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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 1980

The meeting of the Council of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Mary Lou Remley at 9:25 a.m., May 24, 1980 in Room 123, Banff Conference Centre Theatre, Banff, Alberta.

Present were: Joanna Davenport, Larry Fielding, Max Howell, Tom Jable, Mary Lou Remley, Betty Spears, and Ron Smith. Also present were Maxine Hunter and Jean Leiper.

The Minutes of the May 29, 1979 at the University of Texas at Austin were approved as distributed.

The Secretary-Treasurers Report was given by Ron Smith. He noted that the Society was breaking even financially, with no present need to raise the membership fee. The 1979 year ended with a balance of \$2,016.84 in the checking account and \$12,794.34 in savings.

Joanna Davenport gave the Publications Board Report. It was noted that the reprinting of an author's JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY article in an author's own edited book would be free, with no charge for reprinting by NASSH.

The book review of THE CLASSIC was approved for reprinting in the publication EASTERN BASKETBALL.

The nature and function of the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY was discussed. Questions concerning the number and length of articles was raised. The number of articles submitted and published was discussed.

A concern for publishing convention papers in entirety was raised. There was no strong support for the idea.

The Council decided that the editor of the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY should meet with the Council at future annual conventions. The editor could then clarify points in the discussion.

Max Howell gave the Distinguished Lectures Committee Report. He noted that the 1980 convention would have two addresses: Gerald Glassford - Howell Address and Allen Guttman - Staley Address.

Honor Awards were discussed. It was decided that an honor award be given to Bruce Bennett in 1981 in person rather than in absentia at the 1980 Banff Conference.

Jean Leiper gave a 1980 convention report noting that there would be between 105-110 registrants.

Betty Spears gave a short report on the nature of the 1980 program.

Maxine Hunter gave the membership and publicity report indicating the attempt to promote institutional and individual membership in 1979. It was noted there should be continual announcements sent to various publications of future NASSH conventions.

The Nominations report of Richard Crepeau indicated that Alan Metcalfe, University of Windsor, had been elected as a member of the Distinguished Lectures Committee and that Donald Mrozek, Kansas State University, had been elected as a member of the Publications Board.

Reet Howell was asked to serve another year on the Publications Board to fill the vacancy of Roberta Park whose three year term came to a close. There had been an administrative error in not electing two members to the Publications Board in 1980.

The Time and Site Report of John Lucas was received. It was noted that John Lucas resigned after seven years of successfully chairing the committee.

Maxine Hunter described a possible 1983 meeting of NASSH at the Mont Alto Campus of Penn State University, with estimated costs of \$22.00 per day for room and board and free meeting rooms.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the Council recommend that the Mont Alto Campus of Penn State University be the site of the 1983 Convention to be held in early June. PASSED (unanimously).

Work of the Future Directions Committee, chaired by Donald Mrozek, was noted. Results of the Spring 1980 survey would be compiled at a later date.

After a preliminary investigation of the investment of excess NASSH funds by John Lucas, Ron Smith and Jim Thompson and a report to the Council, Council decided to bring the question before the annual convention concerning advice of NASSH financial affairs and investment advice.

The Sport Film and A.V. Committee, chaired by Jack Hutslar, was discussed. Council believed that it would be beneficial to NASSH to have a listing of sport films and A. V. data available.

The following individuals were nominated by the Council to run for election for the 1981-82 Nominating Committee: Bob Barnett, Marshall University; Bob Barney, University of Western Ontario; Dick Crepeau, University of Central Florida; Barb Schrod, University of British Columbia; Peggy Stanaland, Eastern Kentucky University; and Paula Welch, University of Florida. Three members were to be chosen at the annual business meeting.

Operating Codes for each of the officers and committees were to be given to the President. She was to have the codes written in a similar form for future acceptance by the Council.

Tom Jable reported on his Journal Survey Bibliographic Search from ABC-Clio (America: History and Life) which cost \$80.35 and contributed a number of titles for future Journal Surveys.

Ron Smith reported on the Center for Non-Broadcast Television at Automation House in New York's proposal to create a national cable television network for the exclusive use of non-profit groups. He read the letter from Theodore W. Kheel of CNB-TV. No action was taken.

Ron Smith reported on the OATS Royalty proposal with Current Contents. No action was taken.

Ron Smith brought up the question of the need and desirability of NASSH publishing a Guide to Sport History which might be compared to *the Harvard Guide to American History*. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to ask the Publications Board to discuss the possibility and to report to the Council its deliberations. The proposed guide would include such items as indices, historical methods, historical societies and places of publication, special bibliographies, oral history, films and photographs.

Ron Smith suggested that NASSH should consider publishing books such as a high school text on sport history. The Publications Board was asked to again pursue this question.

The question of future Directory of Scholar publications was discussed. Should the same format be used in the future? Should it be typed or printed? Should we have quality control? The Publications Board will discuss this.

Betty Spears asked for suggestions for future conventions in planning and programming. This would include special sessions, moderators, reactions or debates.

Tom Jable suggested that NASSH officers and committee chairmen should send letters to appropriate individuals when NASSH members have done outstanding jobs so that they receive recognition.

It was suggested that in the future NASSH council members and committee chairmen should be concerned with carboning letters to those who are affected.

The Journal editor was asked to be at future Council meetings as an ex-officio member.

A NASSH member asked for the NASSH council to endorse a research grant for the National Endowment for the Humanities. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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



NASSH president, Mary Lou Remley set the tone for the business meeting.