

# NASSH OFFICIAL BUSINESS

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES May 22, 1981

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 22, 1981, in Room 220, Ivor Wynne Centre, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Present were: Alyce Cheska, Jody Davenport, Larry Fielding, Mary Lou Remley, Betty Spears, and Ron Smith.

Also present were: Dick Crepeau (Nominations Report); Marv Eyler (HISPA Board Member); Nancy Struna and Don Mrozek (Publications Board); and Gene Harrington (National Library of Sport).

The Minutes of the May 24, 1980 meeting, Banff, Alberta were approved as distributed.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was given by Ron Smith. He indicated that receipts approximated disbursements for 1980, but that it is expected that 1981 will show a deficit unless membership fees are raised. The year 1980 ended with a checking account balance of \$2,431.81 and a savings account balance of \$14,142.44. An increase in individual membership will likely occur in 1981 as a result of a mailing to over 800 prospective members.

President-Elect Betty Spears gave a short report on the 1981 convention program which she indicated was efficiently drawn together. She suggested that future program might include a historiography session.

President Mary Lou Remley discussed the progress being made on finalizing NASSH Operating Codes, placing them in a standard format.

The Distinguished Lectures Committee of Max Howell showed three honor addresses for 1981, Richard Crepeau, Horst Ueberhorst, and Barbara Schrodtt.

Mary Lou Remley indicated that she is working with Past-Constitution and By-Laws Chairman, Marv Eyler, to insure consistency in the By-Laws and the future Operating Codes.

Dick Crepeau, chairman of the Nominations Committee, gave his report which included the election results: President-Elect, Alan Metcalfe; Secretary-Treasurer, Ron Smith; Council, Bruce Bennett, Roberta Park, and Mike Salter; Publications, Bill Baker and Tom Jable; and Distinguished Lectures Committee, Maxine Hunter.

There was a discussion to include a comprehensive survey for future officers and committee members to be included in the 1982 Spring Newsletter.

Gene Harrington of Minneapolis presented a proposal on behalf of the National Library of Sports, currently housed at the San Jose, California, to sell the library to NASSH. The library was begun by Fred Imhoff in 1929. It includes about 1½ million entries including books, periodicals, and newspapers. It was appraised at \$145,000 in the early 1970s. Sport Experts, Inc., who own the collection, are asking \$300,000 for the library.

The library has been kept in order by Wes Mathius who acts as curator. It is too large for him to handle as it needs a full-time archivist and a larger space. Duplicate materials are presently being sold to prevent a financial loss. Harrington indicates that there is the possibility of foundation support for a non-profit organization such as NASSH.

After a lengthy discussion, it was MOVED (Betty Spears) to undertake a feasibility study for the proposal to purchase the National Library of Sports from Sport Experts, Inc. PASSED (unanimously).

Larry Fielding will chair the study.

The membership report of Maxine Hunter showed that nearly 900 prospective members were mailed information the past year. It has resulted in some new members. The question of canvassing libraries for membership was brought up. The need for greater Canadian membership was noted.

There was no Time & Site Committee Report. A new committee to search for sites in 1984 and 1985 needs to be struck. Alyce Cheska discussed the possibility of holding a joint meeting with such organizations as the anthropology of sport, sport sociology, and psychology of sport.

The possibility of holding the 1984 convention as a pre-Olympic meeting in California or Oregon was noted.

There was no Historical Records Report. It was emphasized that officers and committee members should send historical materials to James Thompson, Penn State University, so that they might be placed in the archives.

There was a short discussion of the progress of the projects in the Audio-Visual Committee headed by Jack Hutsler. Ruth Sparhawk is collecting material for a sport film catalog. Gary Bowie is collecting materials for use in sport history courses. A written progress report should be forthcoming.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the Operating Codes be collected by Mary Lou Remley and brought to the Council for the Spring 1982 meeting based upon the following criteria: 1) By-law justification, 2) Charge, 3) Duties and responsibilities, 4) General time line for activities. PASSED (unanimously).

The question of professional auditing or auditing by a volunteer of the organization of the financial accounts of NASSH was discussed. No definite action was taken other than to attempt to find a volunteer within NASSH to audit the books. A professional auditor was considered too costly.

Ron Smith was asked to check on the feasibility of placing the checking account monies in a NOW account, interest bearing checking account.

Mary Eyley, former NASSH President and member of the Board of the International Association of the History of Physical Education and Sport (HISPA), discussed the political and geographic history of HISPA and its proposed meeting in 1983 in North America. A major question was that of HISPA, a European society (principally), meeting in North America where another sport history group (NASSH) meets without first asking NASSH. A letter was read from Manfred Lammer of Germany.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded to table any further discussion of HISPA in North America. PASSED (unanimously).

Jody Davenport gave the Publications Report. She reported that Ron Smith had recommended that the advertising rate be increased.

It was MOVED (Publications board) that the advertising rate for the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY be increased from \$50 (full page) and \$35 (half page) to \$100 and \$70 respectively.

It was MOVED (Betty Spears) to table the proposed rate increase. PASSED (3-2).

It was decided that it was of little use to raise the rate when we do little to attract advertising for the JOURNAL.

Jody Davenport reported that in terms of JOURNAL recommendations and policy:

- 1) Articles take precedence over other material in the JOURNAL,
- 2) That diversity of articles should be sought by the editor,
- 3) Books reviews are important, but that book reports not be included,
- 4) Journal abstracts might be eliminated to increase article space,
- 5) Consideration be given to increasing the Editorial Review Board,
- 6) Presenters at NASSH meetings may certainly submit their articles to the JOURNAL for possible publication.

