

NASSH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 1985

The meeting of the Council of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Alan Metcalfe at 9:05 a.m., May 24, 1985 in the First Floor Lounge, Wentz Building, University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse.

Present were: Roxanne Albertson, Leon Coursey, Dick Crepeau, Tom Jable, Mary Lou LeCompte, Alan Metcalfe, Ron Smith, Betty Spears, and Margaret Toohey.

The Minutes of the May 17, 1984 Council at the University of Louisville were approved as distributed.

Tom Jable, Program Chairman, noted several minor changes in the program. A question was raised about deadlines for abstracts and acceptance of papers by program organizers. No changes in future programming were planned.

Ron Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer's report and indicated that the 1984 year saw a slight reduction in membership. As costs would likely increase in 1985, a raise in dues was discussed.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that Institutional membership be raised \$5.00 beginning in 1986. PASSED (5-1). One member desired to raise institutional membership \$10.00

The Distinguished Lectures Report of Betty Spears was received.

No report of the Publications Board was received, and it was decided to ask the Publications Board if they would like to meet together with the Council later in the day.

There was no written report of the Time and Site Committee. There was a short discussion of possible sites for 1988 including Arizona State University, North Texas State, Banff, and York University.

There was no written report of the Membership Committee. Questions were raised whether NASSH wants a membership or publicity position. Noting the importance of making announcements in various journals, it was agreed that the incoming president should appoint a publicity chairman for the 1985-1986 year.

The Nominations Report of Paula Welch was received. The election results were as follows:

President-Elect: Richard Crepeau

Secretary-Treasurer: Ronald Smith

Members-At-Large: Joan Chandler

Larry Fielding

Hal Ray

Publications Board: Nancy Struna

Alexander Young

Dist. Lec. Comm.: Robert Barney

Tom Jable reported on the possibilities of a documentary on the history of sport in North America. He had corresponded with people involved with the B.B.C. documentary, attempting to get a copy of the B.B.C. tape. He will be in Britain this summer to make more inquiries.

Judith Davidson's ad hoc committee on the creation of a bibliography of sport films gave no report.

Roxanne Albertson discussed her ad hoc committee on cooperation with state, local, and provincial history societies. She has met with a dozen leaders of state historical societies.

The Council decided that NASSH should offer its services to state, local, and provincial historical societies through such activities as:

- 1) Reviewing of articles for various journals,
- 2) Reviewing of books, and
- 3) Offering reprints of relevant Journal of Sport History articles to state and local historical societies.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the incoming president set up a Committee on State, Local and Provincial History which will report to Council at its annual meeting in 1986. PASSED (unanimously).

Alan Metcalfe indicated that there were five manuscripts entered in the NASSH Scholarship for Graduate Students. Three reviewers (Richard Crepeau, Harry Jebson, and Nancy Struna) read each entry and chose Catriona Beaton-Parratt of the University of Windsor as the winner. Reviews of the other four entries will be sent to the writers. Council expressed its gratitude to Leon Coursey for suggesting the Graduate Scholarship idea.

A question of payment of air travel to the winner was discussed, and it was decided that in the future travel expenses will be paid only from North America to the convention.

It was MOVED (Alan Metcalfe) and seconded to continue the NASSH Scholarship for Graduate Students. PASSED (unanimously).

The proposal of Human Kinetics Publishers and Sport Information Resource Center of Canada to include the table of contents of the Journal of Sport History in its proposed publication, Sport Search, was introduced. It was decided to discuss the matter when the Council meets with the Publications Board in the afternoon.

The question of the relationship of the Publications Board to the NASSH Council was delayed until the Council would meet with the Publications Board. Some areas of discussion were noted:

- 1) The need for joint meetings annually,
- 2) The need for accurately kept records of the Publication Board, particularly minutes.
- 3) The need for Publication Board recommendations being regularly presented to the Council, and
- 4) The need to replace inactive members of the Publications Board and of the Council.

The Council discussed the possible need to develop a code of ethical standards in publishing, noting such areas as multiple author submissions and submitting the same article to multiple journals at the same time. It was decided that no action was needed at the present.

A study done by the American Historical Association was noted on the ranking of historical journals based on the ratio of articles in a journal to the number of citations received in other journals in a future year. Using the SSCI Journal Citation Reports for 1983, the Journal of Sport History ranked 7th behind the American Historical Review, J. of Historical Geography, Past and Present, J. of Am. History, J. of Modern History, and J. of African History. Cited behind the J.S.H. were such periodicals as Economic History Review, J. of Economic History, J. of Social History, and J. of Urban History. [See "Perspectives" AHA Newsletter, XXIII (April 1985). 12-13.]

Tom Jable noted that the Chronicle of Higher Education's Karen Winkler would be at the convention, working on a feature article. [See CHE, 5 June 1985, pp. 5, 8]

Ron Smith noted the possibility of a future article on NASSH in Sports Illustrated.

Tom Jable indicated that, as Journal Survey Editor, he began an exchange with several sport history journals.

Margaret Toohey suggested that NASSH and historical accuracy might benefit if we would send the Directory of Scholars to major television networks so that they might use NASSH's expertise.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that NASSH Sport Media Consultant be created and that Margaret Toohey be appointed to the position. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Margaret Toohey) and seconded to announce that no smoking be allowed at Convention sessions. PASSED (unanimously).

A statement was to be put into the 1986 program.

Anna Beth Culver, convention manager, indicated that 127 individuals had pre-registered for the convention. She indicated that she had fine cooperation from the dean of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

A recess for lunch was called at 11:45 until 1:30.

A joint meeting of the Council and the Publications Board began at 1:50 p.m. Joining the Council were Don Kyle, Mary Lou LeCompte (Publications Chair), Don Morrow, Steve Reiss (Journal Editor), and Jack Neville (Advertising Manager).

Steve Reiss gave a report, discussing the procedures of the Journal. He indicated that:

- 1) The Journal will continue to be published at the University of Washington,
- 2) The Journal is receiving many good articles on British sport, too few on American sport, and almost none on European sport,
- 3) There will be a special issue on Latin American sport in the future, and
- 4) A change in the title of NASSH to the Society for Sport History might reflect the desire by NASSH to promote and publish sport history on an international level.

A discussion about the Graduate Student Essay and the possibility of publishing it in the Journal was held. A major question of who does the reviewing, a panel appointed by the President for the essay competition, or the regular Editorial Board of the Journal? There was agreement that the essay winner's manuscript should go through the same review process as any other manuscript.

It was MOVED (Mary Lou LeCompte) and seconded that the Graduate Student Essay (NASSH Scholarship) winner be required to submit the manuscript to the Journal of Sport History for possible publication. PASSED (unanimously).

Mary Lou LeCompte gave a report of the Publications Board. She indicated that:

- 1) Dave Wiggins agreed to continue as editor of the Proceedings for a three year period,
- 2) Advertising Manager, Jack Neville, needs a printed brochure to send to prospective advertisers,
- 3) There is a need for an Operating Code for the Publications Board,
- 4) An editorial stipend for the Journal of Sport History is recommended at a cost of \$2,000,
- 5) It is recommended that the chairman of the Nominating Committee inform individuals who are asked to run for the Publications Board that they have a commitment to be at all Board meetings. The newly elected members would be urged to meet with the Publications Board at the annual meeting before they take office officially,
- 6) Part of the NASSH By-Laws that states that the Chair of the Publications Board be a 2-year term leads to problems of leadership. (The possibility of Mary Lou LeCompte retaining the chairmanship while By-Laws were being drawn up was raised.)

It was MOVED (Betty Spears) and seconded that the Council approve the development of the appropriate Operating Code for the Publications Board. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Tom Jable) and seconded that a joint Council-Publications Board meeting be held in the afternoon of the annual Council meeting. PASSED (unanimously).

The Council decided to ask Mary Lou LeCompte to continue working with the Publications Board in creating an Operating Code.

A discussion on the value of offering a stipend to the Journal editor was held. The Publications Board felt because of the respected, professional position of the editor, of the time and effort involved, and as a way of recognizing the editor, a stipend of \$2,000 be given to the Journal editor. (Action was delayed until other publications matters were discussed.)

It was announced that the Publications Board was beginning to keep minutes of its meetings, and that they would be distributed to the Council.

A question of non-participation of elected officials of NASSH was brought up. It was agreed that the Council would discuss this in the future.

A proposal of Rainers Martens of Human Kinetics Publishers and the Sport Information Resource Center of Canada to offer a new publication, "Sport Search" was presented to the Publications Board from the Council. The Publications Board agreed with its merit.

It was MOVED (Mary Lou LeCompte) and seconded that NASSH join "Sport Search." PASSED (unanimously).

The Journal Survey Editor will receive NASSH's complimentary copy of "Sport Search."

Tom Jable indicated that he had begun an exchange of the Journal of Sport History with other sport history journals internationally. The Council and Publication Board supported this exchange.

The Publications Board was thanked for meeting with the Council.

A lengthy discussion of the merits of paying a stipend to the editor of the Journal of Sport History ensued. Questions raised were the possible antagonism created by a stipend within NASSH, of benefits coming to any journal editor from being in that position, of the timing of such stipend after a new editor has been appointed, of an editor going into the position with the knowledge that it is an unpaid position, of released time being given to the editor by his university, and whether others in the organization should have stipends.

It was MOVED (Mary Lou LeCompte) and seconded to pay a stipend of \$2,000 annually to the editor of the Journal of Sport History. DEFEATED (unanimously).

Mary Lou LeCompte suggested that an annual survey of the membership be carried out to determine who would be willing to serve in leadership capacities throughout the organization. She suggested that it go out with the membership notices each year.

It was MOVED (Leon Coursey) and seconded that a biennial survey of NASSH membership be conducted to determine interest in serving NASSH on committees and in elected positions. PASSED (unanimously).

The question of inactive members on committees and boards was raised again. It was decided that the Presidents would fill unexpired terms, but that the incoming president should appoint a committee to look at the status of inactive members on NASSH committees and offices, to bring recommendations to the 1986 NASSH Council meeting.

It was MOVED (Tom Jable) and seconded that a new NASSH brochure be produced. PASSED (unanimously). The incoming president would implement the motion.

A proposal for the sale of clothing such as t-shirts with a NASSH logo was brought up by Ron Smith. It was decided that a firm proposal should be presented to the Council before

any action is taken.

The Council thanked David Matz of St. Bonaventure for sending an announcement of the Lacrosse conference to the American Philological Association Newsletter.

Alan Metcalfe thanked the Council for its help to him as president for the last two years of NASSH.

The meeting of the Council was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Ronald A. Smith,
NASSH, Sec.-Treas.