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# NASSH

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 1974

The meeting of the Council of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by NASSH President, Marvin Eyler at 8:10 p.m. at Delaware Hall, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, on May 9, 1974.

Present were: Bruce Bennett, Marv Eyler, Guy Lewis, Betty McCue, Al Metcalfe, Mary Lou Remley, Mike Salter, and Ron Smith.

Agenda items were read by Marv Eyler.

It was announced that the first issue of the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY was recently printed and copies were distributed to the Council members. Special thanks were given to Alan Metcalfe, editor; Margaret Woodhouse, head of the Department of History, Radford College; Elmer Johnson, Professor of History at Radford and Assistant Editor of the JOURNAL, and Mr. Veith, of Southern Printing Company.

Guy Lewis gave his thoughts concerning the 1975 program at the 1975 convention in Boston. He suggested that certain topics be chosen for presentations of papers and that the number of papers might be reduced. A discussion followed regarding who should be moderators, with the feeling that both physical educators in sport history and professional historians should be asked. A question regarding the number of sessions were raised with a concensus that a liberal number of sessions should be scheduled to appeal to a greater

number of participants. An expanded program was decided upon to allow for both predetermined specific topics as well as open sessions.

The proposal of Guy Lewis for the establishment of an honorary group of outstanding scholars in the field of sport history was discussed.

It was MOVED (Guy Lewis) and seconded that NASSH establish an honorary group of sport history scholars. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Mary Remley) and seconded that the honorary group be titled "Praeclarus." PASSED (unanimously).

The Budget Report of Ron Smith was accepted.

The Journal Editor's report was accepted.

Alan Metcalfe raised some questions regarding the nature of the JOURNAL and the editor's role. How much freedom should the editor be given in determining the format of the JOURNAL? Should there be restrictions regarding the acceptability of traditional vs. liberal-innovative history? How long should the term of editorial board members be? Alan Metcalfe suggested that the format of the JOURNAL include articles, journal survey, book reviews, letters to the editor (letter and author rebutal), notes (which are not full length articles but are informational to throw new light on some topic), notice of conferences and meetings, and a yearly index. He believed that articles should make up about 50-60 percent of the JOURNAL.

There was general agreement of the Council to Alan Metcalfe's proposed format and a feeling that the editor should have a rather wide latitude to carry out his tasks as he deems necessary and appropriate.

The Council agreed that the length of term of editorial board members should be three years and that they should be staggered so that some continuity be developed from year to year.

A question of associate editor of the JOURNAL was raised by Mike Salter. No action was taken.

The Time and Site Committee Report of John Lucas was accepted.

It was MOVED (Bruce Bennett) and seconded that the 1975 NASSH convention be held in Boston, April 16-19, in conjunction with the Organization of American Historians. PASSED (unanimously).

A discussion on future sites for conventions was held. Mike Salter suggested that Quebec City be considered for the 1976 convention to be held in conjunction with a multi-discipline conference on sport, July 11-16, just prior to the Montreal Olympics which begins on July 18th.

It was MOVED (Bruce Bennett) and seconded that NASSH meet in Quebec City, July 11-16, 1976. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Al Metcalfe) and seconded that the NASSH convention be held in the western United States in 1977. PASSED (unanimously).

Betty McCue was asked to look into the possibility of housing the convention at the University of Oregon in 1977.

The Membership Report of Mary Lou Remley was accepted. The Report indicates that a lengthy list of possible members has been compiled.

Marv Eyler noted that an Operating Code should be drawn up by the chairman for each standing committee before the 1975 convention.

The Advertising and Publicity Manager's Report of Jack Berryman was accepted. Of major importance is the advertising policy which has been developed for the JOURNAL.

A question was raised whether the membership list of NASSH should be sold. It was MOVED (Guy Lewis) and seconded that the Secretary-Treasurer be empowered to set a price for selling the membership list to individual concerns.

The Council agreed to allow reciprocal advertisements with other professional journals and the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY.

Jack Berryman discussed a meeting which he attended for Marv Eyler which discussed possible affiliated groups with the American Historical Association. Al Metcalfe ques-

tioned an affiliation with the AHA in that only one country was involved. Guy Lewis suggested the possibility of affiliation with various groups.

It was MOVED (Guy Lewis) and seconded that Marv Eyler appoint a committee to study NASSH affiliation with scholarly groups. PASSED (4 yea, 2 abstentions).

It was agreed that there should be an exchange of Journals among various sport history organizations.

It was MOVED (Bruce Bennett) and seconded that two copies of the JOURNAL be given to each contributing author. PASSED (5 yea, 1 nay). One negative vote favored more than two journals.

It was MOVED (Al Metcalfe) and seconded that reprints be made available to authors at a price to be set by Mr. Veith of the Southern Printing Company. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Guy Lewis) and seconded that the Life Membership fee may be paid within the fiscal year. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Bruce Bennett) and seconded that Life Membership income be placed in a saving's account. PASSED (unanimously).

It was decided that single copies of the Journal should be sold for \$5.00 per issue.

Mary Lou Remley was asked to check on the possibility of high school subscription to the JOURNAL.

Council accepted the flaw on the spine of the first issue of the JOURNAL which stated "JOURNAL OF SPORTS HISTORY" rather than "JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald A. Smith  
Secretary-Treasurer