

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
24 May 2009

The 37th annual Business Meeting of the North American Society for Sport History was called to order by President Stephen Wenn at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 24, 2009, in the Mt. Roan Room of the Crowne Plaza Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina.

There were about 89 present.

The minutes of the 2008 annual business meeting were approved as published on-line, nassh.com, in the 2008 Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

Maureen Smith gave the program report. She said that the specific session for graduate students went well. A Survey about the NASSH Conference 2008 was noted and helpful to developing the 2009 program.

Steve Wenn brought up the question of a rise in institutional and individual fees for 2010. The Motion from Council “To recommend that membership fees for individuals be raised \$10 for 2010 and for institutions not to exceed \$25.00 for 2010, when the Journal of Sport History is published on time” was brought to the Business Meeting for action. PASSED (unanimously).

Ron Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer’s Report, indicating that despite the large decline in NASSH savings due to the world economic decline, NASSH remained in good financial condition. Membership remained relatively stable with a slight decline in institutional membership. Five issues of the JSH cost NASSH an additional \$10,000 which was met by withdrawing that amount from savings. The amount of savings declined by over 30% during the year. Cash on hand serves us well. We do not know how going full-text, on-line with the JSH will affect future institutional income.

Sarah Fields gave the Nominations Committee Report. Those elected for 2009 were:

President-Elect	Catriona Parratt
Secretary-Treasurer	Ronald A. Smith
Council	Victoria Paraschak
	Susan J. Rayl
	John Wong
(Student)	Matthew P. Llewellyn
Publications Board	Susan Burrell
	Douglas A. Brown
	Thierry Terret
Distinguished Lect. Comm.	Chuck Korr
	Samuel O. Regalado

Scott Martyn gave the Information-Technology Report. There were about 80,000 hits on the NASSH website. The number of downloads was over 375,000. The Webmaster

receives about 2 emails per day. The webmaster will be given some graduate student assistance each year.

The Book Display List will be on the website and a URL link to publishers next year.

The Directory of Scholars is not working as intended. The Directory of Scholars is not visible to members unless the privacy mode is unlinked.

A credit card system for payment is in operation. About \$2,000 has been collected in membership fees under the new system.

A group is working on making abstract submissions available online in the future.

The I-T Committee is asking for volunteers to work on the Committee.

Kevin Wamsley gave the Time and Site Committee Report. The committee consisted of Wamsley (chair.), John Findling, Vicky Paraschak, Maureen Smith, and Jan Todd. He noted two potential site bids for 2010, Lewis University and Disney Resort in Orlando, May 28-31, 2010.

A presentation was made by Robert Pruter for Lewis University, an institutional site, Romeo, Illinois, 30 miles southwest of Chicago. The Academic Center includes the presentation rooms and the meals. The registration fee will be about \$180. Housing is in suite style, with 4 bedrooms per suite at \$50/night. Hotels are about 6 miles away for about \$100/night. Taxi rates from O'Hare are hefty. Recreation facilities are available. Minor league baseball might be an outing possibility.

A presentation was made by Scott Martin for Walt Disney World, a commercial site near Orlando, Florida, as a substitute for our tradition of going to Banff, Alberta each 10 years. The large convention center will serve for registration, presentations, and book display, with large area for meals adjoining. All technology is available. Reception will be at Cabana Beach and an excursion to the Epcot Center for a dessert party. Rooms are \$159 Quad occupancy (\$40/person). Transportation is free at Orlando, if booked, to the conference. Registration will be about \$275 and \$125 for students. The opening session, honor address lunches, and banquet are included in the registration.

The vote was for the 51-34 with 4 abstentions for the Walt Disney World destination.

It was the desire of the Council to have the losing bid go into the pool for 2011, 1012, and 2013 conferences.

A question was raised whether individuals desire a university setting or a resort setting.

A new associate editor has been chosen for the JSH, Alison Wynn, for a three-year term and may assume the editorship at the end of the term.

Ying Wushanley gave the Publications Board Report. Vol. 35 # 3 (Fall 2008) is at the printers. Vol. 36 # 1 and # 2 are in the hands of the technical editor. We will be caught up by the end of the year.

Ying thanked the Publication Board members who are going off the Board, Richard Crepeau and Jan Todd. (Ying is also leaving the Board.) Also thanked were Tom Jable (JSH interim editor), Wray Vamplew (JSH editor), and JoDee Dyreson (technical editor).

Steve Wenn discussed the e-journal progress. An Ad-Hoc Committee of Steve Wenn, Ying Wushanley, and Ronald Smith gave recommendations to the Publications Board, who supported the findings. The recommendations were to negotiate with Project MUSE, EBSCO Host, and ProQuest.

Council MOVED “To accept the unanimous recommendation of the three-member committee and the Publications Board concerning e-journal publishing and to take that recommendation to the Business Meeting for approval.” (PASSED, unanimously). (That is, to recommend that negotiations with Project MUSE, EBSCO Host, and ProQuest will continue.)

It was MOVED (Mark Dyreson) and seconded that a negotiating team be created by the current president to carry out negotiations for an e-journal. PASSED (unanimously).

Dan Nathan, new Publications Board chair, noted that NASSH will have an independent website, Journal of Sport History.org and Journal of Sport History.com. The purpose was to give a better visibility to the JSH, advertising, submissions, subscriptions, etc.

Gertrud Pfister asked if the abstracts could be available before the conference.

A question was raised about whether the membership wishes to have conferences at institutions or a resort. This will need to be discussed for future conferences. Bruce Kidd asked to have a conference setting that would enhance the academic aspect of the organization and helping to bring in interdisciplinary efforts. This could be discussed at the 2010 meeting and kept out of the Business Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer