

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board Minutes

April 7, 2002

At the home of Bob Tholkes, 5:00 p.m.

Present: Board members Rich Arpi, Cary Smith, Dan Levitt, Fred Buckland, and Ray Luurs.

Absent: Board members Dan Cagley and Kevin Hennessy

Also present: Bob Tholkes, Stew Thornley and Jim Wyman.

Treasurer's report: Kevin phoned in a report of ca. \$ 136.00 in the treasury. There was some discussion that this balance is a bit low in comparison to recent history. Postage costs, cost of the web-site and room charge for the Spring Regional (\$ 113) were mentioned as some of the increased expenses in the past year. Kevin was requested to come up with a budget of anticipated expenses vs. revenue to see if the Chapter will have to raise the subscription fee to *The Holy Cow*.

The Holy Cow Newsletter: The next issue will be later in April. The budget should be printed in that issue so members will be informed about the costs and possibility of a subscription increase. Stew will put in the first call for subscription renewal for 2002-2003 in the April issue. There are about 80 subscribers at the present. Stew mentioned the possibility of his not seeking another term as editor of *The Holy Cow*, if he is elected to the national SABR board.

The Holy Cow Extra: Bob mentioned that the next issue is due out at the end of April. It will contain four pages and a Quickstep schedule for 2002 as an insert. The topic will be AAA baseball in Minneapolis/St. Paul and other American Association towns.

On Deck Circle: Ray will take the director's training on April 18 and April 25. He checked with the Anoka station; they will take the tapes and air them if a chapter member makes the deliveries.

Quicksteps: Bob reports the schedule for 2002 is almost complete with nine events and several more possible. April 28th (Line Drive in Brooklyn Park) and May 5th (Birdie's in Eden Prairie) are the dates for spring practice batting and fielding sessions.

Web-site news: No new news.

Spring Regional: Efforts to get Don Zimmer as a guest speaker do not look promising. Ray will contact Dick Bremer of the Twins television broadcast crew as an alternative. Kevin will get the food as usual (to be reimbursed by the chapter). Dan will write another of his fine trivia quizzes. Rich will handle the arrangements for a silent auction of baseball books and memorabilia at the regional. Other thoughts about raising money were to get autographed baseballs from the Twins and auctioning them to the highest bidder. Presentations will be given by Dean Thilgen, Rich Arpi, Bob Tholkes, Roger Godin, and Dan Levitt.

Fall Regional: In lieu of our fall meeting, the Iowa chapter has proposed a joint meeting for a Sunday in October in Mason City. Members will be polled at the Spring Regional to see how many members might be willing to drive down for that meeting.

Chapter e-List: Stew reported that there are nine members at the present. Several more were signed up at the meeting.

Next meeting: June meeting date and location to be decided at the Spring Regional when three new members are elected. Ray, Fred, Cary, and Dan Cagley will be the carry-over board members.