

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board Minutes

June 9, 2002

Home of Fred Buckland, 5:00 p.m.

Present: Board members Fred Buckland, Cary Smith, Rich Arpi, Ray Luurs, Bob Tholkes, Dean Thilgen, and Dan Cagley.

Absent: Outgoing Board members Kevin Hennessy and Dan Levitt.

Also present: Stew Thornley.

Treasurer's Report: none.

Holy Cow Newsletter: There was some discussion about moving over to an all electronic version of the newsletter. Points for it are that it would save the chapter money in printing and distributing costs and that one would always have the copy at hand via the chapter's website. Some people mentioned that they would be less likely to read the electronic copy as soon as it is posted and might miss time sensitive information on chapter activities and that there are still a sizeable number of chapter members without internet access. Since only a few members expressed an interest in going to only an electronic format without also a paper copy, it was decided to continue the present policy for the time being. Stew will e-mail the chapter when the newsletter is ready on the web-site and Dean will post both an html and pdf version of the newsletter on the site. There was some discussion of having a separate dues structure for

those that elected to have the electronic newsletter, but it was pointed out that dues also support upkeep of the website. The July issue of the newsletter will be available on the website around Tuesday of this coming week (June 11th).

Chapter membership directory: The next issue of the chapter's membership directory will be an electronic version. It will be a secure page on the chapter's website that a member can update himself/herself; but a procedure that will require a password. Paper copies of the directory will still be sent to those chapter members without internet access. The chapter hopes to save some money this way and the membership roster will be up to date at all times (provided membership makes changes promptly). The August issue will contain further information on updating the membership directory. Members who have not paid after receiving the September issue will be dropped. So far 50 of the 90 have renewed for next year. Members who have not renewed will receive an orange sticker on their July issue to remind them to renew. Stew, due to his election to the national vice-presidency will not seek another term as newsletter editor when his term expires on Dec. 31. A notice for anyone interested in the position of the next newsletter editor will appear in the July issue of the newsletter. Those interested should contact the chapter president (Ray Luurs by July 31). Stew stressed that the next newsletter editor should work closely with the membership chair (as he has done) so that new members receive a welcome letter, biographical sheet to fill out and return, etc. and that welcome to new members is printed in the newsletter.

Holy Cow Extra: Bob reported that the next issue will be out around the end of July. The topic will be baseball memorabilia collections that various chapter members have spent their lives acquiring. The collections of Cary Smith and Fred Buckland will most likely be portrayed. Bob reported the cost per issue at around

\$ 50.00. He can do much of the copying at work which cuts down on the overall cost.

Vintage Baseball Report: The Quicksteps reported a hard fought come from behind victory (3-2) over the Ft. Snelling army midgets, the game concluding just minutes before the start of this meeting. The St.Croix nine reported, alas, a 9-0 defeat to the Cottage Grovers on Saturday, June 8th.

Cable Television Show: Ray has passed the certification and is ready to go. It was decided to try a test taping on July 20th with Stew doing a show of slides and talk on the Polo Grounds in New York (background for his book). Other shows in the hopper might be baseball graves and Cuban baseball (Stew) and possibly a show later this summer/fall with Herb Carnel and Ernie Harwell. Ray has written Herb about his participation (and has talked with him briefly) and Herb seemed interested, so this might be a real possibility.

Fall Regional: Will be a joint meeting with the Iowa Field of Dreams Chapter in Mason City on Sunday, October 20th from noon to five. Cost for room rental and light refreshments will be ca. \$ 75.00 for each chapter, so chapter members, who attend, will pitch in to cover this cost as well as any car pooling. It remains to be seen how any Twins playoff/World Series games might affect attendance.

Old News: Stew mentioned that the next events chair could arrange a chapter outing to a Northwoods League game (chapter member Winston Woods, head of umpires for the league) in either Alexandria, Rochester or St. Cloud.

Elections: The Following slate was nominated and elected to the following positions for the next year:

President: Ray Luurs.
Vice President: Fred Buckland
Secretary: Rich Arpi
Treasurer: Rich Arpi

Note: Rich mentioned that he will change the chapter's bank account to a bank more convenient to him and that the chapter's P.O. Box will be dropped once its term is up (Dec.). Ray will check the Box periodically until then.

Motion of Congratulations to Stew Thornley on his election as national SABR vice-president.

Next Meeting: August 18th at 5:00 p.m on the Smith Island on Lake Minnetonka.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.