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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES May 29, 1979

The meeting of the Council of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Max Howell at 9:07 a.m., May 29, 1979 in Room 303 Jester Building, University of Texas at Austin.

Present were: Alyce Cheska, Max Howell, Don Mrozek, Mary Lou Remley, Ron Smith and Paula Welch. Also present were Larry Fielding and Tom Jable, newly elected Council Members; Mary Lou LeCompte, Convention Manager, and Jean Leiper, 1980 Convention Manager.

The Minutes of the May 23, 1978 and May 25, 1978 Council at the University of Maryland were approved as distributed.

Mary Lou LeCompte, Convention Manager, gave an up-date on the 1979 Convention in which there were 72 pre-registration fees, 5 registered with no fees, and about 90 anticipated.

There was a discussion of future convention in which it was suggested that the program be defined earlier than usual and moderators set early. It was also suggested that those who do not pre-register should have a higher registration fee to give an incentive for early registration.

Mary Lou Remley, Program Chairman, indicated that programming for 1979 went well and that most papers were in early due to effective job of the moderators.

Ron Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, gave the Sec.-Treas. Report. He noted a possible deficit in 1979, but that it would likely be modest. He indicated there might be a need for a dues increase for 1981 if there is a continued drop in memberships without a greater increase in institutional membership.

There was a discussion of the difference in the Canadian and U.S. dollars. Council suggested that a note be sent to Canadians to pay their membership fees in U.S. funds.

It was noted that if the JOURNAL is not published on time, it may have a negative impact upon institutional membership.

Advertising rates were discussed in relationship to NASSH income. It was suggested that NASSH members ask publishers to buy advertising in the JOURNAL.

The annual PROCEEDINGS cost-benefit was discussed. There was no recommendation to change the present policy of publishing an annual proceedings.

It was MOVED (Mary Lou Remley) and seconded that fiscal guidelines be established. PASSED (unanimously).

The guidelines would include a policy of investment, signatures needed for changes in investment, and who is to control investments. The 1979-80 president will form a committee to recommend a policy.

Jean Leiper, 1980 Convention Manager, discussed plans for the convention in Banff, Alberta. She indicated that the dates would be Sunday, May 25-Wednesday, May 28, 1980 with the Council meeting on Saturday, May 24.

There will be special events including a rodeo and Indian dancers. The special events will necessitate an extra charge within registration. There will be one afternoon free for sightseeing during the convention.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the registration fee for the 1980 convention at Banff be set at \$25.00 with an additional fee of \$5.00 for late registration. PASSED (unanimously).

The Directory of Scholars Report of Angela Lumpkin was received. The Directory will be published early in the summer of 1979.

The Distinguished Lecture Committee Report of Guy Lewis was received. The Maxwell Howell and Seward Staley addresses will be delivered by Michael Salter and Roberta Park.

The Nominations Committee Report of Richard Crepeau was received. Council decided that in cases of ties in future elections that the Nominating Committee will decide the winners.

The Honor Award Committee Report of Alyce Cheska was received. The Honor Award Guidelines were accepted with the appreciation of the Council given to the committee for its efforts.

Council discussed the possibility of granting financial assistance to Honor Awardees, but no decision was reached. It was suggested that an Honor Awardee who could not be present might be recognized at the convention with a conference phone call at the time of the award. The Council decided that honor awards should be included in the convention program.

The Honor Award winner for 1979, Peter C. McIntosh, was announced. A letter from McIntosh, expressing his appreciation for the award and his regrets at being unable to attend, was read.

The Membership Committee Report of Maxine Hunter was received. Questions of increasing membership, student, those outside physical education, and institutional, were discussed. It was suggested that regional field representatives to promote membership be formed. It was also suggested that the manager of each conference send a list of non-members attending the conference to the membership chairman.

The Time and Site Committee Report of John Lucas was received. A letter from Maxine Hunter of Penn State University, Mont Alto, offering to host the 1983 conference was read. The question of setting conferences four years in advance was raised. It was decided that this may be too far in the future. Council decided to ask John Lucas to write Maxine Hunter indicating that Council appreciates her offer, but that no decision will be made for about a year.

Don Mrozek gave a short report about the 1982 meeting at Kansas State University.

It was MOVED (Don Mrozek) and seconded that a separate editor be chosen for the PROCEEDINGS in accord with the Publications Board request. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Don Mrozek) and seconded that the Publications Board present a rationale for any change in the scope and nature of the Newsletter and for a separate Newsletter editor from that of the Secretary-Treasurer. PASSED (unanimously).

Council asked for information from the Publications Board regarding the number of JOURNAL manuscripts submitted, the number accepted, the number rejected, and the methods of soliciting manuscripts.

Council recognized the problem of electing the chairman of the Publications Board. The By-Laws provided for three year terms for Board members, but for two year chairmans of the Board. It is not clear how the chairman shall be chosen—by the Publications Board, by the Council, or by the membership at the annual business meeting. The Council decided to recommend a chairman to the business meeting for election to the Publications Board Chairman. (The 1979-1981 Chairman was chosen by the Council because of timing problems.)

It was MOVED (Don Mrozek) and seconded that Council recommend that the Publications Board consider a policy of dividing equally between author(s) and NASSH the fees obtained from the reprinting of NASSH publications. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the Publications Board consider publishing specific bibliographies in sport history and appropriate means of disseminating the bibliographies. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Don Mrozek) and seconded to recommend to the Publications Board that it give active consideration to the writing of and publication of a high school history of American sport text. PASSED (unanimously).

Council recommended that the incoming president reactivate an A-V Committee to consider developing a film bibliography of sports. It also suggested that the committee show significant sport history films at future conventions.

There was a discussion of the quality and quantity of manuscripts for the JOURNAL. More information was needed from the Publications Board and the editor for fruitful discussion.

There was an expressed need for operating codes. The new president was charged with collecting operating codes for each office and committee within NASSH.

With the death of Arne Richards, the question of a NASSH historian was raised. Ron Smith was asked to inquire about the possibility of a historian.

The question of job placement in sport history was brought up. No decisions were reached, but it was suggested that the next Newsletter include material indicating that the NASSH addressograph list is available at cost to publicize job openings.

The question of involving more NASSH members in the operation of the Society was discussed. It was suggested that a NASSH Service Questionnaire be mailed in the summer of 1979 to all members. It would be returned to President Remley.

A lengthy discussion of the proliferation of meetings took place. The letter of Earle Zeigler of November 15, 1978 was read and reacted to. There appeared to be a dilemma of increased numbers of meetings and the desire to have the annual NASSH without being attached to other groups. No solutions to the proliferation problems were proposed.

The development of the History Academy of National Association for Sport and Physical Education of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation was noted. It was observed that the prime movers of NASPE History Academy were NASSH members, but that its thrust was somewhat different than that of NASSH. NASPE was another aspect of the proliferation of organizations.

The question of programming of sessions at NASSH conventions was reviewed. There was some desire to have sessions in which the papers would be reacted to or commented upon.

The need for abstracts was emphasized before any paper would be accepted.

Mary Lou Remley handed out a "Suggestion to Moderators" and a "Program Information" sheet for presenters at the convention.

Ron Smith asked for and received the Council's permission to tape the session on the AIAW-NCAA relationship. Permission from the various speakers must also be received.

The meeting of the new NASSH Council was tentatively set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 31, 1979 in 303 Jester Center at the University of Texas.

The annual business meeting agenda was drawn up.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Smith
NASSH, Sec.-Treas.