

## Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR

### Board of Directors Minutes

6 August 2006

Residence of Bob Tholkes

Present from board: Bob Tholkes, Howard Luloff, Armand Peterson, Art Mugalian, Dan Levitt.

Absent from board: Kevin Hennessy, Jody Elowitz

Also present: Gregg Nelson.

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Tholkes at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Bob handed out an agenda and minutes of the 4 June 2006 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's report – Kevin Hennessy reported via e-mail that the only action since the last meeting was the payment for the website.

#### Chapter Activities Reports

- Events

Fall Regional – Will be held Saturday, October 21 in the Fellowship Hall at the Grace University Lutheran Church ELCA, 324 Harvard St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2920. Howard has volunteered once again to be the emcee. Howard suggested a fee of \$10 for the event and lunch, \$7 without the lunch. Since the rental fee for the hall was not known, the board recommended that Howard wait to establish the fees. [In an subsequent e-mail we learned that Doug Ernst had arranged for a very nominal \$25 charge for use of the hall.]

Howard has asked (via e-mail) Terry Steinbach to be guest speaker, but has not heard back. Gregg Nelson suggested he could probably get Patrick Klinger of the Twins front office to appear. John Blanchard was another suggestion.

Dan Levitt said that the Research Committee is still looking for presentations, as well.

Newsletter – Kevin Hennessy sent out last month's *Holy Cow*. There were only five names on the paper list.

Website – Dean Thilgen has agreed to remain webmaster until the end of December. Tholkes agreed to ask whether he would consider remaining the webmaster in 2007. If not, a search will need to be undertaken.

Halsey Hall Group – After a short discussion, the Board recommended that new members of the group should be SABR members, but that we should “grandfather” membership to non-SABR individuals currently in the group.

Quicksteps BBC – The team has a game August 7 in Fridley, and then one more scheduled in August and two more in September. The team's 5-4 win in Janesville was allegedly covered by the *Waseca County News*.

Membership services from National SABR – Based on discussions held with national SABR management at the St. Louis annual meeting, local chapters are on their own to discover the identity and addresses of new SABR members. Bob Tholkes and Stew Thornley, however, were given clearance to access the membership database to determine potential new Halsey Hall Chapter members.

Research Committee – At the July 16 meeting Cary gave a presentation on research sources. The next committee meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 10 at the Perkins Restaurant at 50<sup>th</sup> and Highway 100 in Edina.

Book Club – Next meeting is at 9 a.m. at the Barnes and Noble in the Galleria in Edina. The book selection is *The Spirit of St. Louis: A History of the St. Louis Cardinals and Browns* by Peter Golenbock. The meeting was moved up 30 minutes to accommodate the Lexington Park Plaque Ceremony scheduled for 11 a.m. at the plaza area of the new TCF Bank branch on Lexington Avenue. A pre-ceremony reception will begin at 10:30 a.m. Details are in the past issue of *Holy Cow*.

Old Business – no discussion.

#### New Business

- Lending library – the Board was not in favor of this suggestion. Tholkes mentioned that it had been discussed in the past, and members could not solve the issues related with who would maintain the library, who would make the selections, acquisition costs, mailing costs, etc. Peterson suggested that, perhaps, SABR could try to work with the Hennepin County Library to request they shelve suggested selections proposed by the Chapter. He volunteered to check with the Library and report at the next Board meeting.
- Group project – Levitt asked whether the Chapter might be interested in a joint biography project, like the Boston Chapter did recently for the 1985 Red Sox. He suggested the 1987 Twins, for example. The SABR Biography Group would edit the work, reducing workload for the local chapter. He said individual stories would range up to 2500 words.
- Next Board meeting – October 1, once again at the Tholkes residence.

Adjourned – approximately 7:30 p.m.