

NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

28 May 2010

The 38th annual meeting of the NASSH Council was called to order by President Maureen Smith at 9:05 a.m., Friday May 28, 2010 in the Fiesta 1, Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, Florida.

Present were: Matt Llewellyn, Dan Nathan, Catriona Parratt, Vicky Paraschak, Susan Rayl, Maureen Smith, Ronald Smith, Stephen Wenn, and John Wong.

Others present were: Bob Barney, Dick Crepeau, Jerry Gems, Scott Martyn, Alan Metcalfe, Gary Osmond, and Kevin Wamsley.

The 2009 Council Minutes were approved as published online (nassh.org) in the 2009 Proceedings. PASSED (unanimously).

The 2010 Council agenda was approved as printed.

Kevin Wamsley gave the Time and Site Report. There were five applicants for future sites: California (Oakland/Berkeley), Texas, Glenwood Springs, Halifax, and Calgary
The University of California has two hotel sites. (Maureen Smith/Rita Liberti)
The University of Texas (Jan Todd)
Glenwood Springs (Murry Nelson)
Halifax, St. Mary's University (Colin Howell)
University of Calgary, Hotel on Campus (Doug Brown)
All contain the amenities including excursions, with registration fees between \$200 and \$275.

There was a discussion over what years the bidders might accept for hosting the conference. A geographical distribution, if possible, was suggested.

The Time and Site Committee recommended that at the Business Meeting there be a vote on 2011 first, and followed with 2012, 2013, and 2014.

It was MOVED (Tina Parratt) and seconded that the membership at the Business Meeting vote on 2011 first, followed by 2012, then 2013, and 2014 until all sites are filled.
PASSED (unanimously).

It was MOVED (Vicky Paraschak) and seconded that Council recommends all bid sites.
PASSED (unanimously).

Scott Martyn gave the Conference Manager Report. There are about 170 registrants with 41 graduate students. Student registrations have been subsidized to some extent. The

graduate student social has been organized at the conference center. Human Kinetics Publishers will provide lunch for Council. Scott was given accolades for putting the conference together.

Ron Smith gave the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. He noted that our finances are in good shape with membership being constant and the financial situation being stable. He will be getting audit reports from 2CO, the credit card membership paying organization.

Tina Parratt gave the Program Chair Report . There were 117 papers with 9 complete sessions submitted. Several people have dropped out. Not all sessions will have commentators. Tina suggested electronic abstract submission so that important data is included in all abstracts. Abstracts in the future will be put up on the NASSH website. A question came up about having an afternoon off. This needs to be negotiated between the Program Chair and the Conference Manager. How many sessions should be offered at any one time period? Evenings for special sessions is easier for programming.

Stephen Wenn gave the Distinguished Lectures/Awards Committee Report. Nancy Bouchier, Chuck Korr, Sam Regalado, and Jan Todd were on the committee. Mark Dyerson and David Wiggins are giving the honor addresses.

Matt Llewellyn gave the Graduate Student Representative Report. There are 76 graduate members with 41 at the 2010 conference. A Face Book Graduate Page has been created with information beneficial to graduate students such as graduate programs in sport history and graduate student roommates for conferences. Job vacancies could be put on the Face Book page.

Llewellyn indicated that the location of the conference was of some concern to some graduate students. Affordability is an issue. An academic meeting with a commercial entity such as Disney was a concern to some. Starting a NASSH graduate student panel was raised again so that graduate students might meet with junior faculty members relative to new positions, publishing, research grants, etc. How might graduate students become more involved in the operation of NASSH?

Ron Smith raised the question of payment of graduate students to attend NASSH conferences with the use of the Park Funds. Forty graduate students at \$250 or \$275 would be \$10,000 or more, while the Park Fund generates no more than \$3,500 at 10% of the Park Fund balance. Presently Park Fund payments come from the NASSH checking account. There was consensus that we should continue paying out more than the Park Fund generates, as graduate students are the future of NASSH.

Bob Barney gave an Operating Codes Report for NASSH offices and committees. Bim Schrodts resurrected the Operating Codes several decades ago. Officers and Committee Chairs need to update Operating Codes on a regular basis. Toby Rider was asked to be the custodian of the NASSH Operating Codes, updating them and forwarding the Operating Codes to the appropriate individuals.

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the Operating Codes be placed on the NASSH website. PASSED (unanimously) [Changes in the Operating Codes need to be approved by Council.]

Council asked for names to be nominated for the Nominations Committee for the Fall 2010 election. It was suggested that six individuals be presented to the NASSH Business Meeting with three members being selected. Specific consideration was given to a balance of geographical location, academic discipline, and gender. Of the number of names proposed the following six were chosen to be put up for election:

Carly Adams, Annette Hofmann, Thomas Hunt, Pellom McDaniels III, Gary Osmond, and Jaime Schultz were to be asked to be put on the election slate.

Lunch break: 12:00 to 1:05

Maureen Smith introduced the need for getting rid of back issues of the Journal and the Proceedings. A notice should be sent to institutional members so they may be sold at low price. Harvey Abrams, a NASSH member, made an offer to house back issues. A suggestion was made to offer back issues of the JSH to third world countries at cost. Ron was asked to do whatever he thinks best to get rid of journals by selling at low cost with mailing and handling charges.

Scott Martyn gave the Technology Committee Report, indicating that this was the 10th year of the website. There were a half-million hits with 108,000 independent hits on site, an increase of 79,000 from previous year. His report included:

- 1) 2CO, which handles on-line membership, is being updated with a more complete list of membership payments for the Secretary-Treasurer's use.
- 2) There was a need to cut the number of photos on the NASSH website to reduce the size of the website.
- 3) The NASSH website would integrate both Face Book and Twitter.
- 4) There is no graduate student site on the NASSH website.
- 5) The question of advertising on the website was brought up. Could we sell advertising to book publishers?

It was MOVED (Ron Smith) and seconded that the Past-President work out a system to take advertising on the NASSH website from book publishers. PASSED (unaminously).

A question of the usefulness of the NASSH website was raised relative to timeliness, accuracy, and type of content. User friendliness is an issue to be dealt with including the usefulness of the Directory of Scholars.

Dan Nathan gave the Publications Report. It included:

- 1) The Journal is on schedule, Spring 2010 issue will be published this Spring.
- 2) The JSH has launched a journal website (through the help of Nancy Osberg-Otrembiak) through NetNow. The editorial staff runs the JSH website.
- 3) The question was raised of a conflict of interest if Wray Vamplew becomes managing editor of the International Journal of Sport History while still being editor of the JSH. This was said not to be a conflict of interest.
- 4) The Publications Board is not convinced that the NASSH website should be under the direction of the Publications Board.
- 5) Doug Brown will be the new chair of the Publications Board.
- 6) The JSH being put on-line by Project MUSE is expected to be a success following the Project MUSE-NASSH contract signing in 2009. The first journal should be placed electronically in June 2010.

Jerry Gems had initiated a project to write a history of NASSH, after the knowledge that Jody Davenport had begun the project before she died. Davenport's material is still in the Jody Davenport garage in New England. Bob Barney will again pursue getting the material.

The question of having the NASSH Book Display list linked with Amazon.com was raised again. No action was taken.

The NASSH survey information from 2009 was sent to various committees, such as Time and Site, so that they could use the information.

Matt Llewellyn will remain as Grad Student representative though he has received his doctoral degree.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.