

**Halsey Hall Chapter – The Society for American Baseball Research
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
May 3, 2020**

1. Call to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. February 9th Board of Directors meeting minutes – review & approval
3. Treasury Report - Jerry
 - a. Current balance: \$1446.46
4. Research Committee Report – Brenda & Sarah
 - a. Aside from Spring Chapter meeting, there's nothing much to report.
5. Events Chair Report – Howard
 - a. Spring Chapter Meeting on June 13
 - i. In person or digitally, depending on the state of Gov. Walz's stay-at-home order for COVID-19.
 - ii. Howard is in contact with Tom Ryther to appear at our rescheduled Spring Chapter Meeting.
 - b. Nothing much else to report thanks to COVID-19 cancellations.
6. *Holy Cow!* Editor Report - Stew
 - a. "Did anybody read the damn thing?"
 - b. Next newsletter will be out later in the month.
 - i. We'll be announcing details on June 13th meeting as they come.
 1. There will not be a public link for the Zoom meeting if it goes digital.
 2. We will include candidate statements of those running for the Halsey Hall Board.
 - c. Stew has covered for Jerry in sending out the three physical copies of the newsletter that we still send out.
7. Assistant Web Master Report – Frank, Hans & Stew
 - a. Hans and Frank need credentials to access the Halsey Hall website.
8. Membership Chair Report – Jim
 - a. Presently we have 143 Halsey Hall members.
 - b. Net gain of four compared to mid-May of 2019.
 - c. Membership Committee Chair is a more or less open position, anyone interested should contact Hans.
 - d. Depending how the Spring Chapter Meeting goes, we should figure out how door prize distribution works.
 - i. There are about half a dozen door prizes right now.
 - ii. Jim is willing to remain in charge of the door prizes.
 - e. Stew says someone told him they are reducing their baseball book collection. They're willing to sell them for under \$5 each and donate the proceeds to the Halsey Hall chapter.
9. Social Media Report – Tom (Twitter) & Bob (Facebook)
 - a. Bob reports the Facebook group is up to 192 members.
 - i. Bob has been actively recruiting.
 - ii. Bob has also been posting on an almost daily basis to drive engagement.
 - iii. This is compared to 143 Halsey Hall chapter members.
 - iv. We should pitch SABR membership once in a while in the group.

- v. We should push research presentation and essay contests, especially where scholarships are available.
 - 1. Especially as a difficult economy makes scholarships more appealing.
10. Spring Chapter Meeting – Saturday, June 13
- a. Virtual vs. In Person Meeting
 - i. If Digital:
 - 1. We need to ensure whichever online meeting service we have allows everyone who wants to attend to log on.
 - a. This could be covered by the Chapter's funds.
 - b. Or Dave or Frank's existing video conferencing accounts could be used if they allow enough people in.
 - 2. Frank is happy to produce the meeting and run tech support and crowd control
 - a. For each speaker, Frank will need 5-10 minutes or so to set up each speaker. This requires silence from other attendees.
 - b. Howard or Frank will continue to keep time on presentations.
 - c. We need to ensure Howard's tech allows him to MC the meeting.
 - d. If we can get all documents (including presentations) to Frank so that only *he* has to worry about screensharing, that would make everything move smoother.
 - b. Research presentations
 - i. There are currently three presentations slated from Paul, Dan, and Stew/
 - ii. If we go digital, could we give people the option of also presenting in person in the future?
 - iii. Brenda and Sarah will contact people to see if they're okay with presenting digitally.
 - c. Splitting the chapter meeting
 - i. Dave proposes we could have half-length meetings in June *and* July.
 - 1. July date to be figured out later.
 - a. July 11th currently has the SABR breakfast scheduled (pending Coronavirus related closures).
 - b. This date is pending based on speaker and presenter availability.
 - 2. Roll call vote unanimously approved the split meeting format.
 - d. Business meeting
 - i. This has to be done in June.
 - ii. Four individuals are currently running for the Halsey Hall Board. We need to collect statements and distribute them.
 - e. Election of Board members
 - i. Four individuals are currently running, Dave will be soliciting statements to be sent to Anders and Stew to distribute them to our members.

1. Deadline for statements: May 23
 - ii. Anders will run a Google form for voting purposes during the June meeting.
- f. Guest speaker
 - i. Howard thinks we have a better chance of getting Tom Ryther to attend an in-person July meeting.
11. Old Business - other
 - a. Darryl
12. New Business - other
 - a. Stew has been leading Hot Stove Saturday Morning Strolls for the last few weeks.
 - b. The newsletter only lists events as canceled if they are *definitively* canceled.
13. Next Board of Directors meeting – Sunday, June 28 at 6 p.m.
 - a. New board members should be invited and *should attend*
14. Adjourned: 7:01 p.m.