

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board Minutes

February 8, 2004

Residence of Bob Tholkes at 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Board members Rich Arpi, Bob Tholkes, Tom Swift and Dean Thilgen. Events Chair Howard Luloff also was present.

Absent: Board members Jim Wyman, Chuck Blomquist, and Rex Hamann.

Also.....Stew Thornley arrived near the end of the board meeting and Dan Levitt in time for the book club meeting which followed the board meeting.

In the absence of president Jim Wyman, vice-president Bob Tholkes ran the meeting.

Treasurers report: Rich announced a balance of \$ 652.56 and 80 people on the mailing list. (56 paper copy which includes SABR national office and MHS library, 24 electronic copy). Bob is still owed \$ 25.00 for the last Holy Cow and Kevin needs to be reimbursed for his expenses for hosting the Hot Stove meeting.

Holy Cow and Holy Cow Extra: Bob announced that the Holy Cow Extra will go off a regular schedule (four times per year) and will be published on an irregular schedule. Hopefully it will still be two or three times per year when contributions and topics warrant an issue. Rich said the February 2004 Holy Cow will be mailed this coming week (Tuesday, Feb. 10 for the paper issues) with notice to electronic copy subscribers a day or so later.

Quicksteps: Bob is still working on the schedule of two events per month from May through September. Current dates are May 15, June 18, July 3, July 5, July 24, August 9, September 11. Possible venues are Eden Prairie in May, Murphy's Landing in late June, Sleepy Eye in late August, and the Rochester tournament in June. Also the vintage game at the SABR convention in July is a possibility for some Quicksteps who attend the SABR convention regularly.

Bob has updated a players guide for 2004 and handed out copies to those team members present. Tom asked about a rules session which will probably be held during one of the practices previous to the first game in May. The roster is the largest ever and one game has already be turned down (Gibbon ..during the SABR convention weekend). A game with students and staff at St. Olaf in May was also mentioned . Tom will provide Bob with the appropriate contact information.

St. Croix Vintage Team and Loggers Team: Dean mentioned a St. Croix practice scheduled for April 24 and Bob mentioned sending on to Brent Peterson the possibility of the July 3 game at Fort Ridgely, which the Quicksteps could not accept, being accepted by the St. Croix nine.

Upcoming Events....Spring Regional: The date is Saturday, May 1st with Roy Smalley the tentative guest speaker and Anaheim the Twins opponent. Howard will accept orders for tickets (\$ 15.00 per ticket) up until April 15th. Those wishing to do a research presentation should also contact Howard. (Bob volunteered to do one ..on the 60th anniversary celebrations of the National League in 1936 which included vintage games). It was mentioned that Howard should contact Ron Henry (interested in military bb) and Armand Peterson (amateur bb in Minnesota)....Howard contact Rich about contact information. Bob will also double check about the availability of the church for May 1st.

Super Regional: Howard mentioned some dates from mid June through mid August as possibilities. It seems it will be very difficult for three chapters to agree on a date this summer and Howard mentioned this idea should be tabled until 2005. Interested Halsey Hall members have traveled to Milwaukee and Iowa meetings in the past. This seems to be the best solution and word will be spread about car pooling, if anyone is interested in attending an Iowa or Wisconsin meeting in the future.

Breakfast: The next chapter breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 6th at the normal place of the Baker's Square at 66th and Xerxes in Richfield at 9:30. The Gophers will play Nebraska at 6:30 that night at the Dome. Members can meet near the top of section 129.

E-List: Stew mentioned some hostile (well, less than a polite tone to some of

the postings) on the chapter e-list in recent weeks. Since Stew is the moderator, the board gave him the authority to step in and say, "play nice" if things stray too far over the line or get a little too far off topic from base ball research or events/activities of the Halsey Hall Chapter. The board felt this was sufficient to keep things moving smoothly and no formal policy needs to be enacted at this point. Stew mentioned he would like to see the e-list used for issues affecting the management of the chapter (much as the national brsb list) such as the possibility of dropping the annual subscription fees, going to an electronic newsletter only, fund raising activities, and issues involving the chapter web-site (moving to the national web-site etc.). In the week following the meeting and before the typing of these minutes, there have been a number of posts on these topics on the chapter e-list. Many of these issues will be explored and discussed in the next few months and brought before the membership at the chapter meetings.

Next meeting: Sunday, April 4th at Rich Arpi's condo at 5:00 p.m. with the book club to follow. Rich will send out directions to board members and regular book club attendees in late March.