

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 1998

The annual business meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Patricia Vertinsky, May 25, 1998 at 10:40 a.m. in the Katzman Lounge, Vanier Hall, University of Windsor, Ontario.

There were about 90 members present.

The minutes of the 1997 annual business meeting were approved as published in the 1997 annual Proceedings with the correction that Gertrude Pfister, not Gerd Von der Lippe, was President of HISPA. PASSED (unanimously). (It was announced that for several reasons the Proceedings were not printed on time and that the 1997 minutes were not available to all until this meeting.)

President Patricia Vertinsky thanked all the international participants for their increasing attendance at the NASSH meetings. In addition she recognized the students, the past-presidents, and Hal Ray, ever present in photographing activities. She noted what is believed to be the first Mexican citizen to attend a NASSH Conference, Karel Wendl, who is also a citizen of the Czech Republic. It was noted that past-president Maxwell Howell is receiving an honorary doctorate degree at the University of Alberta.

The nominations for the Nominating Committee election was presented by Council. The list included Linda Borish, Mark Dyreson, Steve Gietschier, Garth Paton, Peggy Stanaland, and Kevin Wamsley. There were no nominations from the floor. Those elected were: Mark Dyreson (chair), Steve Gietschier, and Kevin Wamsley.

Don Morrow, President-Elect, gave the Convention Program Committee Report. Don Morrow, Steve Wenn, and Kevin Wamsley were on the Committee. Scott Martyn put the program on the NASSH Web Site. Over 160 registrants are at the conference. There were nearly 100 abstracts submitted and seven were not accepted. 81 papers are being presented. Twelve are being given by non-North Americans. Eight papers are by graduate students, six of whom requested Park Funds. Six full or complete sessions were organized by an individual or individuals. There were 23 thematic sessions with no open sessions.

Don Morrow, whose e-mail is donmor @ Julian.uwo.ca, is asking individuals to suggest programs and individual topics or full sessions.

Ron Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. He noted that the membership remains constant with a slight increase in individual members of 33. Income and expenditures

were approximately equal. However the savings increased to \$119,483 with the Park Fund increasing by over 22% and the Max and Reet Howell International Fund increasing by over 27%.

Patricia Vertinsky noted changes in computer committees in NASSH. The Publications Board suggested a separate Computer and Technology Committee. A WEB Site Maintenance Committee was created by Council, with Bob Barney as chair, specifically to maintain the WEB site. A more complete WEB Site will be developed by next year through the work of Scott Martyn of the University of Western Ontario. There have been about 140 hits per month for 1997 with about 400 per month in the last two months. The site can be seen at: <http://nassh.uwo.ca>.

A question was raised whether an individual's own WEB page can be linked to the NASSH Web Site? It can be done, but has not been done at this point.

Nancy Bouchier is head of the Computer and Technology Committee. She said that "on-line chat groups" need to be brought to this committee for discussion as to how research can be moved forward.

Dwight Zakus, chair of the Publications Board, gave a report. Wayne Wilson of the Amateur Athletic Federation of Los Angeles met with the Committee to discuss scanning in back issues of the Journal of Sport History and the Proceedings onto its WEB site. The AAFLA WEB site would be linked to the NASSH WEB Site. This would be done free of charge. The Amateur Athletic Federation of Los Angeles would pay \$3,000 per year to NASSH to pay for potential lost sales of publications.

Dave Wiggins said that the Spring 1998 issue will be out in the near future. The Summer 1998 issue is in press. The Fall 1998 issue is nearly complete. The flow of manuscripts is good. Most deal with North American sport. No manuscripts have been received on ancient sport. He recognized Steve Pope who is in charge of the Museum and Film and Media Reviews. Steve Wenn has taken charge of dissertation abstracts. John Schleppe continues to review other journals and needs more reviewers. Linda Borish and Gerry Jems have increased the number of book reviews substantially.

The lateness of the Proceedings was recognized, and the problem experienced this year with getting it printed has been solved.

Nancy Bouchier of the Computer and Technology Committee reported that the Committee would continue to suggest ways to better use technology and computers to improve sport history.

It was reported that Gretchen Ghent, University of Calgary, was supported in her attempt to get outside funding to build electronic databases of sport history materials. Joan Chandler will assist in this endeavor in collaboration with Gretchen Ghent.

A question was raised whether photographs that are printed in the Journal with permission will be put on the Amateur Athletic Federation of Los Angeles WEB site (Wayne Wilson) without permission? This needs to be looked at by the AAFLA.

Pat Vertinsky reported on various Council activities.

She asked members to please consider submissions for future honor addresses and awards and send them to Past-President Nancy Struna, who chairs the Awards Committee.

Park Endowment Fund (Puritan Fund at Fidelity) is growing nicely. Nancy Struna said that the six students, who applied and gave papers, will each receive \$325.

It was MOVED (Council) that 10% of the funds be utilized each year from the Park Endowment Fund for students presenting papers at the Conventions. PASSED (unanimously).

John Findling's Promotions Committee Report was noted. Affiliation with AHA and other historical organizations is being pursued.

The international promotion of NASSH has been taken up by Council. Council decided to fund up to two representatives (ambassadors) to promote NASSH and its business at international conferences. The Max and Reet Howell International Fund will be used. The President or a designate will be sent and report back to NASSH Council.

Council MOVED that the AAFLA be given the right to put the JSH and Proceedings on the AAFLA WEB Site. The AAFLA will have rights to do this for 10 years and put JSH issues (up to the last 4 issues) on the WEB.

The Chair of the Computer and Technology Committee will be an ad-hoc member the Publications Board.

Joan Chandler asked about putting on-line a number of articles that are not there at present-a proposal of Gretchen Ghent of Calgary. The NASSH Council favored the efforts of Ghent for outside funding to support the effort, but NASSH does not wish to become a granting agency itself. Joan Chandler asked that Council take up this issue again and offered to assist with liaison.

Joanna Davenport gave the Time and Site Convention Report. Penn State would be the site in 1999; Banff in 2000. She asked members to suggest future sites and to submit proposals.

Ron Smith gave a report on Penn State Site for 1999. He said that the conference at the Nittany Lion Inn would, hopefully, be much better than the video tape of the site that he tried to show.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer