

HALSEY HALL CHAPTER OF SABR

Board of Directors Minutes

February 11, 2001

At the home of Bob Tholkes, 3966 Reservoir Boulevard, Columbia Heights, Mn.

Present: Board members Bob Tholkes, Rich Arpi, Joe O'Connell, Jim Wyman, Cary Smith, Kevin Hennessy. Also present Stew Thornley.

Absent: Board member Dan Levitt

meeting was called to order by president Joe O'Connell at 5:40.

Treasurer's report: Kevin reported 71 members (73 on mailing list; one to serials unit and Minnesota Historical Society and one to SABR national office??) and \$ 743.58 in the treasury. Kevin paid the U.S. Postal Service for our chapter mail box for another year (2001). Next year the board might want to discuss whether to continue to hold this mailbox due to the cost and that most membership information goes to Stew since he has put his address on the chapter membership brochures.

On Deck Circle: Cary has a certificate to produce the cable tv show. There is a hitch in that MTN might not allow the transfer of the certificate to another studio closer to Cary's home, where he would like to produce the show.

Holy Cow Newsletter: The February issue is early because of Stew and Brenda's trip to Cuba in mid-February. Among other items discussed was the good turnout of 14 at the last every other month Saturday breakfast at Baker's Square. Next breakfast will be in April and a trip to Lakewood Cemetery afterwards is planned.

Quicksteps: Bob is working on the schedule for this year and will be contacting players in February about their availability for specific games this season. Bob will attend a planning session with the St. Croix Baseball Club on February 21 to finalize at least some of the games for this season.

Twins Fest: It seems like it was a success this year. Stew sold some books and handed out his Nicollet Park brochure as well. At least one new member was signed up for the chapter (though I understand this occurred at the Hot Stove banquet on Saturday night).

Lexington Park plaque: It looks like the plaque (actually the building that the plaque is attached to) that the chapter raised funds for in the early 1990s may be in jeopardy. Stew will make some phone calls to insure that the plaque will be preserved and possibly transferred to a new building, if need be.

Hot Stove meeting: Kevin was instructed to send Seth Hawkins \$ 50.00 to cover his costs for refreshments for this year's hot stove meeting held at Seth's home in January.

Spring Regional Meeting: The meeting is set for April 28th at the church near Bob Tholkes' home in Columbia Heights. Bert Blyleven is still a maybe as a guest speaker. Stew will look into Julio Becquer as a backup speaker in case Blyleven backs out. Several other names were mentioned including author Margaret Gault; Bob Kurtz; and Anthony LaPlanta. Kevin will bring stuff for making sandwiches, Bob will bring soda pop; Joe will bring doughnuts. The charge will be \$ 5.00 per person, if they want to eat at the church. Presentations lined up include; Bob Kapla on the probability of pitching a no-hitter; Stew will show slides from his Cuba trip; Ray might do a presentation on Bert Blyleven; and Kevin might do a presentation on pitchers statistics with men on base vs. when the bases are empty. ie: Clutch pitching

meeting adjourned at 6:15...

Next Meeting, April 1, 5:00 p.m at Joe O'Connell's

After meeting adjourned.....

Note: Stew was authorized to spend \$ 50.00 in printing up a new chapter membership brochure.

Also: Stew and Rich received an e-mail from Rodney Johnson (national SABR board member) about the chapter awarding student memberships and extra SABR publications to those high school students who do a project with a baseball theme for the state History Day competition. Rich has been a judge at the state History Day for the past two years and will contact state History Day director, Tim Hoogland at MHS to arrange for the Halsey Hall Chapter's participation. Any chapter member who would like to judge in History Day should contact Rich and he will arrange it.