

Hi Everyone,

I have tried to get a copy of the official results but have not been able to find any. I have on reasonably good authority (from Deuce 😊), that the results of the voting items are as follows:

1. Should the rules be changed to allow the inclusion of “sub-gauge” shotguns such as 28 and 32 gauge for Buckaroos/Buckarettes? - Passed – Comments – No real discussion or controversy on this one.
2. Should the MSV for retrieval of dropped/ejected ammo be deleted? – Passed – Comments – This was discussed quite heavily. Many TGs / Clubs did not like the idea of a shooter bending down to pick up live rounds either during or after the shooting scenario. The reasons why I believe that this was passed are as follows: Penalties have been assessed for picking up ammo from a place where it could have been legally placed to begin with; and more importantly, no one was able to identify any unsafe action in picking up ammo that had been dropped or ejected (even on the ground) that was not covered already by one of our other safety rules. If a shooter could safely pick up a dropped or ejected round without violating one of our other safety rules, there did not seem to be much sense in penalizing the shooter for something that may have resulted in a possible safety violation.
3. Should the equipment regulations for GUNFIGHTER-style shooters be changed to allow the “butt forward” carry/Cavalry “twist” draw? – Passed – Not much discussion on this one. Lassiter encouraged all of his competitors to use this method. 😊
4. Should the penalty for not holstering revolvers at the end of a revolver shooting string be changed from a MSV to a Procedural penalty? – Passed – Not much discussion on this one either. Revolvers are often staged on a table after shooting so there is nothing unsafe about this. Failing to follow the stage instructions makes more sense as a procedural penalty rather than a safety violation.
5. Should the penalty regarding a shooter NOT complying with the CRO/TO commands of “cease fire” or “stop” while on the firing line be changed from a Match DQ to a Stage DQ? - Withdrawn – This rule will be clarified and changed by adding the word “willfully”. The penalty for a shooter “willfully” not complying with a command of “cease fire” or “stop” will be a Match DQ. The word “willfully” was added for two primary reasons. First, many of our shooters are hearing impaired and may not have heard the command. We want to make sure that the penalty is limited to willful failure to cease fire. Second, some shooters shoot so fast that it is not easy to stop them on a dime. It was decided that this could be adequately addressed by an amendment to the rules which does not need TG approval. I was fine with the process of amending the rule to address this.

There were also several discussion items which were addressed but no action was taken on any of them. It looks like the SASS Convention has pretty much run its course in the form as it has existed for the past several years. Attendance was down and it does not make economic sense to continue with the convention format. My guess is that we will have TG Summits every two or three years when there are items that the TGs need to address. I would suspect that these will be in more of a business format where we fly/drive in one afternoon and meet the following day and the morning of the

second day and fly/drive home on the afternoon/evening of the second day. Not much need for all of the extra fluff.

Please feel free to contact me if anyone has any questions. By the way, we have set the new date for the Board meeting or Saturday January 30th at the same time and same location. Please let me know if anyone has anything that they would like to add to the Agenda.

Thanks and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

R.J. and The Lady