

Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

Board of Directors Minutes

June 4, 2006

Residence of Rich Arpi

Present from outgoing board: Gregg Omoth, Chuck Blomquist (left before meeting started), and Rich Arpi.

Absent from outgoing board: Gregg Nelson, Cary Smith

Present from incoming board: Bob Tholkes and Howard Luloff (holdovers from 2005-2006 board), Art Mugalian, Kevin Hennessy, Dan Levitt, and Armand Peterson.

Absent from incoming board: Jodi Elowitz.

Also present: Stew Thornley (newsletter editor).

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Tholkes, ca. 6: 30 p.m.

Bob handed out an agenda, minutes of the past meeting, and a copy of the chapter's annual report.

Treasurer's report: Rich stated that the treasury currently holds \$ 763.96

Chapter Activities Reports

Events: Rich reported the chapter lost \$ 48 at the spring regional meeting at Davanni's in Golden Valley. Costs were \$ 142.84 for the pizza and \$ 37.28 for the morning coffee making total costs of \$ 180.12. We brought in \$ 162.00 but Rich gave Davanni's a \$ 30.00 tip from that fund (21%). There was some discussion on trying to more accurately figure our costs out beforehand and set our charge to members according to that so that we break even. Discussion turned to the size of the room and that it was somewhat small for the attendance and that AV needs were barely adequate. Howard and Stew will check out other Davanni's (Arden Hills-Edina) and Old Country Buffets to see if we could secure a slightly bigger room. The charge for the church is \$ 150 per meeting (less if no use of the kitchen)...but the arrangement with Davanni's worked well this time. Ordering enough food and charging a break even price and getting an adequate meeting room are priorities.

Newsletter: The board discussed what to do about members, who signed up for the paper copies, not getting copies for some months. Brian Mohr, who had volunteered to send out the copies, stopped sending out copies a few months back without telling anybody. Rich apologized for not keeping on top of this situation and offered to send out the June issue and back issues for several months to those members on the subscription list. The board decided to charge members \$ 8.00 for the coming year (2006-2007) rather than \$ 15.00 because of this snafu and then go back to the regular price of \$ 15.00 for 2007-2008 (due July 2007). Stew will announce this in the June issue of *The Holy Cow*.

Website: Stew will send on the 2006-2007 officers (once they are elected... later on in this meeting) so that they will be listed on the chapter website.

Quicksteps BBC: Next game is Saturday June 10th in Richfield. Bob will distribute a DVD or VHS tape of our Metrodome demonstration, back in May with the St. Croix BBC , interested members in the near future.

Membership: It has been chapter policy for some years to send a letter of greeting, information on the chapter and a questionnaire to new members in the area. The SABR national office used to send out this information every few months or so in zip code order but they have stopped doing this for at least a year. Stew will talk with John Zajc at SABR national meeting and Bob will send e-mails to John and Ryan Chamberlain at the national office to see if they will resume this helpful service.

Research Committee: The committee conducted a helpful panel at the spring regional meeting. The next meeting will be on Sunday, July 16th at the Perkins at 50th and Highway 100 in Edina at 6 p.m. Dan Levitt is the new chairman and wants people to think about what they want the committee to accomplish besides arranging presentations at the regional chapter meetings.

Old Business: Now that a new stadium for the Twins has been approved the chapter will re-affirm our willingness to host a SABR national convention as early as 2010 (or the first year the stadium opens). There is no convention committee anymore and John Zajc is handling convention business so Stew (and or Bob) will talk with Zajc about our willingness to host a convention.

New Business: The fine annual report, handed out by Bob, is a chapter first and has been passed on into the SABR national person (Bill Nowlin?) in charge of regional development.

Elections for 2006-2007 board:

Slate of President: Bob Tholkes
Vice President: Howard Luloff
Secretary: Armand Peterson
Treasurer: Kevin Hennessy

was elected by those present and eligible to vote.

VP Luloff named himself as Events chair; Dan Levitt as Research Committee chair and Stew and membership chairman.

Next Meeting: August 6th at the residence of Bob Tholkes.

Adjourned: ca. 7:30