
NASSH

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 1974

The second annual business meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by NASSH President, Marvin Eyler, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 40 of the Richard Evey School of Business, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

There were about 55 members present.

Marv Eyler read the order of business.

Guy Lewis presented the Program Committee Report for the 1975 Boston convention. He noted a change from the Program Committee Report as written in that both predetermined specific topics and open topic sessions would be part of the 1975 program.

Ron Smith presented the Secretary-Treasurer's Report which indicated that as of May 6, 1974 there were 290 members including 178 regular members, 11 sustaining members, 31 student members, 69 institutional members, and one life member. The NASSH fund balance as of May 6, 1974 was \$4,190.74.

Alan Metcalfe presented the Publications Committee Report. He indicated that there

were 2000 copies of the first issue printed at a cost of about \$2500. The format in the future would be principally articles, book reviews and the journal survey.

John Lucas presented the Time and Site Committee Report. He noted that Boston (1975), Quebec City (1976), and possibly the University of Oregon (1977) would be sites for future conventions. Earle Zeigler suggested the possibility of holding a NASSH convention in conjunction with the American Academy of Physical Education or as part of the Third World Symposium on the History of Sport. There was some concern over holding a convention in the western part of the United States with the question if there was a large enough constituency of NASSH members from the area west of the Rockies.

Mary Lou Remley presented the Membership Report indicating that various lists were drawn up to increase individual and institutional membership.

Jack Berryman presented the Advertising and Publicity Report. He noted a faculty survey to determine interests in research and courses in sport history being taught.

It was MOVED (Alexander J. Young, Jr.) and seconded that NASSH proceed to sell its membership list. PASSED

Marv Eyler presented the Presidents Report. He noted a successful first issue of the JOURNAL as well as a 1973 PROCEEDINGS. He noted a meeting of NASSH (and other groups) with the American Historical Association to discuss possible affiliation. No action was taken. Marv Eyler then read a formal report on his views regarding the future of NASSH.

It was MOVED (Gordon McKinney) and seconded that the Praeclarus report be accepted. DEFEATED (7 votes in favor).

Gordon McKinney then spoke against the issue indicating that NASSH should look to the future rather than acknowledging past scholarship. A question was raised whether a member of Praeclarus must be a continuing researcher. A long discussion followed.

It was MOVED (Don Mrozak) and seconded that NASSH 1) create a standing committee to select the three speakers for the three major addresses and 2) the President appoint an ad-hoc committee to study guidelines and procedures for selecting the committee. PASSED (48 aye, 6 nay).

It was MOVED (Gordon McKinney) and seconded that NASSH create an award for the outstanding article published each year in its JOURNAL. A discussion followed questioning whether the award would become political.

It was MOVED (Paul Mills) and seconded that the previous motion be tabled. PASSED (voice vote).

A question was raised whether business meetings (like NASSH and Association for the Anthropology Study of Play) should be scheduled to meet at the same time periods which precludes members of both groups from attending one of the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer