

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 27, 1994

The meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Joan Paul at 8:35 a.m. in the Geology Board Room of the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

Present were: Robert Barney, Joan Paul, Sam Regalado, Ronald Smith, Nancy Struna, Jan Todd, and Sandy Young. Also present were: Dick Crepeau, Max Howell, and Alan Metcalfe, ex-presidents, John Dewar, convention manager, Barbara Schrodt, Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Steve Hardy, and Chris Harte, British Society for Sports History.

It was moved (Bob Barney) and seconded to approve the minutes of the 1993 NASSH Council as published in the 1993 Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

The Program Committee Report was presented by Nancy Struna. Bruce Kidd, Chuck Korr, and Pat Vertinsky were also on the committee. The Conference Program was anticipated to be smaller than in previous years. There will be two sessions rather than three for most time slots. Breakfast roundtables were innovations. There will be few doubling of individuals as presenters and moderators. There were 102 individuals included in some capacity. There were 11 formatted proposals and 54 papers submitted; 8 were not accepted. For 1995, the abstracts will be called for by October 15th rather than November 15th.

There was a discussion whether there should be two or three sessions. Some believed that fewer sessions lead to higher quality sessions. Others believed we should continue to have three sessions to bring NASSH members to the conference and to give greater options to those attending to have programs of interest to them.

It was MOVED (Sandy Young) and seconded that one evening of each conference be a completely free evening. PASSED (unanimously).

Chris Harte was asked to comment on the British Society of Sports History. The BSSH has decided to be only an academic organization. A new organization was

formed to be all inclusive, called the Organization of Sport Historians, that would embrace many sports and sport organizations.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report was given by Ron Smith. He indicated that there was a drop of both individual and institutional members, with a 16% drop in individuals. With the potential for a deficit in 1995, he asked that the NASSH Council increase the dues by \$5.00, so that individuals would pay \$35, institutions \$45, and students and seniors paying half of the individual fee.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the membership fee be raised \$10.00 for both individual and institutions for 1995. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the Secretary-Treasurer find out where membership loss comes from and to report the findings to the President. PASSED (unanimously).

Barbara Schrodt asked that the half-fee for seniors be included in the Constitutional changes for 1995.

John Dewar gave a Convention Report. He noted that 100 individuals had registered at the beginning of the Conference. It would take about 110 registrations to break even financially.

Jan Todd gave the Time and Site Committee Report. Long Beach, California became the site for 1995, when the Baltimore site did not work out. Several individuals suggested future sites. Jody Davenport of Auburn University offered her university for the 1996 convention. Committee members also include Mim Sheldon, Gary Koroluk, and Lynne Emery.

Sam Regalado gave an initial report of the Publications Board and issues that will be discussed. The Journal of American History had not been citing JSH issues since 1987. The JAH will cite JSH in the future. Sam will investigate other journals that might cite JSH. The size of the Proceedings will be discussed. The status of illness of Joe Arbena as journal editor will be discussed.

Bob Barney gave the Distinguished Lectures Committee Report. The two elected committee members are Mike Salter and Don Morrow. The two appointed members are Garth Paton and David Wiggins. No Service Award has been given for 1994.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the president should consider a balance by geographical location and by gender when appointing members of the Distinguished Lectures Committee. PASSED (unanimously).

Joan Paul noted the Student Essay Prize Committee. It consisted of Mary McElroy, Dick McGehee, and Don Morrow.

There was a question of the makeup of the committee in terms of numbers and years of service.

As two members of the Book Award Committee had completed their terms, President Paul was to choose two new members of the Committee.

Max Howell discussed his proposal to offer NASSH a financial contribution in the name of Reet Howell, who died in 1993. Several options were suggested to commemorate Reet Howell. A lengthy discussion followed.

It was MOVED (Sandy Young) and seconded that the Maxwell Howell Address be renamed the Maxwell and Reet Howell International Address. PASSED (unanimously).

There was an assumption that the future earnings from the investment of Max Howell's contribution to NASSH would be used to fund international travel, particularly for those giving the Maxwell and Reet Howell International Address.

Barbara Schrodt and Bob Barney gave a report on the Constitution and By-Laws. Barney noted the history of the need for changes in by-laws and the constitution. Most of the changes were routine.

The election of the student representative was discussed. The nominated student would be nominated by the nominations committee and elected during the regular election.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that eligible student representatives be defined by being a student member. PASSED (4-1).

It was MOVED (Sandy Young) and seconded that the Past-Presidents be made members of the NASSH council without vote. PASSED (unanimously).

Barbara Schrodt showed a proposed structure for Operating Codes that included four categories: Purposes, Organization, Duties, and Reports.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that the extant operating codes be distributed to the officers and committees and that by March 1, 1995, the committees present any recommended changes to the President in writing. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the proposed structure for Operation Codes as presented by Barbara Schrodtr be accepted. PASSED (unanimously).

Operating Codes were needed for the following committees and offices: President, Past-President, President-elect, Publication Board Chair, Proceedings Editor, Journal Editor, Student-Essay Contest, Budget and Fiscal Committee, Membership Committee, and Constitution and By-Laws.

Sam Regalado made a Publications Board report:

- 1) The Publications Board wanted to expand publicity of the JSH with other journals and elsewhere. Data Base, (Steve Hardy); Indexes (Vicky Parashak).
- 2) Joe Arbena proposed abstracts be written for all articles published in the JSH. These abstract might be sent to other historical journals.
- 3) The 1993 Proceedings was printed as a smaller size publication with a smaller print font. This was supported by the Publications Board.
- 4) The Publications Board will be actively seeking a full-time editor to replace Joe Arbena when his four-year editorial position is completed. A co-editor will be sought immediately to help the current editor.
- 5) A proposal for a paid assistant for the journal editor and/or to pay for course release for the editor up to \$3,000 per year.
- 6) There was a suggestion for a 4-year term for the JSH editorial review board.
- 7) The Publication Board wants to drop the seasonal designation (Spring, Summer, Winter) to only numerical designations.

It was MOVED (Nancy Struna) and seconded that Council support the Journal of Sport History editor up to \$3,000 a year to pay an assistant for the Journal or to pay for course release for the editor. PASSED (unanimously).

Nancy Struna proposed that NASSH pay for the travel, housing, food, and registration expenses of non-academic people who are “experts” in sport history to come to NASSH conferences.

It was noted that precedent for paying outside individuals has been done by setting the fee for convention registration.

This possibility will be put into the President-elect Operating Code.

Nancy Struna suggested that the program committee meet together to discuss the abstracts after they are in. A suggestion was made that a conference call might meet the needs of the Program Committee, and it was to be tried by Nancy.

Council nominated the following individuals as nominees for the Nominations Committee election at the annual Business Meeting:

Bill Baker, Jim Coates, Lynne Emery, Don Kyle, Synthia Slowikowski, and Steven Wenn.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer