

Minutes from Halsey Hall board meeting, Aug. 9, 2009

At Kevin Hennessy's place. Present: Kevin Hennessy, George Rekela, Jerry Janzen, Art Mugalian. Others: Howard Luloff, Stew Thornley

Not present: Gary Hackenmueller, Scot Johnson, Fred Buckland

Meeting called to order by President Kevin Hennessy at 6:25 p.m.

Kevin read minutes from June meeting for approval. Approval was moved and seconded.

Jerry reported that the treasury balance is \$1,546.78

Howard reported on the upcoming October chapter meeting to be held Oct. 17 at the Grace University Lutheran Church. Tom Quinlan will be featured speaker. A discussion of possible future meeting held at new Target Field. Some discussion of ways to avoid last minute mixups for featured speakers. George suggested consideration of a panel featuring members of major league baseball alumni association, including Frank Quilici. The subject was left open for future consideration.

Stew reported that the newsletter would be updated and sent out shortly after the end of the meeting.

Nothing new reported on the website from John Gregory.

Acknowledgment was made that the HalseyHallGroup (online) has been disbanded.

A discussion ensued regarding notification of future board meetings. Kevin will notify board members in advance via email with agendas and minutes for approval. It was moved and seconded that in the future advance notice of date, time, and place of board meetings, if determined, will be noted in the newsletter and posted online. Motion passed, 3-1.

Some brief discussion of Quicksteps schedule included mention of 7-3 loss on Saturday.

Stew reported 5 new members. Membership chairman's position will be offered to Fred Buckland. Vice President Rekela will notify Fred of the offer.

Stew reported that the Research Committee had formulated a request to add \$100 to the already-approved \$400 outlay for a video recorder. Details were unavailable. It was moved and seconded that the \$100 be added. The motion passed, 3-1. Kevin will notify Rich Arpi.

Art reported on the book club and asked for suggestions on increasing interest. Jerry

suggested some kind of presentation at the chapter meeting.

George expressed concern that the local SABR organization was becoming a "last man's club," that a failure to recruit new and younger members was hurting the organization. It was suggested that the issue had long been one that concerned the national office, and any questions or solutions should be directed there. Some mention was made that requiring all Quicksteps participants to be SABR members would bolster the roster. A discussion ensued regarding the possible recruitment of local college students interested in historical research.

Kevin introduced the subject of national convention news from the recently concluded Washington gathering. With Southern California the designated site of the 2011 convention, the board discussed the chances for the Twin Cities getting the 2012 meeting. Again, hotel availability is the crux.

The next board meeting was fixed as Oct. 4, 6 p.m. at Art Mugalian's residence.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.