

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 30, 2000

The 28th annual business meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Don Morrow at 4:06 p.m., May 30, 2000 in Room 300, DCH, Banff, Alberta.

There were about 70 members present.

The minutes of the 1999 annual business meeting were approved as published in the 1999 annual Proceedings.

Don Morrow thanked the international participants, non-historians, and identified past-presidents attending the Banff Conference.

Gary Koroluk, Conference Manager, gave several short announcements.

Allen Guttmann, President-elect, gave the program report, thanking his fine committee, including Colin Howell, John Nauright, and Nancy Struna, and the cooperation of participants in creating good sessions. He indicated that proposals for entire sessions was preferable to individual abstracts for 2001.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Ron Smith, gave his report indicating that NASSH as usual was in good financial condition with a stable membership. He noted an incorrect addition in the Receipts and made the correction. He said that the Fidelity Investment that had been so productive in the last several years were only modestly successful in 1999.

The NASSH Council presented a slate of six nominees for the election of a Nominating Committee for the Fall 2000 election. They included Nancy Bouchier, Mark Dyreson, Michael Lomax, Maureen Smith, Stephen Wenn, and Susan Zieff. In addition, Dan Nathan and Ying Wushanley were nominated. Those elected at the Business Meeting were: Nancy Bouchier, Mark Dyreson, and Maureen Smith. Nancy Bouchier became chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Report of the Park Graduate Student Endowment Fund, chaired by Patricia Vertinsky, was presented by Don Morrow. He indicated that the increased number of students presenting at NASSH conferences shows that NASSH members could increase their donations at the time membership dues are paid. A question was raised from the previous business meeting whether international students could apply for funds for presentations. NASSH Council unfortunately neglected to consider this issue. It should be on the agenda for 2001, if not acted upon earlier. Don invited members to contribute to the Park Fund.

Don Morrow also presented the Distinguished Lectures and Award Committee Report for Patricia Vertinsky. The Committee consisted of Vertinsky, Chair, Margaret Costa, Mike Cronin, Chuck Korr, and Don Kyle. Two Distinguished Lecturers were chosen, John Bale and Peter Donnelly.

The Graduate Student Essay Committee, chaired by Don Morrow, included Steve Pope, Jan Todd, and Steve Wenn. Two papers were chosen for the first time, Greg Gillespie of the University of Western Ontario and Annemarie Jutel of the University of Otago.

Nancy Bouchier gave the Technology Committee Report. She said that the Committee will be surveying the membership to determine the technology needs of individuals.

Scott Martyn, NASSH webmaster, gave the report of the Website Maintenance Committee. He noted that the Directory of Scholars for 2000 will be placed on the Website as soon as it is available, probably in the Summer of 2000. He indicated that the number of independent hits on the website more than tripled (over 9000) this past year over the previous one. He said that NASSH will create a one-way website list to disseminate official NASSH business. He also said that at some future time NASSH membership dues could be paid over a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) if that is NASSH's desire. At the present the cost to NASSH would be greater than the benefits to members. He said that many search engines have a link to our website, nassh.org.

Maureen Smith, editing the Directory of Scholars, said that so far 208 individuals have sent materials to be included in the Directory. It will be published in book form as well as being placed on the nassh.org website.

Ron Smith said that the material needed for NASSH affiliation with the American Historical Association has been sent in, noting that it was somewhat behind schedule. NASSH should know within eight months whether the affiliation has been accepted by the AHA. Colin Howell indicated that he would pursue the possibility of affiliation with the Canadian Historical Association.

Don Morrow gave the Publications Board Report. He said that the Board is searching for a new editor of the Journal of Sport History to begin in the Fall 2001 when present editor Dave Wiggins will be stepping down. For those interested in applying for the position, a deadline of December 1, 2000 has been set for a letter of interest and C.V. The Proceedings editor for the 2001 edition is also open, replacing Tina Parratt, the present editor. There were 32 manuscripts received by the JSH in 1999 with 10 accepted. Linda Borish, co-book review editor, is stepping down from the position. Ron Briley has taken over the position of Film, Media, and Museum Reviews Editorship from Steve Pope.

Jody Davenport gave a Time and Site Committee Report. The Committee of two included Betz Hanley. The proposed site for the 29th annual convention in 2001 is the University of Western Ontario. Kevin Wamsley made a presentation for the University of Western Ontario beginning with an "unbiased" video on the positives of London, Ontario. He said rooms would be available in the new residence hall and would be held May 25-29, 2001 on the

U.S. Memorial Day weekend. A question of equal Canadian - non-Canadian charges was raised and responded to.

It was MOVED (Alan Metcalfe) and seconded that everyone pay the same rate at the proposed University of Western Ontario conference. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Susan Forbes) and seconded to accept the University of Western Ontario be the site for the 2001 Conference. PASSED (unanimously).

Kevin Wamsley, newly appointed Time and Site Committee Chair, asked for new site proposals for 2002, 2003, and 2004. He said that a "How to Host NASSH" document was being compiled and would be available on the nassh.org website.

Chuck Korr asked Council to discuss the advisability of hosting nearly all NASSH conferences on the U.S. Memorial Day weekend and to bring its recommendation to the 2001 NASSH Business meeting.

A question was raised about the possible need for a professional conference manager, either from within the organization or from without. No action was taken, but the question of a large increase in cost that would occur if professional conference managers organized future conferences was noted.

John Nauright raised the question of a possible 2003 joint meeting between NASSH and the Australian Sport History Society (ASSH) to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the NASSH-ASSH meeting in Hawaii. He also indicated the possibility of a separate NASSH Conference in Hawaii or of ASSH hosting a NASSH Conference in Hawaii.

The NASSH Promotion Committee, led by Sam Regalado and Linda Borish, reported on the interest in increasing NASSH affiliations and with it creating a larger NASSH profile.

Colin Howell noted a Canadian Conference, "Putting It on Ice," to be held in November 2001.

Allen Guttman noted the ISPHES conference in August 2001 in Montpelier, France.

John Nauright invited NASSH members to the July 2001 ASSH Conference in Adelaide.

John Nauright raised the question of non-North Americans being eligible to vote and hold elected offices in NASSH. It was noted that non-North Americans can be affiliate members, but NASSH would have to look at the Bylaws to see if they directly specified if non-North Americans could vote and hold office. This was a question for the NASSH Council to determine.

A question was raised why NASSH charged more for non-North American membership than for North American membership. It was noted that the \$5.00 extra charge was made to cover extra mailing cost that actually was more than \$5.00 per year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith
NASSH, Secretary-Treasurer.