

2017 NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORT HISTORY BUSINESS MEETING

President Kevin Wamsley called to order the 45th annual Business Meeting of the North American Society for Sport History at 4:06 p.m., May 27, 2017, in Pavilion AB at the California State University, Fullerton. There were approximately 85 NASSH members in attendance.

1. Approval of the Agenda PASSED (unanimous)
2. Approval of the 2016 Business Meeting Minutes PASSED (unanimous)
3. Conference Manager Report—Toby Rider and John Gleaves
 - a. The pre-conference workshop, “Sport in California,” went well.
 - b. There were 49 graduate students who registered for the conference; there were 123 full memberships (including 16 late registrations); 16 CSUF students and faculty registered for NASSH 2017.
 - c. The conference was cost effective, neither losing nor earning money.
4. Program Committee Report—Jan Todd
 - a. The committee issued the call for papers on Oct. 10, 2016. Todd extended the abstract submission deadline to January 1, 2017 and sent acceptance letters on January 31, 2017.
 - b. There were 14 people who dropped out of the conference.
 - c. Todd changed the format of the program and sold ads in the program. This generated \$2700 in revenue, which went to the printing costs.
 - d. It may be time for NASSH to consider other marketing opportunities.
5. Treasurer and Secretary Annual Report—Thomas Hunt
 - a. After a period of slow decline, NASSH membership numbers have stabilized.
 - b. NASSH has \$140,000 in its checking and saving accounts.
 - c. NASSH is spending more than it historically has, but it is also earning more than it has before.
6. Executive Council Meeting Recap—Kevin Wamsley
 - a. The Arbena Scholarship committee received three applications. The winner is Doria Silva dos Santos, Federal Institute of Bhaia (Brazil).
 - b. The NASSH Membership Committee received four applications for the Graduate Diversity Scholarship. The winner is Axel German Elias Jimenz (King’s College, London); two honorable mentions: Tonya Jones, University of Texas, and Paulina Rodriguez Burciaga, Penn State.
 - c. The Dissertation Research Travel Grant committee split the award two ways: Ornella Nzindukiyimana, Western University, and Diane Williams, University of Iowa.
7. Changes to the Terms of Reference of Committees
Officers are still finalizing this and will have another report next year.
8. IT Committee Report – Wamsley
Michael Heine is stepping down after many years as Webmaster. The new Webmaster is Andy Linden and the new website will be live in two weeks. The Executive Council advised the IT Committee to devise a Communications Plan, to be discussed at next year’s conference.
9. Publication Board Report – Sarah Fields
 - a. Newsletter editors Susan Rayl and Gary James ask for members to send them material.
 - b. Murray Phillips has finished assessing the best articles in *JSH* from 1995 to 2105. He will present the winners at the 2017 banquet and will begin announcing the annual award next year.

- c. The relationship with UIP is going well and the journal is on time. Phillips will edit one more issue of *JSH*; Maureen Smith will assume the role of *JSH* editor.
 - d. New Publication Board members: John Wong, Malcolm MacClean, Gary Osmond.
10. Time and Site Committee Report—Susan Rayl
- a. There are currently two bids to host the 2019 NASSH conference: 1) Nanaimo, Vancouver Island; 2) International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, Rhode Island
 - b. The committee is currently looking for other bids to host the 2019 conference.
11. Motion—Wamsley
- a. At the 2016 NASSH Business meeting, members approved a motion to create a committee to draft a motion against the use of sports teams with racialized names and mascots. The committee is Vicky Paraschak, Christine O’Bonsawin, Gabe Logan, and Jennifer Guiliano.
 - b. The committee drafted a motion and circulated it to NASSH members (motion on file).
 - c. Vicky Paraschak moved to approve the motion; Amanda Schweinbenz second.
 - d. Discussion: Members in attendance questioned the use of the term “racialized” and asked about teams granted an exemption by the NCAA to use Native American names and images. Committee members responded that the motion condemns the use of all racialized names and mascots, regardless of standing with NCAA, as they are forms of colonial imagery that divide communities without understanding the complexities of indigenous identities and are psychologically damaging to native people. There was discussion as to what it means to pass this motion. Does it affect what individual members can say or write? Committee members responded that the motion, if approved, will be on the NASSH website and will consider what, if any, actions will follow.
 - e. Vote: Motion PASSED (2 nays; 4 abstentions)
12. NASSH Committees—Wamsley
- Wamsley thanked those members who are rotating off the Executive Council: Dan Nathan, Carly, Adams, Sarah Fields, Nancy Bouchier, and Richard Kimball.

President Kevin Wamsley officially adjourned the 2016 NASSH Business meeting at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Schultz, NASSH Secretary