

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2001

The 29th annual Business Meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Don Morrow at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, May 28, 2001, Room 3345, Somerville Hall, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

There were about 75 present.

The minutes of the 2000 annual business meeting were received.

President Don Morrow acknowledged the number of international attendees, past presidents, and graduate students who have attended the meeting.

The Fall 2000 election results were announced by Nominations Chair, Nancy Bouchier.

President-Elect:	Gerry Gems, North Central College
Secretary-Treasurer:	Ronald A. Smith, Penn State U.
NASSH Council:	Steve Gietschier, The Sporting News Catriona Parratt, University of Iowa Ying Wushanley, Millersville U. Shelly Lucas (student), U. of Iowa
Publications Board:	Linda Borish, Western Michigan U. Dave Zang, Towson University Colin Howell, Saint Mary's U.
Distinguished Lectures and Honors Committee:	Roberta Park, U. of California Larry Gerlach, University of Utah

Allen Guttman, Program Chair, said that he has heard good things about the conference presentations.

Gerry Gems, incoming Program Chair, said he would receive ideas about programs and individual papers for the 2002 convention.

Patricia Vertinsky gave the Roberta Park Graduate Student Fund report indicating that there was over \$25,000 in the Roberta Park Fund and that five students were funded \$250 each for the 2001 convention. A situation came up relative to the 2001 convention of graduate students from the host institution asking for travel funds. Council decided that the fund was for distant travel, not for local students or for registration fees.

Don Morrow noted that NASSH has received affiliation with the American Historical Association, and we have a pending affiliation with the Canadian Historical Association.

Nancy Bouchier gave the Computer and Technology Committee Report. The Website Committee will become part of the Computer and Technology Committee. A member of the Computer and Technology Committee will become an ex-officio member of the Publications Board. Scott Martyn was thanked for his work on the NASSH Website, nassh.org.

Linda Borish of the Promotions Committee is working to have sport history become a part of the U.S. National Endowment of the Humanities' project for regional centers for history. Incoming president, Allen Guttmann, will be involved in attempting to improve NASSH promotion and public relations.

Don Morrow announced that Linda Borish will be NASSH's ambassador to the conference at Wingate Institute in Israel this summer, supported by income from the Maxwell and Reet Howell International Fund of NASSH.

Nominations and vita for 2002 Honor Awards (Service Award and Recognition Award) and the Distinguished Lectures are welcome. The desire for complete vitas by those making nominations was emphasized. They should be sent to next year's Distinguished Lectures and Honor Awards chair, Don Morrow.

The Graduate Essay contest for 2001 received three submissions.

NASSH Council, Publications Board, Book Award committee meet on Thursday a day early. NASSH has approved subsidizing a reception that evening to host early comers.

Ron Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. He indicated that the increase in the cost of the Journal of Sport History would likely cause a deficit for the 2001 year. The higher cost of the Journal would increase the average cost to individual and institutional members about \$15 per year.

NASSH Council MOVED to raise regular membership dues to \$70 for institutions and \$50 for individuals. Passed (unanimously).

A By-Law change was brought to the members to allow Non-North Americans to be full members of NASSH and to be eligible to vote and hold office. (A 2/3 vote is needed for By-Law changes.) PASSED (51-4).

The question of the advisability of holding the annual conference over U.S. Memorial Day was raised again. No action was taken.

Kevin Wamsley said there were no official bids for the 2002 convention. John Findling has given a tentative proposal for holding the conference at the French Lick Springs Resort and Spa in Indiana in 2002. A question was raised whether institutions are willing to do hosting. Vicky Parashak said that at least 6 institutions have said they might be willing in the future.

John Findling made a presentation about the 2002 convention at French Lick Springs Resort and Spa, Indiana over Memorial Day weekend, about 55 miles northwest of Louisville, Kentucky and south of Indianapolis, with 475 rooms. Meals for the entire convention would be about \$145 on site and rooms would be about \$90 for a double. Many recreational facilities are available. There is the possibility of a trip to the Louisville Museums and the race track. A slide show of French Lick Springs was given by John. A question was raised about the cost to students to attend.

It was Moved (Kevin Wamsley) and seconded to accept the French Lick Springs Resort and Spa as the 2002 site. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Dick Swanson) and seconded that a donation fee on the membership form be created to help subsidize student expenses. (Many options were raised and discussed.) DEFEATED by a show of hands.

It was MOVED (Bill Baker) and seconded that registration fees for regular members be raised to allow lower fees for students for the 2002 conference.

It was MOVED to table the motion. PASSED (15-9).

Tara Magnalinski proposed a January 2003 meeting in Hawaii, a joint meeting between NASSH and ASSH, the Australian counterpart.

Publication Board Actions were made:

- 1) It was announced that the new Chair of the Publications Board is Steve Riess.
- 2) The new Proceedings Editor is Michael Lomax.
- 3) The new Journal of Sport History editor is Mel Adelman.
- 4) The Publications Board recommends that the publishing of the Proceedings be by electronic rather than printed form. The Council agreed. (There were no comments by the membership.)
- 5) The Publications Board recommended that there should no longer be copyright fees for the reprinting of Journal of Sport History articles. The Council agreed. (There were no comments by the membership.)
- 6) The Council asked the Publications Board to streamline JSH operations by having the editor prepare an annual operating budget and to create a business plan to support the annual budget request.

Laura Thomas asked that the Program Committee consider putting on a session for students. President-elect Gerry Gems said that it has already been done for 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer