

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 1983

The meeting of the Council of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Betty Spears at 9:00 a.m., May 27, 1983 in the Second Floor Room of the Library, Penn State University, Mont Alto Campus, Mont Alto, Pennsylvania.

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

Also present was Maxine Hunter, convention manager.

The Publications Board was meeting in the adjoining room.

The Minutes of the May 21, 1982 meeting of the Council at Kansas State University were approved as distributed.

Maxine Hunter reported on the progress of the Convention planning. It was emphasized that all conferees must pay convention fees and that spouses would pay pro-rated amounts for special events.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was given by Ron Smith. He noted that the Society was in a stable financial situation with a rather stable membership. There should be no need for a dues increase for 1984.

Don Mrozek gave a short report on publications. He said that Dave Wiggins was willing to edit the Proceedings for another year. A bid of \$2,500 had been received to print the 1983 Proceedings. His written report was accepted.

Alan Metcalfe, President-Elect and Program Chairman, pointed out that this convention would have three sessions meeting at the same time during three time periods to provide a greater amount of free time. Two sessions were scheduled in solo position to give focus to the Civil War and Women in Sport.

The Report of President Betty Spears was received.

Mary Lou Remley, Past-President, reported that her task to make editing changes in the By-Laws should be completed at the Annual Business Meeting.

Operating Codes for offices and committees should be in operation soon.

Correspondence from Nominations Committee Chairman, Paula Welch, showed the following results from the April, 1983 Election:

President-Elect: Tom Jable and Don Mrozek (tie)

Secretary-Treasurer: Ron Smith

Members-at-Large: Roxanne Albertson, Leon Coursey, and Margaret Toohey

Publications Board: Mary Leigh

Distinguished Lectures Committee: Mary Lou LeCompte

The tie vote for President-Elect was broken by a coin toss of a 1921 Silver Dollar by President Spears. The choice of calling the coin toss was given to Don Mrozek who chose "heads." "E Pluribus Unum" lay facing the earth, while "In God We Trust" and the American Eagle lay tail up. Tom Jable won.

The written report of Membership Chairman, Angela Lumpkin showed that the membership committee mailed applications to about 1300 college libraries and about 350 departments of English, history, and journalism. She asked that a new brochure for NASSH and the Journal be created and that annual announcements about the NASSH conference be sent to appropriate journals.

There was no written report from the Time and Site Committee, chaired by John Findling, but the Committee was to discuss possibilities at the Annual Business Meeting.

The Council decided that the Awards Committee, as in 1982, would be activated when it is thought needed or necessary by the Council or by the President.

The Council agreed that there was no need at the present time to have a commercial microfilm company (Pergamon Press Microforms International Marketing Corporation) microfilm the Journal of Sport History as we still have a supply of Journals which are for sale. A letter was to be sent to MIMC.

Ron Smith asked if NASSH was interested in becoming involved in using a computer and printer for the addressograph and other functions of the Society. The general feeling was that it would not be wise to purchase equipment, but that renting of services of a home computer might be logical, basing charges on rates generally charged by universities for such service.

The question of NASSH becoming involved in projects which would promote sport history, such as the backing of a textbook on sport history for high school aged students, was raised by Ron Smith. After a discussion of the advisability of becoming involved in such projects, it was decided to ask the Publications Board to consider promotion of sport history through publications.

After a 11:40 break for lunch, the Council and the Publications Board reconvened jointly to discuss common concerns. Publications Board members attending were: Bill Baker, Tom Jable, Don Morrow, Don Mrozek, and Mary Lou LeCompte. Journal Editor, Jack Berryman was also present.

It was MOVED (Mary Lou Remley) and seconded that Council recommend that the Publications Board begin as soon as possible the publication of a Directory of Scholars. PASSED (unanimously).

Questions were raised regarding the appearance of the Directory, use of multilith process or others, inclusion of NASSH members only or inclusion of others, inclusion of other sport history societies, expansion beyond past Directories such as including appropriate granting agencies for funding sport history research, and general guidelines necessary for the editor of the Directory of Scholars.

It was MOVED (Alan Metcalfe) and seconded that a \$300.00 budget be created for an advertising manager. PASSED (unanimously).

The question of creating the position of advertising manager with a separate budget was discussed. While advertising for the Journal was considered top priority, the advertising could well be applied to the Proceedings, the Newsletter, and Convention Program and other NASSH publications. The advertising manager would need to survey advertising rates of similar publications to make recommendations for rates in NASSH publications. A new advertising rate card would need to be printed.

The question of NASSH promoting sport history in ways other than what NASSH has been doing in the past was raised by Ron Smith. There were various projects which could be done through publications and other means which were mentioned. Among them were:

- sponsorship of a book written for high school students,
- sponsorship of biographies of sporting figures such as the publisher Fitzhenry & Whiteside has done in a project titled The Canadians,
- publication of a bi-annual "Sport History Film Guide" which would include film titles, summary, and addresses for purchase and rental,
- sponsorship of conferences on special topics of interest,

- publication of a research guide to the study of sport history,
- publication of a pamphlet on granting agencies amenable to sport history research.

There was some concern that NASSH should not become involved in choosing individuals to write books when commercial publishers were available to do the same. Another point was that NASSH might not be wise to expand beyond the publication of the Journal and Proceedings. A larger question was whether NASSH should become “missionary” in the promotion of sport history. There was even the reading of the purpose of NASSH which is to “promote, stimulate and encourage study and research and writing of the history of sport”

It was MOVED (Mary Lou Remley) and seconded that the new president pursue the idea of promotion of sport history by NASSH. PASSED (unanimously).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith
NASSH, Sec.-Treas.