.

All club renewals are available online now and should be completed as soon as possible. Contact Fancy Girl at the SASS office to remind her of match date changes.

All State events must submit registered shooters to the SASS office in advance of their match so the membership database can be cross checked. SASS will provide a contact person at the

SASS Office to receive the information and resolve any conflicts. The SASS Number and full alias are all that is required.

Matches are encouraged to list the SASS number as well as the alias in all publications and documents.

Each State event is encouraged to host a Territorial Governor meeting. All TG's from the State should be encouraged to attend the meetings at their respective events. Each State event is encouraged to seek out new sponsors and vendors for their matches. Each State event is also encouraged to schedule RO courses and should encourage instructors within the State to participate.

Coyote Calhoun discussed the prize pool process. It has always been a tradition, but it is understood the requirement for mandatory prizes has been eliminated now. All prizes received from SASS must be given in random drawing opportunities.

State events are encouraged to continue SASS Scholarship fund raising activities.

Coyote announced the expansion of the Regional Program increased from 7 to 10 events. A new Regional map will be published soon.

Mississippi will move to the Texas Regional area.

Average State match prices seem to run \$80 to \$100.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. 

2007 State Championship Applications

By Coyote Calhoun, SASS# 201

The SASS State Championships are the backbone of the SASS National Shooting Program. In 2005 we had forty-four SASS State Championships. These matches were the cream of the crop and some of the best Cowboy Action Shooting™ to be found anywhere. SASS and the Wild Bunch thank all the clubs that participated in helping make these events a success in 2005.

The 2006 matches have been awarded and now the process begins for 2007. In 2006, we will strive to have all fifty states hold a SASS State Championship.

The process is simple and the requirements are straightforward. The application period is between January 1st and May 1st for the year following the application period. In other words, you apply for next year's championship this year. This gives your club plenty of time to plan for the event.

Applications are requested through the SASS office. Only the club's official contact or the club's Territorial Governor may request the application. Applications are requested by contacting the SASS office. The toll free telephone number is 877-411-SASS, or you can e-mail at sassclubs@sassnet.com.

The applications and contracts must be completed, signed, and returned to the SASS Office by May 1st. Between May 1st and June 1st SASS will determine if there are multiple requests or invalid requests, resolve these issues, and then during the month of June award each SASS State Championship to a club.

For the year 2007, SASS is sanctioning State Championships in Action Shooting, Mounted Shooting, and in Action Blackpowder. There will be a new name for the Blackpowder Matches beginning this year, instead of them being called Blackpowder Championships they will be called Blackpowder Shootouts. The Blackpowder Shootouts Series will culminate with International Blackpowder Shootout being held at Founders Ranch during "Smoke In The Val-

ley", which will be the new SASS Southwest Plains Regional. The regional will be held Labor Day Weekend, which this year will be August 31st - September 3rd.

If your club is interested in holding a 2006 SASS State Blackpowder Shootout, please contact Coyote Calhoun at coyote@sassnet.com or the SASS Office at sassclubs@sassnet.com.

It is also very important to coordinate with other matches to make sure our schedules do not conflict. Please contact other clubs in your state, bordering states, and your Region to work out dates that do not conflict with other matches, especially matches in your own Region. Give your shooters a chance to not only support your match but other state and Regional matches as well.

TG MEETINGS IN 2006

Winter Range

March 8 - 12, 2006

Founders Ranch Inv.

