

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board Minutes

August 18, 2002

Lake Minnetonka Island of Cary Smith's family

Present: Board members Fred Buckland, Cary Smith, Rich Arpi, Ray Luurs, Dean Thilgen. Also present was Holy Cow editor, Stew Thornley.

Absent: Board members Bob Tholkes and Dan Cagley.

Treasurer's Report: Rich reported \$ 869.29 in the treasury with 78 members subscribed to the Holy Cow for the 2002-2003 year. No discussion of a dues increase should occur this year as current treasury balance should cover expected expenses.

Holy Cow Newsletter: Stew is currently working on the next issue that should be mailed this week (Aug. 19-25). On a related note the chapter membership directory will go on-line at a secure site sometime soon. The password necessary to access the site will be published in an upcoming newsletter. A paper copy of the directory will be published and mailed to those chapter members without e-mail. As per past policy, 14 members who have not paid will remain in the directory for another year. Tom Swift, a relatively new member from Northfield, expressed an interest in editorship of the newsletter and phoned Ray. Ray referred him to Stew, who answered some questions that Tom had. Ray will call Tom Swift to see if he is still interested in becoming editor, otherwise another candidate will have to be found. The on-line directory will allow for immediate update of information which should be of help to members.

Vintage Base Ball Report: Bob wanted to include a recruitment letter for the Quicksteps in the September newsletter (it was not included, will be mailed later). The Minnesota Loggers, made up of players from the St. Croix nine and the Quicksteps will participate in the Ohio Cup in Columbus, Ohio over the Labor Day weekend. This is the second consecutive year that a combined Minnesota team has attended the Ohio Cup. Last year, members of the above

two mentioned teams joined with the Rochester Roosters to form the Minnesota North Star Base Ball Club. The Fortune Magazine article, featuring the Minnesota teams at the Rochester tournament this year, has hit the news-stands.

Book Club: The chapter book club, organized by Tom Swift, held its first meeting in early August. *Hitter*, by Ed Linn (on Ted Williams) was the first book discussed by four chapter members present. The next book will be, *The Great American Novel* by Philip Roth (decided after several e-mails back and forth); to be discussed in October (tba) at Dunn Brothers on West 43rd in south Minneapolis.

On Deck Circle: Ray is working on editing the first tape done in July. Ray will bring a video camera to the Ohio Cup to film the games and get interviews from vintage players. This should form the basis of at least one show. Ray has written Ernie Harwell about appearing on the show, when the Tigers are next in town, but has not received a response. Ray has talked to Herb Carnel, who seemed receptive. It was mentioned that the best approach might be a phone call by Ray to Ernie will time, date, other details, offer of a ride from the hotel? if he wants this show to happen this year.

Fall Regional: Scheduled as a dual meeting with the Iowa Field of Dreams Chapter in Mason City on October 20th (a Sunday). Stew will mention in the next newsletter that those interested in the meeting should contact Ray about the details and to arrange car pooling. Ray also will be the Minnesota contact and will contact R.J. Lesch to see if there will be food, and if so, what the charge will be. We know the room charge will be \$ 150 (\$ 75 for each chapter) to be split among those attending the meeting.

Events Chair: Fred has contacted Howard Luloff about being the Events Chairman, and Howard has accepted.

Chapter Projects: Bob Tholkes has volunteered to head any chapter efforts in helping the SABR Bio Committee in researching and writing bios on Minnesota born or based players. Another possible project, as mentioned in the national SABR Bulletin and on the SABR-L is helping Jonathan Frazier Light update his **Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball**.

New Membership Chair: Stew mentioned that the duties of the new membership chair (whomever he or she is) should be sending new members a

welcome letter, the password to the membership directory or paper copy of the same, and a copy of the bio sheet to fill out and send on to the newsletter editor.

Meeting adjourned ca. 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 29th, at Ray Luurs home, at 5:00 p.m.