

Halsey Hall Chapter - Society of American Baseball Research

Board Minutes - February 6, 1994

Apartment of Alan Holst: 10: 00 a. m.

present: S. Thornley, Tholkes, Gregory, Holst, Arpi

absent: Temanson, Stone, D. Levitt

agenda passed out by Bob Tholkes and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Rich Arpi reported \$ 633.12 in the treasury with an additional \$ 388 in the Lexington Park Fund. With Mendal Mearkel rejoining newsletter subscriptions total approximately 53.

Committee Reports:

Hot Stove Meeting Follow-up: On a relatively cold night (-17) about 20 members attended the Hot Stove meeting at Murphy's Landing. Bob reported sending a thank-you card to Murphy's.

Spring Regional: Some discussion of where to hold this blessed event. Libraries with free meeting rooms were mentioned (Richfield at 73rd & Nicollet was one). Ken Ottoson's lodge rents space for 90 dollars. Bob said the Community United Methodist Church (where it was held last year) price is \$ 50. Some mention was made of the Twins at the Metrodome as a possibility. (Note Bob called around on Monday - The Church is the best, cheapest and most available location - so that is settled - April 30th the date ) Dan is still scheduled to arrange for quests, and tickets, and the trivia contest. John will arrange for the buffet. Bruce will be the moderator of the meeting. A call for research presentations will appear in coming newsletters, if interested contact Bruce Stone.

Alan wondered about the drop the attendance at the regionals in recent years. Discussion of how to attract new members, create a better atmosphere (impression?) at the meetings. etc. Should there be an introduction section where everybody says

something about themselves (as done at a Hot Stove meeting two years ago) or printed member profiles to be handed out and read before or during meeting? Or more time for mingling before or during the meeting? This topic was not resolved and the meeting degenerated into a fist fight over Bosnia and The Harding/Kerrigan fiasco (just kidding).

Publicity: Alan mentioned getting coverage on KFAN, the two daily papers and the two weeklies. Alan will contact Howard Luloff (publicity chair) about KFAN. Jay Weiner is a contact at the STRIB and Anne Bauleke at City Pages so there might be possibilities there for an article on the Chapter, its activities etc.

Another discussion about research presentations. Seems like we have a hard time attracting new presentors. Possibilities of group research projects will be presented at the Regional for work during the summer and possible presentation in the Fall.

Also some discussion of having national SABR Publications at a table at the Regional with membership forms etc.

Summer Trip Calendar: Cedar Rapids was mentioned as a possibility (John and Stew will organize this) possible trip to Amana Colonies. Gopher Game in April or May was mentioned by Alan.

On Deck Circle TV Show: distribution still a problem. Next taping February 26 . Stew and John are working (will be working on) a program out of the studio on old stadium sites, etc.

19th Century Team: Bob had little to report. Hopes to hear from the costume person at Murphy's Landing soon.

Lexington Park Plaque: Stew reported a 10" by 10" plaque which would be installed on the outside building wall could be made for around \$ 350. Also a possibility of a boulder with the plaque inserted was discussed. The boulder might be more visible and a good alternative if some more money can be raised. Ownership and Maintenance issues still have to be settled with new tenant and city. Stew will work on this.

Newsletter: Mention was made of the importance of the running calendar of events with a contact person and phone listed. This should appear in each issue.

Next meeting: April 10th, 10:00 a.m. at Stew's possible Twins game after. Adjourned at 12:10