

NASSH BUSINESS

COUNCIL. MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 1988

The meeting of the Council of the North American Council for Sport History was called to order by President Dick Crepeau at 9:15 a.m., 20 May 1988 in Room 340, Classroom and Office Building (COB), on the campus of Arizona State University, Tempe.

Members present were: Jan Beran, Jack Berryman, Dick Crepeau, Tom Jable, Harry Jebson, Jr., Jim Odenkirk, Ron Smith, and Nancy Struna. Larry Gerlach was also present.

The minutes of the May 22, 1987 meeting of the Council were approved as published in the 1987 Proceedings.

Jack Berryman, program chairman, gave a report on the 1988 convention program. He indicated that there were 26 sessions with 83 papers accepted, not including special sessions.

Larry Gerlach, book award chairman, presented a written report from the committee of Bob Barnett, Gerald Redmond, Margaret Toohey-Costa, Don Mrozek, and Larry Gerlach. Guidelines for the NASSH Book Award were offered. The Book Award purpose was to encourage distinguished research and writing in sport history, to honor outstanding scholarly contributions, and to establish NASSH as the preeminent judge of work in sport history. Eligibility for the award would include any sport history monograph or biography published in English with a copyright of the year previous to the award. An award committee, selected by the Council with chair appointed by the President, would select the winning entry. The author chosen would receive a commemorative plaque or certificate and a prize of \$500.

Minority opinion of the award questioned the decision to review only books in English, the need for a \$500 prize award, and whether it should be given annually rather than bi-annually.

It was MOVED (Harry Jebson) and seconded that the Committee Report of the Gerlach Book Award Committee be approved as amended. PASSED (unanimously). Amendments were:

1. Selection Criteria-that the book should not have to employ new methodological or conceptual tools, or that it be a reexamination of an important interpretive problem. It need only be an outstanding sport history.
2. Selection Procedure- that the selection committee shall meet together just prior to the annual meeting and make a final book award decision, rather than making a decision through the mail.
3. Award Committee-that the selection committee be composed of 5 members rather than 3, and that they serve for two years with staggered terms after the first year.

Tom Jable, Chair of the Distinguished Lectures Committee, reported that Mark Harris and Randy Roberts were chosen to give the Distinguished Lectures for 1988.

Dick Crepeau reported on the Graduate Student Essays, noting that 15 essays were received. Responses were sent to each writer. He indicated that in future years the essays should be screened before being sent to the committee of three to reduce their workload.

Ron Smith presented a written Secretary-Treasurer's Report. He indicated that NASSH is in good shape financially with membership remaining constant. He brought up the question whether the reserve fund should be invested in something other than certificates of deposit. Conservatism ruled, and no changes were suggested.

There was no report from the nominating committee as there was no election in 1988.

Dick Crepeau gave a verbal report for Time and Site committee chair, Tony Papalas. He indicated that Joe Arbana was ready for the 1989 convention at Clemson University. Gary Koroluk is convention chair for the Banff convention in 1990. North Carolina University, Chapel Hill was no longer a viable option for 1991 as Angela Lumpkin, probably convention manager, was taking another position. Northeastern Illinois University was a possibility for 1991.

There was no report from the Publicity Committee chaired by Joan Paul.

Dick Crepeau reported that the Sport Film Bibliography Committee, chaired by Judith Davidson, was about half completed with its bibliography.

There was no Media Committee Report, chaired by Margaret Toohey-Costa.

There was no Local History Committee Report, chaired by Roxanne Albertson.

The idea of a Graduate Student Directory and spearheaded by Jim Coates was discussed. It was decided to talk to Jim Coates to see if a rather complete list of graduate students and their topics of research could be collected and distributed to graduate students and other interested individuals.

Dick Crepeau announced that the Operating Codes for the Publications Board and the Nominating Committee were not in conflict with the By-Laws of NASSH in the opinion of Marvin Eyler, who was asked to check both codes.

Tom Jable reported on an interorganizational meeting of sport groups, sponsored by the National Association for physical Education in Higher Education and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, which met in Fort Worth, Texas, September 11-12, 1987. NASSH, because of previous Council action, was not present at the meeting. Jable noted that there would be another inter-organizational meeting in September, 1988 at the University of Maryland, indicating that two projects, an electronic bulletin board and a media workshop, were ideas which came out of the first meeting. He asked if NASSH wanted to be represented at the Maryland meeting.

It was MOVED (Tom Jable) and seconded to send a NASSH representative to the Sport Inter-organizational meeting in Maryland in September, 1988. PASSED (3-2, 1 abstention).

A noon recess occurred at 12:09 until 1:12.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded to reconsider the previous vote. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded to amend the previous motion by inserting "observer" for "representative." PASSED (5-2)

Nancy Struna agreed to be the observer.

Tom Jable presented a written Distinguished Lectures Committee Operating Code Report as an adaptation of the Alan Metcalfe Report of 1987. The new report suggested continuing the three Distinguished Lectures as before and that the lectures be rotated among the three.

It was MOVED (Harry Jepsen) and seconded that the Distinguished Lectures Committee Operating Code be adopted. PASSED (unanimously).

Dick Crepeau asked the NASSH Council reconsider the the question of NASSH offering an

award for the best Journal of Sport History article, which was defeated 4-3 by the Council in 1987.

It was questioned whether the award was intended to increase the number of submissions to the Journal or to promote the Journal or to promote sport history.

It was MOVED (Tom Jable) and seconded to approve the Journal of Sport History Article Award, to be awarded every two years, with a committee appointed to draw up guidelines for the 1989 Council meeting discussion. PASSED (5-0, 1 abstention).

Nancy Struna gave the Publications Board Report. She noted the resignation of the advertising manager, Jack Neville.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the advertising manager's position be filled as soon as possible. PASSED (unanimously).

Nancy Struna said that Synthia Slowikowski, Proceedings editor, would attempt to get a printer in Champaign-Urbana Illinois. Council believed that it would be good for Synthia to check on the possibility of desk-top publishing for the production of the Proceedings.

Nancy Struna indicated that Steve Reiss' four year term as editor was coming to a conclusion.

It was MOVED (Jan Beran) and seconded to approve the reappointment of Steve Reiss to a second four year term as Journal editor. PASSED (unanimously).

Nancy Struna noted that the Directory of Scholars, edited by Dennis Booher, was scheduled to be published by mid-summer.

Council nominated individuals for election to the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting. Nominated were: Don Morrow, Ben Rader, Sam Regalato, Peggy Stanaland, Pat Vertinsky, and Dave Zang.

Council chose the following individuals to be on the first book award committee for the 1989 award. They were Bill Baker, Earle Zeigler, Don Kyle, Roberta Park, and Larry Gerlach, chair.

A lengthy discussion on the convention length and programming ensued as a result of several years in which the program chairs believed that the program was too extensive and too crowded, and with little quality control of the papers. Jack Berryman indicated that he did not want to accept program sessions at the May convention. There was no strong feeling that the convention should be extended a day. The possibility of poster sessions was raised with some support. There was some feeling that the number of sessions should be reduced so that there would be fewer time slots with three papers being given at the same time. There was a feeling that most sessions should have a reactor.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded to endorse a restructure of convention programming by sending out a program announcement in June which will include no pre-selected sessions. PASSED (unanimously).

Council decided to set up a Committee for Convention Programming to devise a revised format for the 1990 convention and beyond. The Committee of three was chosen: Harry Jebson, Nancy Struna, and Tom Jable, chair.

Council decided that at times important business of NASSH could be conducted through the mail if needed, especially when additional time is needed to make a reasoned vote. (This was decided so that questions of importance which do not need immediate action can be given additional attention and a longer time to decide and thus prevent the situation of the change of the Distinguished Lectures which took place at the 1987 annual business meeting.)

Dick Crepeau asked council if past-presidents could be brought into a more useful position within NASSH.

It was MOVED (Jan Beran) and seconded to list past-presidents in both the Journal and the convention program.

It was MOVED (Harry Jebesen) an seconded that all honorary lectures be introduced by a past-president in a system of rotation. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Harry Jebesen) and seconded that all past-presidents be ex-officio members of the NASSH Council and encouraged to attend Council meetings. PASSED (unanimously).

The latter will be presented as a By-Law change at the 1989 annual business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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