

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board of Directors Minutes

Sunday, June 5, 2005

Held at the Smith family island on Lake Minnetonka  
ca. 6:00 p.m.

Present: Current board members Stew Thornley, Rich Arpi, Gregg Omoth, and Cary Smith as well as incoming board members Howard Luloff, Bob Tholkes, Gregg Nelson

Absent: Outgoing board members Tom Swift, Kyle Eliason and Chuck Blomquist. (Blomquist is also an incoming board member elected to another term)

April 3 Board minutes were approved as printed and distributed.

Treasurer's report: Rich Arpi received a receipt from the Community United Methodist Church (via Bob Tholkes) for our Spring Chapter meeting on May 21st (\$ 150) and will use that receipt and pizza receipts for reimbursement to the national SABR office for our chapter's \$ 200 yearly reimbursement from the national for mostly regional meetings. Rich will also contact Brian Mohr, who has volunteered to reproduce and mail out the monthly Holy Cow newsletter for those members paying for paper copies. Currently there are seven members on the mailing list and Rich will update Brian as new subscriptions come in.

Membership: There have been several folks in the past paying for the Holy Cow who are not national SABR members. There was some discussion of this and while Stew, as newsletter editor has encouraged them to join the national, the matter was tabled for the time being. Returning money paid or not accepting subscriptions from non SABR members in the future are the alternatives.

Research presentations: Stew brought up the point about research presentations and how the chapter, in some formal way, can encourage more members to contribute presentations at local meetings, submit articles to the national publications, or become active with the SABR Bio project. Rather than have presentations on a first come, first served basis, that has been the practice at local meetings for years and that has led to some presentations lacking any research at all, it was proposed that members would submit a short abstract of their presentation to a research committee. These abstracts or outlines, would have to be submitted a few weeks ahead of the meeting and go through some sort of a screening process.

Website: Dean Thilgen as webmaster was authorized to renew the chapter's web name and host for \$ 181 for the next year (\$ 20 for the name, \$ 161 for the host). Dean will be reimbursed as soon as the renewal takes place (in August I believe)

Twins Fest poster board: Cary Smith has taken over a remodeling of the board for the next Twins Fest. Anyone with photos of chapter events etc., are urged to send photos to Cary.

**Consent Reports**  
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**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' opening weekend May 21-22 was memorable. After defeating the new Cream Citys vintage team of Milwaukee 17-5 on Saturday, the teams appeared at a pregame demonstration at the Metrodome on Sunday, in front of several thousand spectators. Thanks to Stew Thornley for handling the PA responsibilities, and to Dean Thilgen for taking photos and putting them online.

Seventeen participants attended on Saturday, and nineteen participated on Sunday. Most then stayed to watch the Twins-Brewers game.

SABR member and Quickstep Josh Reyer played his last game on May 21. He leaves for a teaching position in Japan on June 10. He was presented with an autographed ball.

The Quicksteps are off until June 11, when they play at the Richfield History Center. Other June events are at Fort Ridgely's Civil War Encampment on the 19th and at Northfield on June 25.

**Events Committee**

Submitted by Howard Luloff

Despite some last minute schedule changes in order to accomodate Daron Sutton and switching many

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Twins tickets to Sunday for the Quicksteps demo, the Spring Meeting, featuring several Ken Keltner Chapter members, turned out to be a success.

I have a guest suggestion from Gregg Nelson for the Fall Meeting, John Castino. He attends his church. Also, I plan to lock up a presentation slot for Part 2 of the Halsey Hall Chapter's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Salute, this time focusing on memorable guests and how the chapter has progressed technologically. Also, I'm planning to tweak the Trivia Competition slightly. The Jeopardy-style board and clues will be retained (as well as the taped Think Music) but I plan to eliminate the free-for-all to avoid arguments on who was first to respond by starting with the first team selecting a clue with the other team to get a shot if the first team misses. Both teams will still play The Final Question. (Hey I'm no Mark Goodson, but this seems the most fair way to proceed).

### **Treasurer**

Submitted by Rich Arpi

Expenses for the May 21 chapter meeting were \$255.48 and we took in \$373.00. We now have \$ 694.73 in the chapter treasury.

#### Expenses

Bob Tholkes for donuts, coffee, etc.	\$ 28.06
Church rental	\$ 150.00
Pizza	\$ 57.63
Tip	\$. 7.00
Howard Luloff, pop and trivia supplies	\$ 12.79

Balance before 5-21-05.....	\$ 577. 21
Balance on 5-25-05	\$ 694.73