

NASSH Council Meeting, 9 May 1974

Minutes

The meeting of the Council of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by NASSH President, Marvin Eyer at 8:10 p.m. at Delaware Hall, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, on May 9, 1974.

Present were: Bruce Bennett, Marv Eyer, Guy Lewis, Betty McCue, Al Metcalfe, Mary Lou Remley, Mike Salter, and Ron Smith.

Agenda items were read by Marv Eyer.

It was announced that the first issue of the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY was recently printed and copies were distributed to the Council members. Special thanks were given to Alan Metcalfe, editor; Margaret Woodhouse, head of the Department of History, Radford College; Elmer Johnson, Professor of History at Radford and Assistant Editor of the JOURNAL, and Mr. Veith, of Southern Printing Company.

Guy Lewis gave his thoughts concerning the 1975 program at the 1975 convention in Boston. He suggested that certain topics be chosen for presentations of papers and that the number of papers might be reduced. A discussion followed regarding who should be moderators, with the feeling that both physical educators in sport history and professional historians should be asked. A question regarding the number of sessions were raised with a consensus that a liberal number of sessions should be scheduled to appeal to a greater number of participants. An expanded program was decided upon to allow for both predetermined specific topics as well as open sessions. The proposal of Guy Lewis for the establishment of an honorary group of outstanding scholars in the field of sport history was discussed.

It was MOVED (Guy Lewis) and seconded that NASSH establish an honorary group of sport history scholars. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Mary Remley) and seconded that the honorary group be titled "Praeclarus." PASSED (unanimously).

The Budget Report of Ron Smith was accepted.

The Journal Editor's report was accepted.

Alan Metcalfe raised some questions regarding the nature of the JOURNAL and the editor's role. How much freedom should the editor be given in determining the format of the JOURNAL? Should there be restrictions regarding the acceptability of traditional vs. liberal-innovative history? How long should the term of editorial board members be? Alan Metcalfe suggested that the format of the JOURNAL include articles, journal survey, book reviews, letters to the editor (letter and author rebutal), notes (which are not full length articles but are informational to

throw new light on some topic), notice of conferences and meetings, and a yearly index. He believed that articles should make up about 50-60 percent of the JOURNAL.

There was general agreement of the Council to Alan Metcalfe's proposed format and a feeling that the editor should have a rather wide latitude to carry out his tasks as he deems necessary and appropriate.

The Council agreed that the length of term of editorial board members should be three years and that they should be staggered so that some continuity be developed from year to year.

A question of associate editor of the JOURNAL was raised by Mike Salter. No action was taken.

The Time and Site Committee Report of John Lucas was accepted.

It was MOVED (Bruce Bennett) and seconded that the 1975 NASSH convention be held in Boston, April 16-19, in conjunction with the Organization of American Historians. PASSED (unanimously).

A discussion on future sites for conventions was held. Mike Salter suggested that Quebec City be considered for the 1976 convention to be held in conjunction with a multi-discipline conference on sport, July 11-16, just prior to the Montreal Olympics which begins on July 18th.

It was MOVED (Bruce Bennett) and seconded that NASSH meet in Quebec City, July 11-16, 1976. PASSED (unanimously). It was MOVED (Al Metcalfe) and seconded that the NASSH convention be held in the western United States in 1977. PASSED (unanimously). Betty McCue was asked to look into the possibility of housing the convention at the University of Oregon in 1977. The Membership Report of Mary Lou Remley was accepted. The Report indicates that a lengthy list of possible members has been compiled. Marv Eyler noted that an Operating Code should be drawn up by the chairman for each standing committee before the 1975 convention. The Advertising and Publicity Manager's Report of Jack Berryman was accepted. Of major importance is the advertising policy which has been developed for the JOURNAL.

A question was raised whether the membership list of NASSH should be sold. It was MOVED (Guy Lewis) and seconded that the Secretary-Treasurer be empowered to set a price for selling the membership list to individual concerns.

