

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 1987

The annual business meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Tom Jable at 10:54 a.m., May 24, 1987 in the Bridge of Learning, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

There were about 70 members present.

The minutes of the May 25, 1986 meeting were approved as published in the 1986 Proceedings.

Alan Metcalfe, chairman of the Distinguished Lectures Operating Code Committee, noted the proposed changes in the number and naming of the Distinguished Lectures, as approved by the Council. Under the new proposal there would be two major addresses. The John Betts lecture would be by an individual writing on North American history. The Maxwell Howell lecture would be by an individual writing on history outside of North America. The name of Seward Staley would no longer be identified with a Distinguished Lecture but would become the Seward Staley Graduate Student Essay.

It was MOVED (Alan Metcalfe) and seconded that the proposed changes in the operating code be accepted.

A lengthy discussion on the desirability of the changes was held. There was some sentiment that the three lectures were a successful tradition and that if change should be made it could well be delayed before taking action.

It was MOVED (Margaret Toohey-Costa) and seconded to table the motion. Defeated (33-17).

The original MOTION was PASSED (48-9).

*[The Council met on May 25, 1987 at 12:30 p.m. at the Campus Center to discuss the action of Council to change the format of the Distinguished Lectures Committee and the implementation of the vote which occurred at the annual business meeting on May 24th. Council decided to not implement the decision to have only two named lectureships until after the 1988 convention and to reconsider its action to change the Seward Staley address from a Distinguished Lecture to a Graduate Student Address winner.]

Tom Jable announced that the Graduate Student Essay winner was James Coates of the University of Maryland. The judges of the essay were Mel Adelman, Don Morrow, and Roberta Park.

Ron Smith presented a written Secretary-Treasurer's Report. He indicated that total membership was up moderately and NASSH was in good financial condition.

Don Morrow, chairman of the Nominations Committee, reported on the Spring election. Those elected were:

President-Elect:	Jack W. Berryman
Secretary-Treasurer:	Ronald A. Smith
Council Members:	Janice A. Beran Harry Jebson, Jr. James E. Odenkirk
Publications Board:	C. Robert Barnett Angela Lumpkin
Distinguished Lec. Comm.:	Roberta J. Park

Jack Berryman, chairman of an ad-hoc committee on book and journal article awards, reported the action of the Council. NASSH in the future would offer a bi-annual book award for the best book on sport history in the English language.

Proposed awards for the best article in sport history in any journal, and the best article in the *Journal of Sport History* were not approved by the Council.

Jack Berryman, program chairman for the 1988 convention, asked for program ideas for the Arizona State University convention in 1988.

Tony Papalas, Time and Site chairman, indicated that the next three sites would be:
Arizona State University (1988),
Clemson University (1989), and
Banff, Alberta (1990).

There were possibilities of University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Chicago (Northeastern Illinois University and Loyola) in 1991, and Montreal in 1992.

Jim Odenkirk, chairman for the 1988 convention at Arizona State University asked for a straw-vote for meeting May 21-23 or May 28-30. The May 21-23 dates were clearly favored. He indicated that special event trips to a site of a Pre-Columbian ball court and the Grand Canyon were possibilities. There would not likely be a reenactment of a pok-ta-pok ball game (with human sacrifice) such as the 1987 reenactment of an 1850s baseball game between the NASSH Ramblers and the Ohio Muffins ending in a 9 inning 6-6 tie.

Joan Paul, chairwoman of the Publicity and Membership Committee, noted that her committee would send NASSH brochures to libraries and museums in all provinces and states and would continue to send publicity notices to journals.

Judith Davidson, chairwoman of the Film Bibliography Project, indicated that the project would continue even though a 1987 book, *Sport Films: A Complete Reference* had been published. Harvey Zucker, one of the editors of *Sport Films*, gave a summary of the book's contents. Davidson indicated that a listing of educational films, including purchase information, would be included in the NASSH project.

Jim Coates said that his project for developing a directory of graduate students was progressing.

Nancy Struna, chairwoman of the Publications Board, said that an operating code for the Publications Board would be ready by next year.

She indicated that the Publications Board was looking for a new editor of the *Proceedings* to follow David Wiggins. Dave was congratulated for doing a fine job on the *Proceedings* the past several years.

The Board was also looking for an editor of the *Directory of Scholars* for a 1988 edition.

Mike Everman, archivist for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, noted National History Day which included historical competitions for students, grades 6-12. He suggested that NASSH consider sponsoring an award for the best sport history paper, a subject of interest to many school children.

It was announced that Bruce Bennett would make a presentation to Clarence E. Forbes, making him Honorary President of NASSH, at the time of the Graduate Student Essay.

Bruce Bennett, using a Charles McCurdy analogy, thanked Sue and Ron Smith for their efforts to make NASSH run more smoothly for the past 15 years.

Earle Zeigler suggested setting up a committee to look at the job market in history and physical education for those interested in sport history.

Tom Jable spoke briefly in appreciation of Alan Metcalfe, who preceded him as president, and the entire Council for its work over the past two years. He said that the membership of NASSH was to be savored for it was compatible and compassionate, a joy to be associated with.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

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