April 27- 30, 2006

Shootout at Mule Camp

May 25-28, 2006

END of TRAIL

June 21-25, 2006

Hell on Whells

June 29 - July 2, 2006

Shootout at Horse Ridge

July 13-16, 2006

The Great Nor'easter

July 27 - 30, 2006

Guns of August

August 10 - 13, 2006

Smoke in the Valley

August 31 - September 3, 2006

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Annual Regional Championship Meeting

By San Quinton, SASS# 4818

Meeting was called to order by Coyote Calhoun at 1:40 p.m., Thursday 12/1

Attendees:

Mule Camp – San Quinton, Montana Brown, Clay Buster

Mason-Dixon – Cody Conagher, Chuckaroo

Shootout at Horse Ridge – Texas Jack Morales, Leggs Balou, Squats2Chute

Guns of August – Deadwood Stan, Highweeds, 7 Mile Tom

Last Stand at Chimney Rock – Desert Dawg, Five Jacks

Southwestern – Nueces Outlaw

Hell on Wheels – Slowpoke Wyoming

New England – Barrister Bill, Yankee, Skeets

Southwestern Plains – Founders Ranch

Northwest Black Powder Championship - Elder Kate, Doc Faraday

R O Committee Members - Cole Younger, Quick Cal

Coyote Calhoun thanked all in attendance for 10 years of successful regional events. All events are encouraged to use the 10th anniversary logo in their advertising.

The mounted event program was discussed for the regional programs. Discussion was offered by the regional events that have had mounted programs for additional opportunities. Regional events are encouraged to promote the mounted events but if there is not sufficient opportunity, then it is understood

and accepted.

There will be three new regional matches beginning in 2006. Smoke in the Valley will become a regional match known as the Southwest Plains Regional. A new area will be created in the Northeast to be known as the New England Regional and possibly one in the North Central Regional area. Chiz discussed additional sponsorship opportunities.

Coyote Calhoun discussed the prize pool process. It has always been a tradition, but it is understood the requirement for mandatory prizes has been eliminated now. All prizes received from SASS must be given in random drawing opportunities.

All regional events must submit registered shooters to the SASS office in advance of their match so the membership database can be cross checked. SASS will provide a contact person at the SASS Office to receive the information and resolve conflicts. The SASS Number and full alias are all that is required.

Tex and Cat Ballou have worked on a Costume Contest Administration document that will now be available online for use at the Regional level.

Matches are encouraged to list the SASS number as well as the alias in all publications and documents.

Match dates for 2006 have been set and will be updated online shortly.

The Southwest Regional will now be known as The Last Stand at Chimney Rock.

All club renewals are available online now and should be completed as soon as possible. Contact Fancy Girl at the SASS office to remind her of match date changes.

The Regional Black Powder Championship program was discussed. They will now be called the SASS Black Powder Shootout Series. There is intent to create special pins and awards for these events in order to better separate the Black Powder Champions from the Regional Event Champions. All matches are encouraged to be creative within the black powder events.

Coyote Calhoun is the contact person for the Regional events.

Cole Younger asked those in attendance to remind all participants of matches that ALL SASS rules will apply from the beginning of each match.

Each Regional event will host a Territorial Governor meeting. All TG's from the region should be encouraged to attend the meetings at their respective events. Each Regional event is also required to schedule RO courses and should encourage instructors within the region to participate. Each Regional is encouraged to seek out new sponsors and vendors for their matches.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.



