

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board of Directors Minutes

August 5, 2001

Location: Home of Cary Smith, Lake Minnetonka

Present: Board Members Rich Arpi, Dan Levitt, Cary Smith, and Ray Luurs.

Also Present: Stew Thornley, Dean Thilgen, and Jim Wyman and family.

Absent: Board Members Fred Buckland, Dan Cagley, and Kevin Hennessy

Treasurer's Report: Kevin reported via a letter (e-mail?) that there is \$ 863.64 in the treasury and that the Chapter has 46 members as of this date.

On Deck Circle: Cary has lost interest in this project. Ray is interested in being the producer but says he needs some help, from Howard or somebody else, in getting started. Ray will contact Howard to see if he is interested in helping. Ray says that Roger Godin has expressed an interest in being the on-air host and Ray has some topics in mind; one being the history of Cuban baseball. Rich stated that several core Chapter members were burnt out (or at least lost interest) when the show was dis-continued several years back and that it is essential to get a core group of 8 to 10 individuals interested if the t.v. show is going to be successful.

Holy Cow Newsletter: Stew said the next newsletter (September) will be a two page issue with the last page being different for each individual. The last page will have that individuals name and address, as listed in the upcoming Chapter directory, printed on the page. If information needs some correction the individual should contact Stew with the changes. This issue will be the last sent to those that haven't renewed. Stew will notify any non-renewing members one more time, after obtaining the complete chapter register from Kevin. Stew also mentioned that the term of newsletter editor, via the by-laws, is for one-year (but renewable) and that the term is January thru December. The renewal of the contract will be on the agenda at the October board meeting.

The Holy Cow Extra: Apparently the latest issue is out with several members mentioning being quoted by editor Bob Tholkes. Rich hasn't received his issue yet, due to a slow pony at the Pony Express (probably died of thirst in this heat we have been having).

Quicksteps Vintage Baseball Team: Upcoming games at Rochester (August 12), Fridley

(August 13), Richfield (August 18) and Woodbury (August 25) were mentioned. Rich announced that he along with Bob Tholkes, and Dean Thilgen and Don (Pieso) Hammer of the St. Croix team are going to the Ohio Cup tournament in Columbus over Labor Day weekend. They will be teaming with members of the Rochester Roosters to form a Minnesota team, known as the North Star Club, or the "Minnesota North Stars."

Lexington Park plaque: Nothing new to report.

Fall Regional meeting: There was some discussion on changing the date of the Fall Regional from October 13 to October 27th due to possible conflicts with a Twins post-season playoff game. Due to the improbability of the Twins actually playing a second round game at home on a Saturday before 3:00 and due to the fact that one guest had agreed to the 13th, it was decided to stay with the date of October 13th. Location is the United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights. Kevin will check on the availability of guests Julio Becquer and Dave Thies.

ADA Issue: Ray stated that businesses are the only bodies required to follow ADA rules. In the spirit of SABR, everyone agreed that chapter events must be in ADA compliant facilities. The questions (referred to a committee of Ray, Kevin, Cary (?), Stew (?) which will report back to the board in October) what constitutes a chapter event and have someone on the committee talk to Sarge and Erin to get their views on the subject. One opinion stated that a chapter event is anything that involves planning by the board of directors and that anything arranged by an individual (even if advertised in the newsletter) is not an official chapter event.

Rubber Stamp: Kevin requested the authority to buy a rubber stamp for the endorsement of checks. Approved.

Chapter Web-Master: Dean Thilgen was approved as the new chapter web-master. An amendment to the by-laws will have to be approved at the Fall Regional meeting so that the appointment of the web-master will be for one-year (renewable), to be in line with that of the newsletter editors. Dean mentioned the cost for a site will be around \$ 190.00/year. One feature will be that e-mails to the site can be forwarded to chapter officers personal e-mail accounts. Dean will check with the national SABR web committee (F.X Flinn) to make sure the chapter is in alignment with national policy etc..

barbeque dinner of hamburgers, hotdogs, tuna salad and sodas was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Smiths.

Next meeting: October 7th at 5:00 at Dan Levitt's with backup at Stew's.