Jody Davenport reported on the possibility of changing the length of term of the

editor to 6 years, but that the term be not renewable. Other possibilities were suggested such as 4 years, not renewable. The question of associate editor was discussed. No action was taken as terms of editor's office are a responsibility of the Publications Board.

It was MOVED (Betty Spears) and seconded that NASSH will offer authors the right of refusal for any reprinting of copyrighted materials. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Publications Board) that NASSH investigate the possibility of publishing the Proceedings in full. DEFEATED (2-3).

It was decided to not pursue the publication of the Directory of Scholars (3rd edition) at this time.

The proposal of the Institut National Du Sport Et De l'Education Physique (INSEP) to translate foreign literature (e.g. JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY) in French in a bulletin: "Mensuel des Traductions" coming out in the DOSSIER DOCUMENTAIRE was returned to the Publications Board for recommendation to the Council.

The Publications Board brought before the Council the confused situation in which Publication Board members are elected for three year terms while the Chairman of the Publications Board has served two years. The By-Laws do not demand that the Chairman be a two year position. The Council decided that the Publications Board elect a Chairman with one or two year terms. The Council asked that the Publications Board recommend By-Law changes to clarify the situation.

Ron Smith asked that the Council grant him permission to change the addressing service to a computer at a cost of about \$100. There was no opposition.

Dan Mrozek asked for Council's acceptance for the 1982 Convention of a three day convention over-the-weekend which will cost less for air flights. He suggested May 20-24, May 27-June 1, or June 3-7. The President was to ask for the opinion of the membership at the annual business meeting.

The Council recessed until Sunday, May 24 at 5:00 at a site to be determined by Mary Lou Remley. The Council decided that it would be appropriate to ask both old and newly elected members to meet together. The Publications Board was also to be asked to attend. The meeting was recessed at 5:05 p.m.

The recessed meeting of May 22 was reconvened at 5:00 p.m. in Room 914 at the Commons Building dormitory. Mary Lou Remley presided.

Present were: Alyce Cheska, Jody Davenport, Tom Jable, Alan Metcalfe, Don Mrozek, Roberta Park, Mary Lou Remley, Ron Smith, and Betty Spears.

Also present were: Mary Lou LeCompte, Larry Gerlach, and Dave Zang.

It was MOVED (Tom Jable) and seconded to increase membership dues by \$5 .00 for 1982. PASSED (unanimously).

There was some thought that institutional membership might be raised \$10.00, but no action was taken.

Don Mrozek, newly elected Publications Board Chairman, noted that Nancy Struna would be the editor of the Proceedings for 1981 and that she would look to see if word processing rather than photo ready material might be used for the 1981 Proceedings.

Don Mrozek presented the Future Directions Committee Report of May 1981. The Committee was composed of Richard Crepeau, Larry Gerlach, Reet Howell, Mary Lou LeCompte, Don Mrozek (chair.), and David Zang. The Report contained 12 proposals.

The Future Directions proposal # 8, D, to expand the Program Committee beyond the President-Elect was discussed. It was decided that the President would appoint a three member committee in consultation with the President-Elect.

The Future Directions proposal # 4 recommended having two honor addresses from among the three available designations each year. Council tended to agree.

The Future Directions proposal # 11 dealt with the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY. There were suggestions to publish the JOURNAL on time; possibly solicit articles to insure greater sweep and comprehension; and expand the number of book reviews in each issue.

The Future Directions proposal # 1 called for an annual award for the outstanding article published each year in the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY.

It was MOVED (Roberta Park) that the proposal # 1 be submitted to the Publications Board to work out the details for implementation for the 1982 Conference. No Second.

It was MOVED (Don Mrozek) and seconded to endorse the concept of proposal # 1; that Council give an award to the outstanding article in the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY periodically; that the proposal be sent to the Board of Publications for implementation and recommendation for 1982 Council action.

It was MOVED (Tom Jable) and seconded to AMEND the previous motion so that the award include all sport history articles, whether in the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY or not, for possible award. DEFEATED (14).

The original MOTION was DEFEATED (2-3).

The Future Directions proposal # 2 called for an award for the outstanding book published in the area of sport history.

It was MOVED (Don Mrozek) and seconded to support proposal # 2 by sending the proposal for an outstanding book award every three years to the Publications Board for procedures and implementation so that Council may act on it in 1982. PASSED (4-1).

The Future Directions proposal # 7 called for revitalization of the drive for membership. It was to be sent to the incoming president for action.

The Future Directions proposal # 5 called for an individual specifically charged with the responsibility of publicity of the organization. It was sent to the incoming president for action.

The Future Directions proposal # 10 called for outside funding for special projects determined by NASSH and proposal # 12 called for NASSH seeking to sponsor special sessions on sport history at various conferences were left by Council for future thought and action.

The Future Directions Committee, chaired by Don Mrozek, was thanked for its strong contribution to the vitality of NASSH.

The proposal of the Institut National Du Sport Et De l'Education Physique (INSEP) was brought to Council by Publications Board chair Jody Davenport.

It was MOVED (Alyce Cheska) and seconded to accept the INSEP proposal to re-print JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY articles at no charge. PASSED (unanimously).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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