

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board Minutes

February 9, 2003

Home of Bob Tholkes, ca. 5 p.m.

Present: Board members Bob Tholkes, Dean Thilgen, Jim Wyman, Fred Buckland, Dan Cagley and Rich Arpi.

Also present: Events chairman Howard Luloff

Absent: Cary Smith

Treasurer's report: Rich reported \$ 845.34 in the treasury. Dean reported that he has not been reimbursed yet for the 2002-2003 web-site (\$ 160.00). Check will be forthcoming once the bank statements have been checked. Rich brought up the topic of a two-tier subscription fees for the Holy Cow (\$ 12 if you want paper, \$ 6 per year if an electronic copy will do). This was discussed in the past as a way for the chapter to save money on printing and postage costs but was tabled because a critical mass of interested folks had not been reached. This proposal will be brought up at the business meeting in May.

Vintage Baseball: Bob is working on the schedule with invitations from Farmington, Murphy's Landing, Ft. Ridgely, Des Moines, Nebraska, and Butterfield received. Butterfield will conflict with the national SABR convention (July 12) so that invitation may have to be declined. A survey of members about their availability for games in 2003 is currently underway.

Spring Regional: May 10th at the Minnesota Historical Society

in St. Paul. Presenters as of this moment are Jim Wyman and Tim Wolter. Howard mentioned that he has 30 tickets on order and anyone wishing to attend the game with the Red Sox should send him \$ 13.00 per ticket by April 1. Howard mentioned that possible guests are Theo Epstein (new Red Sox G.M.), Johnny Pesky, Dan Gladden, and Kyle McNary (local dude who wrote a biography of Double Duty Radcliffe). Dan Cagley will conduct a behind the scenes tour of museum collections (with emphasis on baseball items). Rich will mention in the newsletter the luncheon arrangements (buy your own at Cafe Minnesota or on your own) and parking options. The baseball exhibit will open on March 22, some weeks before the meeting, but for many folks this will be their first opportunity to see the exhibit. Members of the St. Croix nine, the Rochester Roosters, and the Quicksteps will all be on hand on March 22.

Events in 2003: Howard mentioned the possibility of another joint meeting with the Iowa chapter. The board decided that joint meetings should be once every couple of years and that it is best to have two regional meetings in the Twin Cities this year. Howard also mentioned possible road trips to Cedar Rapids or to St. Cloud or Rochester for a Northwoods League game.

Holy Cow Extra: Bob mentioned the next issue, due out in April, will have book reviews written by members of the chapter book club. Bob, after three and one-half years of editing the Holy Cow Extra, is beginning to run out of ideas. He mentioned the possibility of scrapping the Holy Cow Extra and trying to re-establish the cable television show. A better distribution system to the local cable stations will have to be created, however. No decisions on the ultimate future of the Holy Cow Extra were made.

Chapter web-site: Dean asked the board if they had any suggestions on improvements and additions to the chapter web-

site. There were none.

Elections: The chapter will have to elect four new board members at it regional meeting on May 10th to replace outgoing members Cary Smith, Ray Luurs (Jim Wyman finished term), Fred Buckland, and Dan Cagley. Rich Arpi, Bob Tholkes, and Dean Thilgen will be the carryover members since they were elected in May 2002.

Next board meeting: April 6th at Dan Cagley's (8479 Kell Avenue South, Bloomington) at 5:00 p.m.