

Society For American Baseball Research
Halsey Hall Chapter
Board Meeting - December 6, 1992
Bob Tholkes' House

Present: Leachman, Holst, Tholkes, Gregory, Wyman, Hathaway

Meeting began at 10:15 AM

Minutes from Oct. 4th Meeting read and approved

Treasurer's Report - Hathaway

Hathaway suggested offering two-year subscriptions to assist in the renewal process. It was suggested this be taken up under "membership."

Event - Gregory

Hot Stove Meeting - Gregory suggested using Cray Research as the site of the next Hot Stove Meeting. The proposed date of Jan 30th conflicts with Epsem's Hot Stove Meeting. Holst suggested that the Hot Stove should fall halfway between the Fall and Spring Regionals. Wyman suggested Jan 23rd as an alternate date. Motion was made for this date. Seconded, passed.

Wyman suggested advertising in the newsletter that members think of new places for the spring Regional. Ken Ottoson no longer lives at Becketwood. Rochester was suggested, but it was felt that there should be a "tie" to the Regional. Wyman pointed out that there is no reason to go out of the Twin Cities, unless there is a specific event to go for (such as a minor league game, or the Historical Society in St. Cloud).

Membership (Subscriptions)

Hathaway again suggested offering two or three year subscriptions to facilitate renewals. Holst suggested someone maintain a list of paid subscribers, how long they subscribe for, and who is getting newsletters. Holst also suggested we send/offer newsletter subscriptions to Regional attendees who are not subscribers. Wyman moved that the Secretary/Treasurer keep and maintain the membership list. Seconded, passed.

There followed considerable discussion of the length of subscriptions and how to keep track of it for the Treasurer and the newsletter editor. Finally, Tholkes moved that multi-year memberships be offered up a five-year option at the present annual rate (i.e., \$10 per year). Seconded, passed. Tholkes also moved that existing paid subscriptions end with July, 1993. All subsequent subscriptions start from the time of payment. The subscription expiration date would be noted on the subscriber's newsletter's mailing label. A two-month grace period will follow the expiration of the subscription, with renewals within the grace-period dating back to the original date of subscription. A renewal slip would be included in each newsletter with instructions on how to find out the term of the subscriber's subscription. This "combination" motion was seconded and passed. Whew.

Leachman moved that the first issue received by a new subscriber will be the newsletter most recently published or the next one to be published, depending upon which is more readily available or forthcoming. This is to be determined by the editor. Motion was seconded, passed.

Tholkes suggested that members who have not renewed should be carried over for a time. There should be a policy governing how long we carry them in the membership (subscribers) directory. Wyman suggested we table discussion of this.

Holst asked we address subscribers who have stopped subscribing, or long-time subscribers who have not renewed.

Publicity - Leachman

Leachman pointed out that publicity needs to be done for the Hot Stove. George Rekelá

and Stew Thornley will be notified by Gregory.

Holst asked if we should push recruitment at card shows, etc.

Leachman suggested it isn't worth it. Holst suggested we might have a local article written about us in a local paper. Wyman agreed it was a good idea. Stew Thornley was suggested as a good source of possible writers.

Leachman said it was too late to include an announcement of the Hot Stove in the National SABR Newsletter.

TV Show

Wyman reports productions are going along smoothly and that the shows have been good.

Newsletter

Holst recommended that George Rekela bring his camera along for the next Hot Stove to start new participant profiles to be run in the newsletter. Wyman will contact Rekela. The profiles were noted as being popular.

19th Century Game - Tholkes

Nine people have professed interested in participating, 6 or 7 as players. Tholkes was reimbursed for cost of stamps for mailing notices.

Old Business - none

New Business - Wyman

Wyman moved we re-establish a Bylaws Committee to make necessary changes in the Membership rules to make the Chapter Bylaws conform with National rules governing local chapters. The Committee will discuss recruiting techniques, advantages of joining local chapter subscriptions. Committee will be recruited through the newsletter.

Wyman read from a letter sent from Morris Eckhouse asking the Chapter to contact current, non-renewed members, former members, and new members to encourage them to join/participate in the Society. Leachman suggested they send us a list and we'll see what we can do about it. SABR was vague about what support they can provide for these efforts. The overall reaction of the officers present was negative.

Wyman and Rich Arpi will fill out the questionnaire sent along with the letter.

Hathaway offered to have the next meeting at his place on Sunday, February 7th, at 10:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22