

HALSEY HALL CHAPTER OF SABR

Board Minutes

January 4, 1998

Place: Home of Fred Buckland

Present: Board members Arpi, Tholkes, Luloff, Temanson, Buckland, and Thornley.

Absent: Leachman (planned on attending, but traffic accident several blocks from the Buckland's prevented attendance). Hope things are ok, Nancy Jo.

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the November 2 meeting were distributed and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rich reported \$ 930.57 in the treasury (when several recently arrived checks are deposited). 42 subscribers to The Holy Cow, chapter newsletter.

Membership Committee: Nothing reported by chair Jed Levitt. Bob reported no response from Twins about a chapter table at Twins Fest this year. It was mentioned that an affair on the Metrodome floor in early February as in past years will not happen this year. There is a possibility of a scaled down event near opening day in April. Chapter operating a table remains a possibility, if a response is received from the Twins.

On Deck Circle: Howard reported that several of his surveys have been returned. But too few to form any conclusions. It was suggested that Howard have more copies of the survey photocopied and have them passed out at the Hot Stove meeting in a few weeks. Taping dates of January 24, February 28, and March 21st, all at 10:00 at St. Anthony Main studios of MTN were announced. Several possibilities for guests including Ross Bernstein author of 50 Years, 50 Heroes and Phil Lowry, author of Green Cathedrals were discussed.

Quicksteps: Bob announced the schedule for the 1998 season as follows; May 17th the St. Paul Saints at Murphy's Landing, June 14th Farmington, June 21 Ft. Snelling, June 25-28 SABR convention weekend possibilities of exhibition game for some members, July 25 Stillwater, August 9 Plymouth, and September 19 Eagan. One or two games with the Rochester team will be fitted in there some where. Possibility of games with the Rock Springs Ground Squirrels of Decatur, Illinois who would travel to Winona for games versus the Quicksteps, Winona Lumberbarons, and Rochester. Maybe a round robin tournament in the works there some where.

Publicity: Howard is ready to do a news release on the Spring Regional as soon as a date and guests are finalized. In the words of Bob Tholkes, "the publicity committee is dormant but ready to pounce."

HolyCow Newsletter: Much of the meeting was spent discussing Bob's proposed editorial policy. His draft attached to minutes. It was decided to pattern the Holy Cow after the national SABR Bulletin as much as possible. The newsletter is for news about chapter events and chapter members and not to be used as an editorial soap-box for any one person, viewpoint, or personal diatribe. A new editorial policy hopefully will insure that members contributions will be published, reports from committee chairs will be heard, and the minutes of the board meetings will see print. Bob will have the editorial policy typed up and distributed to Nancy Jo, George, and to the national office. It will be published in the newsletter for chapter members benefit. A proposal of not publishing every month was referred to a vote of the membership at the Spring Regional meeting.

Events: Hot Stove meeting for January 24th at Dr. Seth Hawkins home at 66 South St. Albans Street in St. Paul was discussed. Stew believes 15-20 people will be expected. \$ 35.00 to reimburse Dr. Hawkins was approved at the last meeting.

Spring Meeting: Tom Lundstedt politely said no to our request to appear as a guest. Tommy John is still a possibility. Bob mentioned 5 research presentations have been lined up. Dates are either April 18 or May 9. Place most likely will be the Ramsey County Library in Roseville (site of the Fall Regional in 1997)...

Old Business: Rich read a e-mail letter received from SABR president Larry Gerlach concerning our chapter's bid to host another SABR national convention. No convention sites committed beyond 1999 and sites in the midwest are boffo since sites out east often are very expensive. What we need to do is submit a formal proposal to Convention Committee chairman Rich Salamon proposing a couple of dates, hotel sites and prices, local convention committee interest, panel guests, reasons to come to the Twin Cities, etc. Bob and all others present agreed to serve on a local arrangements committee.

New Business: Response to Dr. Seth Hawkins letter of December 11th. It was agreed that secretary-treasurer Rich Arpi will write Dr. Hawkins a letter stating that the Board appreciates his frustration with the newsletter editor on getting relevant information published in the newsletter. A newsletter editorial policy was passed which should alleviate his concerns. It also was requested of Dr. Hawkins if he has a problem with a Halsey Hall chapter function or event in the future, to contact the Board of Directors before going public.

The Quicksteps have been requested by Murphy's Landing to have a table on baseball history for the event versus the St. Paul Saints this spring. The Q-Steps and Bob Tholkes will discuss appropriate items as the event approaches.

*Next meeting: Sunday March 8th, at Stew Thornley's at 10:00 a.m. adjourned 8:45*