

ASSH AGM MINUTES

Australian Society for Sports History
Annual General Meeting
Centre for Olympic Studies, UNSW
Sydney, Australia
7 November 2003

Meeting opened at 1:00pm

Present: Richard Cashman, Braham Dabscheck, Dwight Zakus, Rob Hess, Dave Nadel, Ian Warren, Tara Magdalinski, Kristine Toohey, Imke Fischer

Apologies: Angela Burroughs, J. Neville Turner, Bernard Whimpress, Douglas Booth

Proxies received from Douglas Booth, Malcolm MacLean, J. Neville Turner, Andrew Moore, Philip Mosley, Angela Burroughs, Lynn Embrey, Bernard Whimpress, Ian Jobling, Tony Hughes

Minutes taken by: Tara Magdalinski

2. ASSH AGM Minutes 2002

A draft of these minutes were published in the ASSH Bulletin

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2002 ASSH AGM be adopted.

Moved: Tara Magdalinski

Seconded: Rob Hess

Carried

3. Business Arising

There was no Business Arising from the previous meeting

4. President's Report

Richard Cashman tabled the President's Report, which will be published in the ASSH Bulletin, and addressed his desire to create policy/procedure folders for the new President and Secretary. He listed several policy areas in his report. He also indicated the procedures for handing over to the new President in 2004.

Motion: That the President's Report be adopted.

Moved: Braham Dabscheck

Seconded: Dave Nadel

Carried

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report, which will be published in the ASSH Bulletin, was tabled by the Chair in the absence of the Secretary, Angela Burroughs.

Motion: That the Secretary's Report be adopted.

Moved: Braham Dabscheck

Seconded: Imke Fischer

Carried

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled her Report, which will also be published in the ASSH Bulletin. The Treasurer also tabled the auditor's report, which was favourable.

There were several queries about the financial data, including the lack of sales of ASSH publications in the 01/02 financial year. This was due to a lack of separation between sales and subscriptions, which was only implemented for the following year.

There was also a query about the item listed as "website income". Whilst all present understood that this income derives from the publication of ASSH back issues on the AAFLA website, there was some concern that this item so listed may appear to indicate that ASSH earns money from its own website. It was agreed that the Treasurer should explore whether this item can be renamed to more accurately reflect the income source (eg, website (AAFLA)).

It was noted that Reet Howell's name was incorrectly spelled on the documents.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Moved: Dwight Zakus

Seconded: Braham Dabscheck

Carried

7. Publication Officer's Report

The Publication Officer tabled his report, and also provided samples of the new Sporting Traditions cover and layout design. There was positive feedback for the new look.

Apologies for the delay in the production of the May 2003 issue of ST was noted.

There was one query about the policy underpinning the publication of ASSH Studies and whether only Honours Theses would be published in this form. The Editor of the ASSH Studies series reiterated that theses as well as other monographs of edited collections would be considered for publication as an ASSH Studies.

Motion: That the Publication Officer's Report be adopted.

Moved: Braham Dabscheck

Seconded: Ian Warren

Carried

8. Tom Brock Bequest Committee

A verbal report was presented from the Tom Brock Bequest Committee by Braham Dabscheck. It was noted that the 2003 Tom Brock Lecturer, Tony Collins, had delivered a successful presentation. It was also noted that no scholarship was awarded this year. The guidelines have been tightened up, though have been broadened to include a range of other activities and sports related to the South Sydney area, and rugby league in other areas, in order to encourage a larger pool of applicants. The Scholarship will be advertised in the first issue of the ASSH Bulletin in 2004.

The Committee recommended its reappointment for a further five year term, which was to be discussed by the Executive.

One member asked whether it was possible to hold the Tom Brock Lecture in Melbourne in 2005 to coincide with the ASSH Conference. This was not thought to be appropriate, given the fact that many of Tom Brock's family and club friends would not be able to attend, and the Bequest is designed to promote rugby league scholarship to a broader community.

The Publication Officer queried whether the publication of the Tom Brock Lecture should fall under his jurisdiction, as it is a publication of ASSH. He indicated that he had no desire to take over responsibility for its production, but that he should at least see the publication before it is distributed, as he has legal responsibility for all publications with the ASSH logo. It was agreed

that the Publication Officer should be provided with the galleys for proofing prior to publication.

Motion: That the verbal report of the Tom Brock Bequest Committee be adopted.

Moved: Dave Nadel

Seconded: Ian Warren

Carried

9. ASSH Constitutional Amendment/Reform

Ian Warren presented an update from the Constitutional Amendment sub-committee, and presented two options: 1) to develop a series of amendments to the current constitution, or 2) to redraft the entire constitution (i.e. start from scratch).

Richard Cashman pointed out that this was a matter for the next Executive to consider.

There was a query about the timetable for the amendments/redraft and it was reiterated that members need to be able to have an input into the changes.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2:45pm.

Sporting Traditions XV

Preparations are now underway for 'Sporting Traditions XV', the biennial conference of the Society, scheduled to be held in Melbourne between 11-14 July 2005, and hosted by Victoria University. The conference will commence on Monday evening, 11 July, with the President's Reception. Three full conference days will follow, with the conference dinner likely to be held on the evening of Wednesday, 13 July, and the final session concluding late on Thursday afternoon, 14 July. The location of all venues, including recommended accommodation, will be confirmed shortly. All details relating to the conference, including arrangements for registration, will soon be posted on a dedicated website linked to the ASSH Home Page. A hard-copy mail-out to all members of ASSH, including a call for papers, will also take place. It is anticipated that the program structure and registration fees will be set at least twelve months prior to the conference (i.e., July 2004). Further inquiries about any aspect of the conference are welcome, and should be directed to the Interim Convenor, Rob Hess (Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au)