

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board Minutes

August 2, 2003

Barnes & Noble coffee shop (Edina Galleria), 9:00 a.m.

Present: Board members Dean Thilgen, Jim Wyman, Rich Arpi, Chuck Blomquist, and Tom Swift.

Also present: Events chairman Howard Luloff and Stew Thornley (early for the book club meeting)

Absent: Board members Bob Tholkes and Rex Hamann

Treasurer's report: Rich reported \$ 667.97 in the treasury (with \$18.00 ready to be deposited during the upcoming week). Dean submitted costs for the 2003-2004 web-site (\$ 161.00 to the host and \$20.00 for the name). A proposal was made and passed that Dean be reimbursed \$181.00 for registering the Halsey Hall web-site for the next year. Rich wrote a check and handed it to Dean. Dean also handed Rich \$ 12.00 in cash for his subscription dues for the next year.

Vintage Baseball: Both the Quicksteps and St. Croix nines are in the midst of the busy part of their schedules. The St. Croix have a game this afternoon (August 2) at Carleton College in Northfield while the Quicksteps have games on August 4th (Fridley), August 23 (Richfield) and September 14th (Eden Prairie). The Minnesota Loggers, which is comprised of members of both clubs, will compete at the Ohio Cup Tournament in Columbus over the Labor Day weekend and practices on Wednesday nights have been held for several weeks.

Newsletter: Rich announced that of our current subscription list of 94 (two comp issues to the national SABR office and the Minnesota Historical Society); 47 folks have renewed (33 voted for paper issues and 14 electronic). If most of the current 45 folks in arrears pay up, the budget for 2003/2004 will be in fine shape. Otherwise money could get very tight late next spring. Monthly costs for the newsletter are about \$55.00 per month and costs for the Holy Cow Extra are similar for their quarterly issues. As more people opt for the electronic copy, printing and postage costs should decrease somewhat.

Rich passed around a preliminary copy of the August newsletter with the Dr. Hawkins article, printed verbatim, and the cd offer from Kyle McNary on the front page. McNary, a SABR member (in 2001/2002 paper directory) from St. Louis Park has written a biography of Negro League star Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe, and is offering a cd he produced on the 1935 East-West Negro Leagues All-Star game. Chapter policy is to have a quid pro quo offer with anyone like McNary who wishes to advertise a baseball product in our newsletter. In return for running McNary's plug for his cd in the *Holy Cow*, Rich will extend an invitation to McNary to our fall chapter meeting. It was felt chapter members might like to hear about his research, interviews and writing about the Negro Leagues, particularly about Double Duty Radcliffe.

Chapter Breakfast: It was decided to hold the next chapter breakfast, at the usual location of the Baker's Square at 66th and Xerxes in Richfield, on Saturday, September 6th at 8:30 a.m., one hour earlier than normal. The Twins have an early 11:00 a.m. start that day and it is hoped that a few members (other than Stew) will stop by for breakfast and then head to the dome for the Twins game.

Fall Chapter Meeting: The meeting has been set for October 25th at the Methodist Church at 950 Gould Avenue in Columbia Heights. Chuck mentioned doing a presentation that would need a

slide projector and it was directed to have Bob ask the church about the availability of borrowing (or renting one from them). Also Bob was asked to inquire about staying at the church that evening and watching a World Series game, as we did several years ago. Joe O'Connell was directed to contact Kevin Tapani as a guest speaker (learned a day later that he is reluctant but that Roy Smalley III is a better possibility). Howard will also contact Dave Goltz.

Northwoods Game: Howard organized the chapter outing to a game in St. Cloud on Sunday night, August 3rd. Board members would like to go to a Northwoods game sometime, but it appeared no one from the board will attend this particular game.

Events in 2004: Howard mentioned the possibility of another joint meeting with the Iowa and Wisconsin chapters in some central location like LaCrosse in early August 2004. Wisconsin and Iowa members, where this was mentioned, at Denver during the national SABR convention were enthusiastic. Howard will look into the availability of an hotel (or college meeting site) in LaCrosse.

Elections: The chapter board elected the following officers for 2003/2004; Jim Wyman (president); Bob Tholkes (vice-president, pending his approval); and Rich Arpi (secretary/treasurer).

Next board meeting: not determined at the meeting; but how about 9:00 a.m. on October 4th at the Barnes and Noble (Edina Galleria) before the chapter book club?