

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 29, 1983

The annual business meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Betty Spears at 10:45 a.m., May 29, 1983 in Room 204, Science-Technology Building, Penn State University, Mont Alto Campus, Pennsylvania.

The number present was about 60.

The minutes of the May 22, 1982 business meeting at Kansas State University were accepted as published in the 1982 Proceedings.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was presented by Ron Smith. He indicated that the NASSH financial situation was sound with several thousand dollars in the checking account and over \$13,000 in the savings account. Membership had remained stable in 1982. Cost for publishing the Proceedings and the Journal were down somewhat from the previous year.

President-Elect Alan Matcalfe indicated that there were 22 sessions at the convention with 59 speakers and reactors. Some free time was created by including 3 sessions in a time slot three different times and that two sessions were highlighted with no opposing presentations. Two foreign presenters were at the convention, one from South Africa and one from Australia.

President Betty Spears indicated that the 1982 year progressed smoothly.

Past-President Mary Lou Remley indicated that because the Distinguished Lectures Committee is chaired by the Past-President, suggestions for the 1984 convention be sent to Betty Spears.

Publications Board chair, Don Mrozek, said that the Journal's appearance and form and its publication on a timely schedule were good signs along with increased requests to reprint articles from the Journal.

The Proceedings will be edited for the second year by David Wiggins, who called for abstracts to be turned into him early.

Bill Baker was announced as the new chairman of the Publications Board.

Don Morrow had been chosen to be editor of the third edition of the Directory of Scholars.

The chairman of the Nomination Committee, Paula Welch announced the results of the Spring election:

President-Elect: Tom Jable

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

Publications Board: Mary Leigh

Distinguished Lectures Committee: Mary Lou LeCompte

The Membership Report of Angela Lumpkin indicated that a strong effort had been made to bring in college libraries and individual members in departments of history, journalism, and English. She asked that a new membership brochure be printed and that individuals seek new members.

John Findling gave the Time and Site Report. He indicated that the 1984 convention at the Suburban Campus Conference Center of the University of Louisville would be May 19-21, 1984. The cost would be similar to that at Mont Alto Campus of Penn State University. A difference was noted that at Louisville there would be an airport nearby!

Future sites of the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse (1985) and the University of British Columbia (1986) were set previously while the 1987 and 1988 sites were being considered. Among those proposed were Youngstown, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Toronto, Ontario; Tempe, Arizona and Calgary, Alberta.

It was MOVED (Dick Crepeau) and seconded that the Executive Council and the Time and Site Committee begin exploring the feasibility of a future session of NASSH with other sport study groups and to report back to the Annual Business Meeting in 1984. PASSED (unanimously).

The suggestion for such a conference was made by Mel Adelman and given emphasis by David Voigt. Some believed that to hold a joint meeting with such groups as sport philosophers, humanistic sport sociologists, anthropologists of play, Society for American Baseball Research, and sport literature groups would add to the study of sport.

Mary Lou Remley, chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee noted that editing and clarification of the By-Laws was needed. She asked that the meeting dispense with Roberts Rules of Order to make these changes, but Parliamentarian Earle Zeigler indicated that it was unnecessary as a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Business Meeting was only needed to make changes. The editorial and clarification changes dealt with:

- 1) making the Past-President an officer of the society, which in reality had always been the case,
- 2) including the mail election in the By-Laws which we had been doing since early in the society,
- 3) clarifying that the Publications Board of 5 members would choose its own chairman, which it had been doing from the beginning,
- 4) indicating that the Past-President was chairman of the Distinguished Lectures Committee, composed of 2 elected and 2 appointed members.
- 5) clarifying that the By-Laws can be amended when any active member proposes a change to the Secretary-Treasurer who will present the proposal to the Council for consideration. The Council may then present the proposal to the membership at the Annual Convention, at which time the proposal can be passed with a 45 vote of the members attending.

It was MOVED (Council) that the By-Laws be clarified as proposed. PASSED (unanimously).

Tom Jable asked the membership, as Program Chairman for 1984, to suggest programs for future conventions.

Alan Metcalfe, as incoming president, noted that the Council was concerned about the promotion of sport history. He said that NASSH has a sum of money which could be used for a project or projects which would further the study of sport history. NASSH could expend up to \$5,000 on a project or projects. He called for a brief, one page proposal to be sent to him which would be discussed by the NASSH council. The Council had discussed such projects as the sponsorship of a book for high school students, a sport film guide, sponsorship of a conference on a special topic of interest, and a research guide to the study of sport history.

Kathy Buell announced that the Olympic Scientific Congress would meet at the University of Oregon, July 19-26, 1984. A call for papers in all areas of sport, including sport history, has been made. Abstracts of papers must be submitted by October 15, 1983.

Ron Smith announced the proposed Biographical Dictionary of American Sport which is being edited by David Porter of William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Porter has asked if anyone is willing to write approximately 400 word essays on important sport figures, that person should write to Porter telling him what sport and what individuals are of interest.

Mel Adelman asked about who was able to vote in the election. Ron Smith indicated that those who had paid their 1983 dues were eligible for the election. It was suggested that the date of paying dues might be moved to convention time so that previous members would not be eliminated from voting. It was even possible to have the election conducted earlier so that the previous year's membership could vote. No action was taken.

Tom Scanlon announced the new West Coast Newsletter of Ancient Athletics published for \$2.00. If interested, one may write to Tom Scanlon, Department of Literatures, University of California, Riverside.

Nancy Struna announced for Roberta Park that the 100th anniversary of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance is being celebrated by the publication of an historical edition of the Research Quarterly. Manuscripts for that edition must be received by January, 1984.

Virginia Evans announced that Lyle Olsen's Journal of Sport Literature would first be published in October, 1983. Those interested in subscribing or in submitting manuscripts may write to Lyle Olsen, Physical Education Department, San Diego State University, California 92182.

Mel Adelman noted that Steve Riess was editing an issue in American Jewish History of the involvement of American Jews in sport. If interested in submitting a manuscript, write to Steven Riess, Department of History, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois 60625.

Ian Jobling announced two conferences in Australia, one at the Melbourne Cricket grounds in August 1983 and the second at the University of Queensland in August 1984, organized by Jobling and Max Howell, former president of NASSH.

Mary Lou LeCompte announced mistakes in the convention program on Hispanic Heritage in Sport. She was speaking on "Charrería" not "Cherrería" and Bill Beezley was speaking on "Boxing, Baseball and Bicycles."

Maxine Hunter announced that the Gettysburg talks and the Gettysburg trip were in a tight schedule and that they must start on time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald A. Smith

NASSH, Sec.-Treas.