

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board Minutes

December 9, 2001

At the Residence of Stew Thornley

Present: Board Members Dan Levitt, Rich Arpi, Fred Buckland, Ray Luurs

Absent: Board Members Cary Smith, Kevin Hennessy, Dan Cagley

Others Present: Stew Thornley and Jim Wyman

Treasurer's Report: Kevin phoned in a report of \$ 652.77 in the Treasury with 75 members. Stew has 80 members on his mailing list (actually 83 with the free subscriptions to SABR president George Case, SABR office c/a John Zajc, and the Minnesota Historical Society) Stew will contact Kevin sometime soon to sort out the difference in membership totals.

Hot Stove Meeting: Kevin Hennessy has offered his home at 608 Grand Avenue for the Hot Stove Meeting on January 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The board was assured that his home is wheel-chair accessible. Kevin will be reimbursed for expenses in securing the usual munchies and soda pop.

Saturday Morning breakfast: The next breakfast is set at the usual spot (Baker's Square @ 66th and Xerxes in Mpls) for February 9th at 9:30 a.m.

On Deck Circle: Ray received only three responses to his questionnaire and wondered if he should proceed with the show. While that is still not quite the size of a good core group (6 to 8), the Board felt several others would help out if asked a week or so before a taping. Several of those present offered their support, when free, and with the support of several others (Cary Smith, Lee Temanson, George, Howard, etc.) a core group could be built. Ray as several ideas for shows and he will look into what taping schedule we would be obligated to (monthly, quarterly, 6 times yearly etc.). Ray will look into getting certification in January.

Twins Fest: The grapevine reports that the Twins are planning Twins Fest for Friday Feb. 1 thru Sunday noon Feb. 3. Feb. 3 is Super Bowl Sunday so an early ending has been planned so no Super Bowl parties will be missed. Rich will contact the Twins to get a table for the Chapter. Stew will put a notice into the newsletter for all those interested in staffing the table to contact Rich.

Spring Regional: The Board set Saturday May 11th as the date for the spring regional meeting. The Yankees will be the Twins opponent that evening. Stew will get 25 or so tickets for seats in the front several rows of one section in the upper deck. The backup game (s) will be the Iowa - Gophers doubleheader at Siebert Field starting at 4 p.m.

American Association Newsletter: Chapter member Rex Hamann has e-mailed several chapter members about his newsletter on American Association history that he is editing. He would like to use the chapter directory to approach other chapter members about subscribing to his newsletter. While most uses of the newsletter have been on a quid pro quo basis in the past, the board felt use of the directory by a chapter member on a baseball related item was okay.

Holy Cow newsletter: There was some discussion about the last issue of the newsletter where Stew asked members their thoughts on the possible contraction of the Minnesota Twins. While this topic might actually be in the domain of *The Holy Cow Extra*, Stew felt it was important to get members thoughts on this timely issue and by waiting for the next issue of *The Holy Cow Extra* the issue might become moot. Stew sent a copy to Bud Selig and actually got a short response thanking Stew for sending the informative and interesting newsletter. There was also some discussion of newsletter guidelines and the Board felt the two newsletters were working just fine. The Board instructed Stew to let them know if he was getting submissions that he had to reject for some reason or another.

Next Meeting: February 10th at Ray Luur's home @ 1529 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Champlin, Mn. at 5 p.m.