

# Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

## Board Minutes

September 29, 2002

At the home of Ray Luurs.

Present: Board members Ray Luurs, Rich Arpi, Cary Smith

Absent: Board members Bob Tholkes, Dean Thilgen, Fred Buckland, and Dan Cagley.

Also Present: Stew Thornley, newsletter editor and Howard Luloff, events chairman.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rich reported \$ 887.21 in the treasury with 90 current subscribers to the Holy Cow.. (Stew has 89 subscribers....he and Rich will confer to settle the discrepancy)

**The On Deck Circle:** With the resignation of Ray Luurs and his and his family's move to Colorado, the program is back in hiatus, unless a new producer can be found.

**The Holy Cow:** Of the subscribers from last year we have only eight non-renewals at this point (out of 90 or so). There have been several new members join in the past year. The mailing for the fall regional in Mason City with the Iowa chapter has already netted several new subscribers to the Holy Cow. The chapter has applied for (and received during the week after the meeting) a reimbursement of \$ 66.00 from the national SABR office for this mailing. Stew also mentioned that the chapter directory is completed and that a link from the chapter's web-page to the

directory will be active soon. He will print the user name and password in the next newsletter that chapter members will have to use to access the directory. Stew will print out around 20 directories and mail them to those members without e-mail or inter-net access. Stew announced that he will do newsletters through December, but after that it is up to the Board to find another editor for 2003 and beyond. Guest editors were mentioned as a possibility, but our experience in the past has been that they tend to be opinion pieces and chapter news gets shoved to the background.

**Ray's Resignation:** Ray's last official duty, as chapter president, will be to run the chapter business meeting at the fall regional in Mason City on October 20. At that meeting a new board member will be elected by the membership to fill the 8 months left in Ray's term. Stew will write an amendment to the chapter's by-laws to clarify, in writing, the succession process of a chapter officer resigning and the procedure for his/her replacement. The current by-laws could create a scene where Ray could have appointed someone else to take his place as president until the chapter meeting, and then have another person elected to the board instead of the person Ray appointed as president.

**Fall Regional Meeting:** Howard has been contact with R.J. Lesch of the Iowa chapter. Steve Smith of the Iowa chapter will conduct the trivia contest with the top four Minnesota winners facing off with the top four Iowa winners in the finals. There was some talk of car pool arrangements, but a lot is still up in the air because of the Twins playoff situation. Stew mentioned that regional chapter's are allowed up to \$ 200 per year to defray expenses for meetings were there are research presentations. The chapter's obligation for room rental in Mason City will be \$ 75.00, so Rich will apply for reimbursement for that amount. Otherwise, chapter members will be asked to pitch in to pay the cost.

**Winter Hot Stove Meeting:** Meeting locations at Kevin Hennessey's home or at the Methodist Church in Columbia Heights were mentioned, but nothing concrete decided.

**Spring Regional:** The Yankees are in town on April 19th, but Stew suggested the chapter might want to avoid that date since getting tickets in one location is more difficult that weekend. The other date, which the board accepted, was Saturday May 10th, with the Boston Red Sox as the Twins opponent. Howard mentioned that the Minnesota History Center might be a good place to hold the meeting with the baseball exhibit opening next spring, it might be a good time to hold a meeting there. Rich will check into availability, cost, etc.

***SABR National Meeting:*** Stew announced that the national convention dates have been set; July 10-13 in Denver.

**Next Board Meeting:** December 8th at the residence of Bob Tholkes.....? (Bob let someone know if this doesn't work)

Note: With only three of the seven board members in attendance, a quorum was not reached. Was this an official meeting? Does anybody really care or object to decisions reached?