

HALSEY HALL CHAPTER OF SABR

BOARD MINUTES

April 4, 2004

Site: Rich Arpi's condo

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

Also present: Stew Thornley, Brenda Himrich, Howard Luloff, Joe O'Connell. Dan Levitt and Ron Replogle arrived in time for the book club meeting which followed the board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Rich reported \$ 558.00 in the treasury. Kevin Hennessy has not be reimbursed yet for the hot stove meeting. He will be contacted and paid.

Newsletters: Rich announced that the April *Holy Cow* will be finished and mailed early in the coming week (it was) and Bob announced that the last *Holy Cow Extra* was in March and is now on an sporadic publishing schedule.

Vintage Base Ball: Bob mentioned that the Quicksteps will have several batting practices in preparation for their eleventh season in April. The schedule is set and he passed out the first issue of *Aces*, the club's newsletter, to those present. The club has its largest roster in its history. Dean mentioned that the St. Croix nine will have their annual spring meeting on April 14th at 6 p.m. at the Warden's Museum in Stillwater. Wednesday practices for the Loggers will begin as soon as the weather co-operates. Bob mentioned the vintage base ball event at the SABR convention in July will include a bus on Saturday evening to view some vintage matches as well as a pick-up on Sunday afternoon, if enough SABRites are interested.

Spring chapter meeting: Scheduled for Saturday, May 1st, at the Community United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights. Roy Smalley will be the

featured guest speaker and he requested to give his presentation and field questions beginning at 9 a.m. Howard mentioned that he has received three requests for presentations; Ron Henry on baseball in the military, Bob Tholkes on the 60th anniversary of the National League which featured possibly the first "vintage" baseball games, and Armand Peterson on amateur baseball in Minnesota in the 1940s and 1950s. Roger Godin's name was mentioned as also having a presentation in the wings ready to go. Stew mentioned he has acquired a tape, from the Pavik Musuem of Broadcasting in St. Louis Park, of the last inning of Jack Kralick's no-hitter in 1962. He will play it at the chapter meeting and also reproduce a limited number of copies, with those wanting a copy to donate a sum (to be determined by the buyer) to the Halsey Hall Chapter. Thanks Stew! Those wishing to attend the Twins-Angels game that night with the rest of the gang should get their \$ 15.00/ticket to Howard asap. Lunch will be fix your own sandwiches, chips, pop etc. for \$ 7.00 which covers food and church rental.

New Business: Subscription fees, etc: There was a long discussion on how the chapter raises and spends money. Most of the money raised through subscription fees to the newsletter pays for the printing and mailing of the newsletter with the chapter meetings largely being self-supporting. In the last few years, however, the chapter has increased expenses for the web-site and added the *Holy Cow Extra* without raising subscription fees. Also the Hot-Stove meeting has been free to members for a number of years, though the host has been reimbursed by the chapter. There was also some discussion on whether the chapter should drop its own web-site and piggy-back onto the national SABR web-site. Since Dean has not received answers to his questions regarding control over content and look of the site, it was decided to maintain our chapter site for the time being, particularly since Dean feels he can bring the annual cost down somewhat. The overall goal of this discussion is to eliminate, or greatly reduce subscription fees while reaching members regarding chapter activities and reduce work for the treasurer through using the internet and the SABR website to its maximum. Stew mentioned that the chapter by-laws state the board of directors determine subscription fees but that a slight revision might be beneficial so as to state clearly in the by-laws how the chapter operates. A committee of Dean, Rich and Stew was appointed to come up with a by-laws revision, which will be discussed and voted on at the May 1st meeting. The new board of directors would then take up the issue of an appropriate subscription fee (none for electronic subscribers....\$ 12.00 for paper.....was suggested). It was also

mentioned that it would be beneficial to members to have a computer, with an internet link, available at the chapter meeting so members can see the national web-site, see how to subscribe to the chapter e-list, among other things.

Super-regional meeting: Dropped for this year, but there is a vintage base ball event in Keokuk, Iowa on August 13-15, which might draw some folks for the three state area. Some chapter members may arrange a car-pool to this event as the time approaches.

Rex's Letter: Rex has drafted a letter to the commissioner and the various major league club owners expressing his concern over the low wages paid to those people from the Caribbean area who hand stitch most of the baseballs used by professional baseball in the U.S. Members were urged to write similar letters to the same individuals, if they are so inclined. Copies of the letters and addresses were supplied to all in attendance.

Breakfast and Book Club: May 1st, the date of the chapter's spring meeting, normally would be date for the breakfast as well. Organizers and some regular attendees, decided via the e-list to hold the breakfast on June 5, to be followed by a cemetery tour. June 5 would normally be the date for the next meeting of the book club as well which creates a conflict for some members. It was determined to decide the issue of the next book club meeting at the spring regional meeting on May 1st.

Meeting adjourned with the next board meeting and place to be decided at the spring chapter meeting when three new members will be elected to the board of directors to replace Bob Tholkes, Rich Arpi and Dean Thilgen.

Dinner of pizza and lasagna followed ...then the book club met.

Rich Arpi,
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