

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board Minutes

February 10, 2002

Home of Ray Luurs in Champlin, Mn.

Present: Board members Rich Arpi, Cary Smith, Fred Buckland, Ray Luurs, Dan Cagley, and Dan Levitt. Also attending were Stew Thornley, Bob Tholkes, Dean Thilgen, and Jim Wyman.

Absent: Board member Kevin Hennessy.

Treasurer's Report: In Kevin's absence, Cary gave the report as \$ 379.55 in the treasury with 77 subscribers to *The Holy Cow*. Stew has 84 subscribers on his list. The discrepancy will be worked out between Kevin and Stew.

On Deck Circle: Ray will try to take the producer's class this spring, after his bowling season is over. Once he has taken the class further arrangements to re-start the cable television show can proceed. There was some discussion about setting up a distribution network among the chapter members so that the show will be seen in most homes in the metro area. Previously, a chapter member had to live in the cable station's coverage area, before they would air the tape.

The Holy Cow: Stew had nothing new in particular to report. With some new members joining the chapter recently, new member profiles will be a feature of the next couple of issues.

The Holy Cow Extra: Everybody should have received the latest issue devoted to baseball statistics. The next issue will be devoted

to Triple AAA baseball in the Twin Cities (Millers and Saints from 1902-1960). Rex Hamann, Joe O'Connell, Fred Souba, and others will be contacted for writing contributions.

Web-Site: Dean talked of future plans for the site, including an e-list for posted messages. The Twins Quiz, with answers, as distributed at Twins Fest by the chapter, is now available on the site. Some mention was made on gathering statistics on the number of hits the site receives etc. Dean reported that these statistics can be compiled for those interested.

Quicksteps Vintage Base Ball Team: Bob talked a little bit about the schedule for this coming season. Murphy's Landing is definitely out, in that the place has closed and staff laid off. Richfield is another venue that might be dropped from the schedule. Some discussion on arrangements for Father Hennepin Days, in Champlin in June, and who to contact for that event.

New News: Possibility of a joint-regional meeting with the Des Moines chapter was discussed. Des Moines chapter favors a Sunday, while Halsey Hall chapter has usually held regional meetings on a Saturday. Having a meeting, half-way in Mason City, or in Des Moines, with an Iowa Cubs game as a feature, was mentioned.

New chapter brochure: Since Twins-Fest depleted the supply of membership brochures, Stew will print up some new brochures with the chapters new web-site address attached.

Spring Regional: Saturday, May 11th at the Community United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights is the time and place. Joe O'Connell is trying to arrange Don Zimmer and Wayne Terwilliger, as the guest speakers. Tickets for the Twins-Yankees game that night are \$ 11.00 and members should contact Stew by

April 11th, if they would like a ticket. Dan Levitt will prepare a trivia quiz, Kevin will arrange for the food, Cary will bring morning doughnuts. Having the sign-up sheet sent to the national office, for our yearly re-imbusement was mentioned. Rich, Dean, Bob Tholkes, Dan Levitt, and Jim Wyman (in reserve) have already offered to give presentations. New name tags should be bought for the regional meeting.

Pen Program: Most of the board seemed underwhelmed with this project. If the national office, or executive director (whomever he/she will be) can provide a few more details about this project, the chapter might consider it in the future. The chapter decided to take a wait and see approach to this project. If other chapters participate and there seems to be a ground-swell of support around SABR for this event the chapter will reconsider in the future. The chapter board felt it was up to the executive director/and or national office to contact the various major league teams about this project or at least provide the chapters with more details if they were expecting full participation. However, considering the current status of executive director, George Case, real doubt exists about the feasibility/purpose and continuation of this project and contacting the Twins at this point would be foolish.

Next meeting: April 7th at the home of Bob Tholkes at 5:00 p.m.