

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Minutes of Board Meeting

Sunday, July 13, 1997

Residence of Stew Thornley and Brenda Himrich

Board Members Present: Bob Tholkes, Stew Thornley, Howard Luloff, Lee Temanson, Rich Arpi

Board Members Absent: Nancy Jo Leachman, Fred Buckland

Others Present: George Rekela, Paul Rittenhouse, Phyllis Thornley, Brenda Himrich

1. After the consumption of copious foodstuffs and beverages the meeting was called to order by President Bob Tholkes at ca. 7:00 p.m.
2. Secretary-Treasurer Rich Arpi read the minutes of the May 4, 1997 board meeting and since no changes were noted they were approved by voice vote.
3. Rich reported that last year's membership list totaled 63 (and possibly will be slightly less this year with the deaths of long-time members Stan Carlson, Ken Ottoson, and John Wessels. Members John Gregory and Dana X. Marshall moved to Nevada had possibly may not renew (Dana has of Sept 7). Since statement from the bank has not arrived, Rich is unsure of the exact amount in the treasury (believed to be about \$ 700). Rich also reported that the chapter Post Office Box has been changed to P.O. Box 2756, Minneapolis, Mn. 55402-0020. George Rekela, newsletter editor, has been informed of this fact and the change has been made on the newsletter masthead.

4. Committee Reports.

Membership: Some discussion on how to recruit and keep new members.
Getting national members in area to join and stay active.

Newsletter: George is always looking for items. Dr. Seth Hawkins has been contributing copious verbiage lately.

On Deck Circle: (Howard)- July taping was cancelled; August 23 taping themes to be Twins 1987 season and Bosox 1967 season. Some discussion on trying new ideas and getting new blood involved in the chapter and program. Some good interviews have been done in the past but interest has lagged for some other topics. Rich su suggested that part of the problem may be having to tape every month and finding enough people and topics to fill the time. Ho Howard will look into the possiblity of doing the show every other month or shutting it down for the summer months.

Quicksteps: (Bob) Fourteen players and one umpire. Four games left in season, July 27 at Hennepin County Fair in Corcoran is the next game. Discussed the possiblity of a strategy meeting to go over all the rules (& changes) before starting play next spring. Some venues are shaping up for next year already (Eagan on July 4, Dakota Village in Farmington etc.) Bob reported \$ 612 in Quickstep treasury.

SABR Convention: (Stew) Stew talked about the convention and going to the Regional leaders meeting. There was some discussion on how chapters could establish formal relationships with major league or minor league teams in their area. Stew and Bob will compose a letter to the Twins describing the activities of SABR (nationally and locally), offering our expertise in statistics (Vicent Home Run Log etc.), historical articles, SABR column, and the like. Stew also will look into a newsletter exchange with the Arizona SABR chapter.

5. Appointments (Lee): Events (Stew offered to arrange Fall Regional, but would like somebody else for winter and spring. Lee will make appointments to membership and publicity chairs by next meeting.
6. Old Business: none
7. New Business: Fall Regional: November 1, Great American History Theatre in St. Paul. Production of Tailgatin' an evening performance. Howard will handle ticket arrangements. Stew will handle arrangements for an afternoon meeting at some St. Paul Regional Library (rather than an all day meeting). Bob suggested dropping research presentations for this meeting since it has been more difficult in getting different presenters for meetings twice per year. Winter Hot Stove: Stew suggested a meeting at Dr. Seth Hawkins residence ca. January 31. He will look into the feasibility.
8. Next Meeting, Sept 7 @ Bob Tholkes, 7:00 p.m.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 will attendees driving home through a monster rain storm.