The Council agreed to allow reciprocal advertisements with other professional journals and the JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY. Jack Berryman discussed a meeting which he attended for Marv Eyler which discussed possible affiliated groups with the American Historical Association. Al Metcalfe questioned an affiliation with the AHA in that only one country was involved. Guy Lewis suggested the possibility of affiliation with various groups. It was MOVED (Guy Lewis) and seconded that Marv Eyler appoint a committee to study NASSH affiliation with scholarly groups. PASSED (4 yea, 2 abstentions). It was agreed that there should be an exchange of Journals among various sport history organizations.

It was MOVED (Bruce Bennett) and seconded that two copies of the JOURNAL be given to each contributing author. PASSED (5 yea, 1 nay). One negative vote favored more than two journals.

It was MOVED (Al Metcalfe) and seconded that reprints be made available to authors at a price to be set by Mr. Veith of the Southern Printing Company. PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Guy Lewis) and seconded that the Life Membership fee may be paid within the fiscal year. PASSED (unanimously). It was MOVED (Bruce Bennett) and seconded that Life Membership income be placed in a saving's account. PASSED (unanimously).

It was decided that single copies of the Journal should be sold for \$5.00 per issue.

Mary Lou Remley was asked to check on the possibility of high school subscription to the JOURNAL. Council accepted the flaw on the spine of the first issue of the JOURNAL which stated "JOURNAL OF SPORTS HISTORY" rather than "JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer

NASSH Council Meeting, 12 May 1974

Minutes

The first annual business meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by NASSH Steering Committee Chairman, Marvin Eyler, at 4:35 p.m. in Room 2 and 3 of the Center for Tomorrow at Ohio State University, May 25, 1973.

There were about 70 members present.

Ron Smith gave the Budget Committee Report which indicated there were 98 regular members, 21 sustaining members, 14 student members, 6 institutional members, and no life members as of May 22, 1973. Receipts from the inception of NASSH to May 22, 1973 were \$2,321 in membership dues and \$650 in convention pre-registrations. Disbursements for that period included \$550.99. The fund balance as of May 22, 1973 was \$2,420.01.

It was MOVED (Mrs. A. B. Culver) and seconded that the Budget Committee Report be received. PASSED (Unanimously).

John Lucas presented the Constitutional Committee Report. He reported that the Steering Committee on May 24th desired a constitutional change in Article V, Section 2 to add the words "... and ex-officio members from related organizations as approved by the Council" so that the full sentence would read: "The Council shall consist of the officers of the Society and the immediate past President and ex-officio members from related organizations as approved by the Council."

It was MOVED (Alyce Cheska) and seconded that the constitutional change be accepted. PASSED (Unanimously). It was MOVED (Nicholas Moolenijzer) and seconded that the Constitution be accepted. PASSED (Unanimously).

Mary Lou Remley presented the list of nominees. The list consisted of:

President: Marvin Eyler

President Elect: Guy Lewis

Secretary-Treasurer: Ron Smith

Editor: Alan Metcalfe

Members-at-Large: Ralph Ballou, Bruce Bennett, Kevin Jones, John Lucas, and Betty McCue.

Mary Lou Remley noted that Guy Lewis had withdrawn from the nomination as President; Mary Lou Remley had withdrawn from the nomination as Secretary-Treasurer, and Ron Smith had withdrawn from the nomination as Editor. It was MOVED (Mary LeCompte) and seconded that Marvin Eyler be elected by Acclamation. PASSED (Unanimously).

It was MOVED (Mrs. A. B. Culver) and seconded that a 10 minute recess be taken to discuss election nominees. PASSED (Unanimously). (There was some feeling that with only one nominee for

each of the offices, President, President Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor, the situation was something less than democratic.)

It was MOVED (Dick Swanson) and seconded to suspend Article X of the constitution for procedure for nominations and elections for this meeting. PASSED (Unanimously).

Nominations for offices proceeded.

Ellen Gerber was nominated by Richard Wettan for President Elect.

Richard Wettan was nominated by Don Zingale for Secretary-Treasurer.

Darlene Kelly was nominated by Alyce Cheska for Secretary-Treasurer.

Nickolas Moolenijzer was nominated by Mary Lou LeCompte for Member-at-Large

Mary Lou Remley was nominated by Ellen Gerber for Member-at-Large

Steven Riess was nominated by Melvin Adelman for Member-at-Large

Ed Welch was nominated by Paul Mills for Member-at-Large

It was MOVED (Alyce Cheska) and seconded that the nominations be closed. PASSED (Unanimously). The results of the election were as follows: President: Marvin Eyler (elected earlier by acclamation) President Elect: Guy Lewis Secretary-Treasurer: Ron Smith Editor: Alan Metcalfe Members-at-Large: Bruce Bennett, Betty McCue, and Mary Lou Remley. John Lucas discussed the Time and Site Committee Report. He noted the previous suggestion by the Steering Committee that the site be Banff, Alberta was an impossibility because the dates we wanted were not available.

A discussion of possible locations ensued. There was a general feeling that a more central location in Canada be found. No action was taken.

Ron Smith handed out a 3 page proposal for publishing a refereed journal of sport history. He then discussed the reasons why he believed a journal should be published in the near future. He believed that a journal would be the focus of the society and that increased institutional membership would result from such a venture. Discussion followed.

It was MOVED (Ellen Gerber) and seconded that the Executive Council of NASSH work with dispatch toward the publication of a refereed journal. PASSED (Unanimously). The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer

NASSH Business Meeting, 10 May, 1974

Minutes

The second annual business meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by NASSH President, Marvin Eyler, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 40 of the Richard Evey School of Business, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

There were about 55 members present.

Marv Eyler read the order of business.

Guy Lewis presented the Program Committee Report for the 1975 Boston convention. He noted a change from the Program Committee Report as written in that both predetermined specific topics and open topic sessions would be part of the 1975 program.

Ron Smith presented the Secretary-Treasurer's Report which indicated that as of May 6, 1974 there were 290 members including 178 regular members, 11 sustaining members, 31 student members, 69 institutional members, and one life member. The NASSH fund balance as of May 6, 1974 was \$4,190.74.

Alan Metcalfe presented the Publications Committee Report. He indicated that there were 2000 copies of the first issue printed at a cost of about \$2500. The format in the future would be principally articles, book reviews and the journal survey.

John Lucas presented the Time and Site Committee Report. He noted that Boston (1975), Quebec City (1976), and possibly the University of Oregon (1977) would be sites for future conventions. Earle Zeigler suggested the possibility of holding a NASSH convention in conjunction with the American Academy of Physical Education or as part of the Third World Symposium on the History of Sport. There was some concern over holding a convention in the western part of the United States with the question if there was a large enough constituency of NASSH members from the area west of the Rockies.

Mary Lou Remley presented the Membership Report indicating that various lists were drawn up to increase individual and institutional membership. Jack Berryman presented the Advertising and Publicity Report. He noted a faculty survey to determine interests in research and courses in sport history being taught. It was MOVED (Alexander J. Young, Jr.) and seconded that NASSH proceed to sell its membership list. PASSED

Marv Eyler presented the Presidents Report. He noted a successful first issue of the JOURNAL as well as a 1973 PROCEEDINGS. He noted a meeting of NASSH (and other groups) with the American Historical Association to discuss possible affiliation. No action was taken. Marv Eyler then read a formal report on his views regarding the future of NASSH.

It was MOVED (Gordon McKinney) and seconded that the Praeclarus report be accepted. DEFEATED (7 votes in favor).

Gordon McKinney then spoke against the issue indicating that NASSH should look to the future rather than acknowledging past scholarship. A question was raised whether a member of Praeclarus must be a continuing researcher. A long discussion followed.

It was MOVED (Don Mrozak) and seconded that NASSH 1) create a standing committee to select the three speakers for the three major addresses and 2) the President appoint an ad-hoc committee to study guidelines and procedures for selecting the committee. PASSED (48 aye, 6 nay).

It was MOVED (Gordon McKinney) and seconded that NASSH create an award for the outstanding article published each year in its JOURNAL. A discussion followed questioning whether the award would become political.

It was MOVED (Paul Mills) and seconded that the previous motion be tabled. PASSED (voice vote).

A question was raised whether business meetings (like NASSH and Association for the Anthropology Study of Play) should be scheduled to meet at the same time periods which precludes members of both groups from attending one of the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer