

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board of Directors Minutes

October 4, 2003

Location: Barnes and Nobles coffee shop in Edina Galleria

Time: 9: 00 a.m.

Present: Board members Rex Hamann, Dean Thilgen, Jim Wyman, Bob Tholkes, Rich Arpi, Tom Swift and Chuck Blomquist

Also present: Events chairman Howard Luloff

Treasurer's report: Rich Arpi reported \$678.67 in the chapter treasury; funds sufficient for the next year. The subscription list to the Holy Cow newsletter stands at 70 (out of the current mailing list of 92...two comps to Minnesota Historical Society and SABR national office c/o John Zajc).

Vintage Baseball: Bob Tholkes is already scheduling some games for the 2004 season and handed out the annual questionnaire to team members present. A 2004 planning meeting will be held at ca. 4:00 p.m. on October 25th at the Methodist Church, immediately after the chapter meeting. Bob is also working on a highlight video of the 2003 season and since the club treasury is in good shape, team members will not be assessed a fee. Four individuals have expressed an interest in joining the Quicksteps next year. Dean mentioned the annual banquet/get together for the St. Croix nine will occur sometime soon.

Newsletter and Holy Cow Extra: Rich mentioned the October Holy Cow will be finished this weekend and mailed out on Monday or Tuesday (Oct. 6-7) at the latest. Bob mentioned the next issue of the Holy Cow Extra will come out the end of October and will center on the history of Project Scoresheet and other attempts to accurately document current major league games.

Book Club: Originally scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (right after this meeting). The meeting was postponed indefinitely due to the noon start of the Twins-Yankees playoff game. Mention was made of next Saturday (October 11th at ten), but a possible playoff game conflict still may exist. Tom will let members know via the e-list and e-mail when the meeting will take place, pending events in the next few days.

Breakfast: Next breakfast is at the normal spot of the Baker's Square at 66th and Xerxes in Richfield at 9:30 on November 1st.

Fall Chapter meeting: Scheduled for October 25th and the Community United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights. Three presentations have been lined up as of this date and Stew will be reminded to bring a slide projector. A TV/VCR unit will be available so members can view and comment on the ESPN coverage of the SABR convention in Denver entitled, "Revenge of the Nerds." Rich will bring cold-cuts, chips, pop etc. for lunch. \$ 5.00 will be requested of those partaking in the repast. It was mentioned that 1:00 p.m. immediately after lunch would be a good time to have Krisin Anderson and Chris Kimball's slide presentation. Rich will contact Kristin. Howard is working on a guest speaker from the new Victory Sports cable channel (he has been successful), so we will also have an outside speaker.

Hot stove Meeting: Howard will contact Kevin Hennessy to see if he would be willing to host the Hot Stove meeting at his home again sometime in January. Friday nights were mentioned as better for some people.

Spring Regional: May 1st with Anaheim in town was mentioned as a possibility for the spring chapter meeting. No action taken.

Super Regional: with the Iowa and Wisconsin chapters. Howard is waiting on the release of minor league schedules before trying to pin down a date or place.

On Deck Circle tapes: Bob brought up the issue of how to dispose of the 130 or so tapes from the defunct chapter tv show. He has already given two dozen to the Columbia Heights cable station; but the rest are dated somewhat. Bob will make a list of the tapes he has left and they will be offered to the narrators/hosts of the particular shows. Dean thought the Minnesota Historical Society might be interested in having the tapes. Other tapes would

be offered to chapter members at meetings, via the newsletter or e-list etc.

Chapter web-site: The chapter has been contacted by the national SABR office to change the wording of “dues” on our web-site. We are to use the term subscription fees instead. Dean passed around the proposed change. It was mentioned that it might be a good idea to run it by John Zajc at the national office, before changing the web-site. This might prevent having to change it again a second time if changes are requested.

Next meeting: December 6th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Barnes and Noble coffee shop in the Edina Galleria (same spot)