

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board of Directors Minutes

Saturday, December 6, 2003

Place: The Depot Coffee Shop in Hopkins

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Board members Rex Hamann, Rich Arpi, Bob Tholkes, Jim Wyman, Tom Swift, Dean Thilgen. Also present events chairman Howard Luloff.

Absent: board member Chuck Blomquist who was in Chicago.

Treasurers Report: Rich reported a balance of \$ 548.50. Rich will submit receipts to executive director John Zajc at the national office so that the chapter is reimbursed, at least in part, for expenses incurred in hosting our last chapter meeting on October 25th. Chapters are allowed up to \$ 200 per year for reimbursement for chapter meeting expenses and the chapter should expect a reimbursement of around \$ 190 for the Fall meeting (\$ 114 for food and \$ 75 for the church rental).

Vintage Base Ball: Bob talked about the schedule for 2004, including a possible Friday night game in Brooklyn Park (June 18th). The squad is now at 23 (possibly an all-time high) which includes Bob (playing only as an extra), Mary as tallykeeper and Gregg Richardson as the umpire). The original team was composed of 13 Halsey Hall Chapter members, and while we have had some players arrive and depart, a core of original members remain. Dean talked about the possible Rochester tournament next year and the possible road trip of the Akron Black Stockings to Minnesota. The VBBA convention is in Rochester, New York the last weekend in March.

How Cow and Holy Cow Extra: Rich announced that the December Holy Cow will be in the mail on Monday morning and Bob said the next issue of the Extra will concentrate on memorable games attended by chapter members. Rich will announce in the newsletter for members to send scorecards into Bob for inclusion in this issue, with explanation of

scorekeeping notations, if needed.

Book Club: To met immediately after the board meeting. Tom announced that his work schedule has changed so that he will not be available on Saturdays. It was decided to change meetings to Sunday nights, if agreeable to members of the book club as well.

Breakfast: Next breakfast will be held at the normal location of the Baker's Square, at 66th and Xerxes, in Richfield on 9: 30 on January 10th.

Winter Hot Stove: Howard announced that Kevin Hennessy as agreed to host the hot stove meeting again this year. It will be held on Saturday evening, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. Kevin's home is at 608 Grand Avenue in St. Paul.

Spring Regional: Tentatively set for May 1st (Angels in town) with a tentative location of the Community United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights. Howard mentioned holding the meeting at the Mill City Museum, near the Dome. Both Rich and Dean feel that the expense of rental might be out of reach for the chapter, but will look into the rental costs for reference. Ron Henry, a former member, contacted Bob about doing a presentation on Baseball in the Military for the spring meeting. The board moved to invite Henry to the meeting and encourage him to rejoin the chapter. Jim mentioned the difficulty in getting guest speakers for chapter meetings and that it might be a good idea to start recycling some guests from 6 to 8 years ago. Anyone with ideas about guests should contact Howard, Jim or any member of the board. (this item will be placed in the December newsletter). Joe O'Connell will be asked about inviting John Castino and Roy Smalley as guests for the spring regional....(Joe said it might be better to have just Smalley since Castino and Smalley are both financial planners and there might be some rivalry there...?)

Super Regional: No real news about the possibility of a joint meeting with the Iowa and Wisconsin chapters, due to incomplete minor league schedules at this point.

On Deck Circle Tapes: The board decided to set up a lending library of the remaining tapes with Bob Tholkes as curator and circulation librarian. Any member can borrow tapes for an indefinite period by contacting Bob.

Twins Fest: The annual baseball memorabilia show will be held on the weekend of January 24-26 this coming year. The chapter will again have a table. Contact Rich if you want to work the table that weekend.

Chapter website: Dean announced a new team photograph has been added to the site (borrowed from fellow MHS staffer Ruth Anderson)...players have a big "N" on their jersey and the photo dates from the 1880s to the 1930s. Possibly we will get some help in getting this photograph properly identified. The membership list should be updated shortly (coordinate with Rich)

High Schools attended by Major Leaguers: Rodney Nelson is coordinating a SABR project to get the correct high schools attended by major league players. Anyone with accurate and documented information should contact Rodney (address in SABR directory)

History Day Project: Jim received an e-mail from a high school student from St. Louis Park doing a project on why baseball became the "national pastime" between 1830 and 1915. He was looking for some suggestions and it was mentioned to give her David Wee's e-mail address at St. Olaf (he teaches a baseball and American culture course) or have her contact Cooperstown HOF library. Members will also be encouraged to give suggestions to Jim so that he can relay them to her.

Next Meeting: at Bob Tholkes' residence on February 8th....board meeting at 5 and book club at 6.