

## Halsey Hall Chapter – The Society for American Baseball Research Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2019

- 1) June Board of Directors meeting minutes – review & approval
  - a. Call to order: 6:39 p.m.
  - b. Attendees: Hans Van Slooten, Dave Lande, Howard Luloff, Jim Cox, Gene Gomes, Brenda Himrich, Anders Koskinen, Jerry Janzen, Stew Thornley
  - c. Spelling corrections to last month's minutes: Howard Luloff, Gene Glynne Glynne.
  - d. Minutes were unanimously approved as edited.
- 2) Treasury Report-Jerry
  - a. Current balance \$1550.60
  - b. Jerry Janzen moved to extend a mailed newsletter to anyone who requests one. The board concurred unanimously, overturning June's decision to only grandfather in existing subscribers.
- 3) Research Committee Report–Brenda & Sarah (part 1 of 2)
  - a. Fall chapter meeting – Tink Larson will be speaking
  - b. Three research presentations approved so far, some other interest but nothing concrete.
    - i. Rich Arpi
    - ii. David Karpinski
    - iii. Corky Gaskell.
    - iv. Hans is interested in potentially presenting in Spring 2020
- 4) Recess at 6:47 for Dinner
- 5) Resumed at 7:11
- 6) Research Committee Report–Brenda & Sarah (part 2 of 2)
  - a. Book Project – Memorable Games at Metropolitan Stadium – Stew is spearheading this
    - i. Support of members and research committee appreciated, *especially* since we have the most active chapter
    - ii. 40-50 games are still available, at 1,000-1,500 words each
    - iii. The Research Committee will help promote this project
    - iv. The resulting book will be published electronically, with individual games going on the SABR website as well
  - b. Dan Levitt's project
    - i. Creating a spreadsheet year-by-year for all employees for all MLB teams. Stew promoting via newsletter and pushing to Research Committee
  - c. Next Research Committee meetings are on August 12, September 9, both at the Brookdale Library at 7 p.m.

7) Events Chair Report-Howard

- a. SABR 49 – San Diego – June 26-30
  - i. A number of chapter members attended, the individuals' names are included in the last newsletter.
  - ii. Next year's convention is in Baltimore. #50
- b. All Star party at Bunny's NE – AL won 7<sup>th</sup> straight ASG
- c. "The Spy Behind Home Plate" viewing was held July 13
  - i. 50% baseball 50% WWII, dinner was at Barrio on France Ave afterwards
- d. July 14 – Stew, Art, Jerry, & Howard traveled south for Townball: Austin vs Rochester, a hot and sparsely attended affair.
- e. Cedar Rapids trip – July 27
  - i. More than a dozen attendees visited Emma Charlesworth-Seiler in Cedar Rapids, meeting for lunch at Village Meat Market prior to the game. Excellent food and friendship.
  - ii. Marsha Moran the Kernals' history coordinator, and Shane Siebersen community engagement and official scorer spoke to SABR.
  - iii. The Cedar Rapids Kernals win, and there was a tour of Perfect Game Field/Veterans Memorial Stadium.
- f. Fall Chapter Nov 2 - Howard to MC
  - i. Tink Larsen from Waseca
  - ii. Jerry to handle sign in
  - iii. Stew bringing beer
  - iv. Sarah to bring doughnuts
  - v. Brenda coffee

8) Newsletter Report - Stew

- a. September newsletter will arrive before September.
- b. Stew hopes people actually read it.
- c. The quizzes are fun

9) Assistant Web Master Report–Frank, Hans & Stew

- a. Annual dues have been paid on the website.

10) Membership Chair Report - Jim

- a. Since early May – 8 new members joined, 9 members did not renew, net loss of one member through August 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - i. Email to non-renewers to ask them to renew
  - ii. Total members – 139
- b. Jim counted just SABR PRIMARY affiliation list, hence difference from Hans' counting everyone who affiliates with Halsey Hall
  - i. PRIMARY identifier count will be used going forward

11) St. Paul Saints game – July 1

- a. Saints invited us via Sarah to host a booth near the museum, Sarah, Jim, Brenda, Stew staffed the booth with HoF display, many many visitors.
- b. Six people signed up for info on the 19th Century symposium, which Jim has followed up with them on, and they should be getting Tom's emails from 19C email.
- c. Matt Brummer new member from Saints experience

12) Emma Charlesworth-Seiler

- a. Not a member, not a member since last Oct 15, nor on Aug 3, hasn't been for nearly a year if not more. Probably low paid as a Single-A umpire.
- b. Board approved a motion to provide funds to pay for Emma's SABR membership for the next year

13) Old Business

- a. Fall chapter meeting (November 2) update
- b. 19th Century Committee Symposium (November 16) update
  - i. Jim toured the exhibit spaces for November, cases are in the main lobby, and portable cases will sit outside the presentation room, which will hold our exhibits, primarily photos.
  - ii. Call for 19<sup>th</sup> century baseball gear!
    1. Rich has 4-6 photos that Jim has passed on to the library, these are property of MN Historical Society, with a \$30 fee per high-res photo, we're trying to avoid that.
    2. August 30<sup>th</sup> is next meeting at library, Gene, Dave, Bob Tholkes, Rich Arpi, are looking at photo count relative to volume of cases.
    3. On Nov 1 the exhibits will be built, and the library staff encourages our attendance to determine which items make the final cut. Cases ARE secure
    4. Jim will check with library staff to ensure Halsey Hall chapter and SABR logos show up on the display
  - iii. Publicity
    1. Press release is being sent out
    2. Vintage Baseball Association teams will be invited to the symposium by Bob Tholkes.
    3. Dave and Brenda will work to invite neighboring chapters, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, etc.
  - iv. Banner for Spread of Baseball
    1. High resolution blow-up of old MN state map with tags color coordinated by decade labeling first game
    2. Goal is to the banner for the 19C Symposium

- 3. List of counties to be researched available in Google Docs
- v. National SABR board to meet in another room – Scott Bush and Jesse from the library are talking directly too
- vi. Reception
  - 1. Tentative hold at Stub & Herbs, concern attendance won't justify this
  - 2. Research Committee to discuss other options, and estimates for attendance

14) New Business

- a. Metropolitan Stadium memorable games- Stew – discussed previously
- 15) 10. October Board of Directors meeting date
- a. Next meeting to be October 13th