

Consent Reports
May 21, 2005 Halsey Hall Chapter Meeting

Book Club

Submitted by Tom Swift

The Halsey Hall Chapter Book club met on Saturday, April 16, to discuss Rogers Hornsby by Charles Alexander. Members present were Gregg Omoth, Art Mugalian, Stew Thornley, Tom Dolen, Dan Levitt, Rich Arpi, Bob Tholkes, Tom Swift, Jim Sexton, book club member emeritus Mark Johnson, and Jodi Elowitz.

The book club will discuss *Three Nights in August* on the second Saturday in June. Time: 9:30 a.m. Place: The Edina Barnes & Noble.

Three Nights is written by Buzz Bissinger, author of *Friday Night Lights*, which was an acclaimed book before becoming a Billy Bob Thornton vehicle. Bissinger has won a Pulitzer Prize and *Three Nights*, published in April, has received several positive reviews. The author had rare access to St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, as well as his staff and team, and he used that entrée to pick La Russa's brain about everything from how he assembles a lineup to why he uses certain relievers. The "three nights" were during a series with the rival Chicago Cubs during the 2003 season.

Quicksteps

Submitted by Bob Tholkes

The Quicksteps scheduled practices April 30, May 7, and May 15. About a dozen attended each of the first two practices

Planning continues for the opening weekend May 21-22 at Columbia Heights and the Metrodome. The Twins scrambled the original plan by changing the date from Saturday to Sunday, but it should still come together. Stew will do the PA, Dean will take photos, and the Quicksteps will play an inning with the Cream Citys. The date change means that the Columbia Heights game can go nine innings. The Milwaukee group decided to attend the Twins game on Sunday and go to Stillwater to play the St. Croix on Saturday evening.

Uniforms for the three new players have been finished and given out, and new bases and a new tally bell will be ready for the opener.

The team has lost some players for the season: George Rekela to a stroke, John Bonnes to injury, Josh Reyer to a new job in Japan, and Tom Swift to other commitments. Probably 15 players will participate on at least a halftime basis, with a few more occasionally active.

Times have been set for the June events. Richfield will be at 2:00 on the 11th, Fort Ridgely at 1:00 on the 19th, and Northfield at 1:00 on the 25th.

Membership

Submitted by Stew Thornley

The latest membership report from SABR indicated a new member in our region, William Branson. After receiving a welcome message, Bill completed the profile form for new members, and he will be introduced in the June newsletter.

Newsletter

Submitted by Stew Thornley

The June issue of *The Holy Cow!* will be the last produced in the print-layout format. Starting in July, the newsletter will be produced only in an html (web-based) format. The treasurer will be the person responsible for ensuring that the newsletter is printed, copied, and distributed to those who pay the \$15 annual subscription fee.

Nominating Committee

Submitted by Fred Buckland

I currently have 4 members that have agreed to run for the chapter board. Those members are:

Gregg Nelson
Chuck Blomquist
Bob Tholkes
Howard Luloff

I will have ballots printed with those names on it. I will leave room for more candidates to be added and a space for write ins. I will give my report of candidates. Either you or I can call for nominations from the floor. If we have more nominations than open slots we will pass out the ballots. The voters will be instructed to add any floor nominations to the ballot.

Events Committee

Submitted by Howard Luloff

Preparations have gone well for the May 21 Chapter Meeting. Daron Sutton has been booked as a guest and all presentation spots have been filled. Unfortunately, due to the Quicksteps demo switch to the 22nd, there's no group rate for the Twins-Brewers game on the 21st.

Treasurer

Submitted by Rich Arpi

There is \$ 577.21 in the chapter treasury as of this date. The reimbursement from the national office for the mailing (23.50) has been received and deposited.

Three people have paid for paper copies of *The Holy Cow!* for 2005-2006. They are Frank Bigelow, Bob Kapla, and Ned Ribback. Bigelow and Kapla paid extra in previous years so their subscription has been extended through 2005-2006.