

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 21, 1982

The meeting of the Council of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Betty Spears at 9:25 a.m., May 21, 1982 in Room 202, K-State Union, Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Present were: Alan Metcalfe, Don Mrozek, Mary Lou Remley, Ron Smith, and Betty Spears.

Also present were: Jack Berryman, Larry Fielding, and Mary Lou LeCompte.

The Minutes of the May 22, 1981 meeting, McMaster University, were approved as distributed.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was given by Ron Smith. He indicated that expenditures exceeded receipts for 1981 by about \$6,000, and suggested that increases in dues for institutions and possibly individuals was warranted. It was noted that in 1981, because of publication schedules, there were 4 issues of the Journal and 2 issues of the Proceedings paid for. Expenses should be less in 1982. Action on proposed dues increases was postponed until the afternoon.

Don Mrozek, Convention manager, reported that there were 83 pre-registrations. The break-even point for the convention was aimed at about 100 registrations.

Larry Fielding, chairman of an investigating committee on feasibility of purchasing and maintaining a sports library which is presently located at Santa Clara Public Library Annex, California, reported that in addition to the \$300,000 asking price (See 1981 minutes), an additional \$600,000 to \$1,400,000 would be required to set up the library. About \$150,000 would be needed yearly to maintain the collection.

Fielding recommended that NASSH should not become involved in the purchase of the collection -that it was not specialized and was too popular oriented, and it was very costly. Other possibilities were that NASSH might attempt to get a grant to purchase; that it might purchase it and sell it; that the library be purchased by the Citizens Savings (Helms) Hall of Fame; that the collection be broken up and sold separately; that the U.S. Sports Academy might be interested in it; that a university library might wish to purchase it.

Gene Harrington, a representative of the library from Minneapolis, arrived and was informed that NASSH was interested in the library, but it did not desire to become involved in purchasing it.

Mary Lou LeCompte, chairman of the Time and Site Committee, presented recommendations for future NASSH convention sites. As the 1984 Site was in a state of flux, LeCompte recommended that the 1985 site be the University of Wisconsin, Lacrosse and that the 1986 site be at the University of British Columbia. These two sites were to be brought before the annual business meeting for acceptance.

LeCompte noted that the 1984 site had no firm proposals though Pomona and Berkely in California and Louisville in Kentucky had been suggested as possibilities. It was recommended that the Time and Site Committee continue its search and to report to Council and at the annual meeting.

Mary Lou Remley, chairman of Distinguished Lectures Committee, reported that the Lectures for 1982 were chosen to help celebrate the 10th year of NASSH. Don Mrozek was chosen for the John R. Betts Address and Marvin Eyler and Nancy Struna were chosen to present a dialogue for the Seward Staley Address.

Mary Lou Remley, in charge of organizing the Operating Codes, gave a progress report. She indicated that Operating Codes were written for President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Membership Committee, Distinguished Lectures Committee, Time and Site Committee, Members-at-Large, Honor Awards Committee, Editor of the Journal of Sport History, and Editor of the *Proceedings*.

A time table was set for acceptance of the codes. Officers and chairmen would review operating codes with a written review to Remley by December 15, 1982. These were to be distributed to the Council members by April 1, 1983 and acted on by the Council at the Spring 1983 meeting.

It was MOVED (Alan Metcalfe) that if By-Law changes are needed because of Operating Code changes, they should be acted on at the 1983 Business Meeting. PASSED (Unanimously).

The membership report of Angela Lumpkin was discussed. It was agreed that a specific individual be responsible for insuring that future programs be announced in appropriate journals. More work will be done in 1982-83 to attract library membership. Alan Metcalfe mentioned that the Canadian Journal of Sport History and NASSH could exchange membership lists for the possibility of attaining new members.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dick Crepeau, indicated that in the Spring election Mary Lou LeCompte and Don Morrow were elected to the Publications Board and that John Lucas was elected to the Distinguished Lectures Committee.

It was announced by President Spears that the A-V Committee, chaired by Jack Hutslar, has been disbanded with thanks to the Committee.

The Council discussed possibilities for the nominations to the Nominating Committee to be elected by the Business Meeting. The following six individuals were nominated for three positions: Mel Adelman, Bill Baker, Lynne Emery, John Findling, Jean Leiper, and Paula Welch.

With the resignation of Mike Salter from the Council as a Member-at-Large, Council moved to fill the vacancy.

It was MOVED (Al Metcalfe) and seconded to fill Mike Salter's position on the Council with Steve Reiss, if he is available. PASSED (Unanimously).

A proposal from Harvey Frommer of March 7, 1982 to allow NASSH to collect 50% of all sales of his book published by Macmillan was presented. Questions about commercialization of NASSH, quality control of future books, and the lack of staff to handle sales was discussed.

It was MOVED (Mary Lou Remley) and seconded that NASSH at this time shall not become involved in sales of commercial publications. PASSED (Unanimously).

The question of sales of books or other materials through booths at the annual convention was discussed.

It was MOVED (Mary Lou Remley) and seconded that NASSH at this time shall not become involved in convention booths at its conventions. PASSED Unanimously).

Don Mrozek, chairman of Publications, gave his report. He indicated that the *Proceedings* served a useful purpose in reporting on papers and the conference and as a source of history, and it should be continued. Several possibilities for editor were discussed. Mrozek indicated that a book award would be made beginning in 1984.

The question of the future of Honor Awards was raised. There was general agreement that there should be honor awards and that they should come from the membership when a need was felt. Council could send suggestions to an Honor Awards Committee for determination. Mary Lou Remley was to review the future of honor awards.

Directory of Scholars were published in 1975 and 1979. Concern was expressed that we not drop periodic publication of Directories.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that President Spears pursue the publication of the Directory of Scholars in the near future. PASSED (Unanimously).

It was noted that the British Society of Sports History had recently been formed. A letter of support had been sent by President Spears.

There was no recommendation to increase dues for 1983.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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