SASS Territorial Governor Summit 2005 - Tally of Votes - Mounted Shooter Items

Agenda Item	Item	For	Against	Abstain	Result
1	SASS MOUNTED SHOOTING – Page 3 Reads: Three or more stages may make up a match. Should read: In these cases, three or more stages run back to back may make up a SASS match. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
2	STAGE DESIGN – Page 15-16 Reads: Barrels will not be closer than 15 feet to the arena side rails and 25 feet to the end rail, and balloons shall be a safe distance from the spectators. Should read: Barrels may not be closer than 25 feet to the arena side rails and 25 feet to the end rail, and balloons shall be set at least 30 feet from the side and end rails. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
3	STAGE DESIGN – Page 16 Reads: Courses of fire are designed so contestants shoot towards the center of the arena. Proposal: Remove this sentence. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
4	SCORING – Page 17 Reads: Three or more stages make up a match, and the total sum of all stages determines a contestant's score. Should read: Three or more stages run back to back can make up a SASS match, and the total sum of all stages determines a contestant's score. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
5	PENALTIES – Page 17 Reads: Procedural and discretionary penalties are kept to a minimum in timed events and are limited to the following: Should read: Penalties shall be restricted to the following: Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
6	TIMING – Page 19 –20 Reads: A rider is determined to have engaged the course once he has crossed the start line or is on the clock. Thereafter any mechanical malfunctions of firearm, gear, or horse do not constitute a re-ride. Should read: A rider is determined to have engaged the course once he has crossed the start/finish line or is on the clock. At that point, he/she accepts the stage as it is. Thereafter, any mechanical malfunctions of firearm, gear, including horse, or shot fired will not constitute a re-ride. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
7	PENALTIES – Page 21 Reads: Accidental discharge of a round before entering the arena may not be reloaded and will be counted as a miss. Should read: Accidental discharge of a round before entering the arena may not be reloaded and will be counted as a miss for the competitor who discharged the round. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
8	SAFETY – Page 27 Add: 19) The rider assumes all responsibility for participation in these events. Percentage	16	0	1	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
9	RIDER CLASSIFICATION - Page 29 Reads: Copies of event results and other pertinent literature should be retained. Insert this paragraph: Movement is based on number of wins in contestants' existing Class. #1's shall win two #1 wins, #2's shall win three #2 wins, #3's shall win four #3 wins, #4's shall win five #4 wins. For a win to qualify there shall be at least three (3) competitors within the appropriate Division in that Class, except Class #3 which will have four (4), Class #4, which shall have five (5) competitors within the appropriate Division in that Class. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
10	RIDER CLASSIFICATION – Page 30; Division Four Reads: To move up to Division 5, a competitor must earn five wins by beating five other Division 4/5 competitors or win a SASS World or National Title. Should read: To move up to Division 5, a competitor must earn five wins by beating five other Division 4/5 competitors or win the Overall SASS World or National Title where there are 50 or more competitors. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
11	RIDER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM Reads: SASS recognizes the highest contestant classification given/assigned by any other Mounted Shooting association or organization. Proposal: Remove this sentence. Percentage	1	16	0	FAIL
		5.88%	94.12%		
12	Rule changes for the Cart division: After trying these rule changes for over a year, with no problems, we would like to make a change allowing Pioneer Cart Shooter to shoot off both sides of the cart. This has been tried by many of the Pioneer Shooters and none of them have found a problem with it. Rule changes and wording changes in the Hand Book: Pioneer Cart Shooter – Add new rule. Add: May take cross over shots. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
13	Clean up wording items: There are three Cart Shooting categories: Page 30. 1. Combined Team Remove: Carts shall have seats for both the Driver and the Shooter, from the Combined Team item and added to following rules apply to all cart categories section. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		
14	Page 31. 2. Shotgun Shooter (move up to page 30 as second category instead of as a third.) a. Add: same rules apply as for Combined Team. 3. Pioneer Cart Shooter (make third category) Remove: All shots must be...side of the cart. Put: All shots must be...side of the cart in Combined Team as a new bulleted item. Percentage	17	0	0	PASS
		100.00%	0.00%		

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12. Should the Uberti 1873 Percussion Pistol be allowed as a Main match Pistol?

This pistol was approved as a Main Match pistol but not as a legal cap and ball pistol by the Territorial Governors four years ago, is it time now to allow it in the Frontiersman Category?

Rowdy Yates offered that this gun offers absolutely no advantage as well as allowed in foreign countries that cannot use cartridge firearms.

MUST BE RATIFIED

165 For - 119 Against - 11 Abstain

Note: Because of an error on the ballot this item will not be sent out for ratification at this time and will be added to next years agenda.

13. Should revolving percussion rifles be allowed as Main match Rifles?

These rifles would be an obvious disadvantage for the competitor and could be a potential safety hazard to an inexperienced shooter.

Discussion was completely against.

FAILED

20 For - 267 Against - 8 Abstain

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