

**Halsey Hall Chapter – The Society for American Baseball Research
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
August 30, 2020**

1. June 28th Board of Directors meeting minutes – Anders
 - a. Approved by voice vote unanimously
2. Treasurer's Report-Jerry
 - a. Current balance: \$1168.61
3. Research Committee Report–Brenda & Sarah
 - a. Co chair status is up in the air. Sarah has stepped down as co-chair person and Brenda may soon be stepping down.
 - b. We need replacement for them as co-chairs.
 - c. Daniel may have expressed some interest in the position
 - d. Stew is willing to step up and help as needed
4. Events Chair Report–Howard
 - a. Fall Chapter Meeting
 - i. Date decided for Nov 7
 - ii. Zoom Meeting proposal
 1. Approved by voice vote unanimously
 - iii. We're all set on research presentations, with three on the calendar
 1. 20 minute presentations with 10 minutes
 2. Stew Thornley, Corky Gaskell, Bob Tholkes
 - a. Bob and Stew are willing to step aside if we have any first time presenters
 - iv. 9:30 social time
 - v. Meeting itself runs 10 am – 12:30 p.m.
5. *Holy Cow!* Editor Report - Stew
 - a. Stew will send it out tonight
6. Assistant Web Master Report – Frank, Hans & Stew
 - a. Nothing to report
7. Membership Chair Report–Frank
 - a. Frank and Jim need to meet up to ensure a peaceful transfer of power
8. Social Media Report – Bob (Facebook) & Tom (Twitter)
 - a. 199 members on Facebook group
 - b. Stew will include an item in the newsletter encouraging people to follow us on social media and to set up alerts to see our content
 - c. Bob's going to investigate alerts further
9. Metropolitan Stadium book update-Stew
 - a. Book is now submitted to the people who turn text into books
 - b. Release date sometime in 2021
 - c. Lots of contributors from the chapter
 - d. All contributors will get a free softbound physical copy
 - e. All SABR members can get a digital copy for free, and a physical copy at deep discount
10. Baseball Reminiscence Therapy – Howard, Stew & Dave

- a. Email came in asking if Halsey Hall Chapter could be involved
- b. Pandemic probably makes it hard for us to help right now
- c. Anyone want to investigate how we can help eventually?
 - i. Dave and Gene are going to reach out to SABR national to learn more and lead the charge crafting what Halsey Hall does in this regard

11. SABR Code of Conduct – Stew & Dave

- a. A former member has returned and is causing Mark Armour and Scott Bush at SABR national some problems
 - i. He comes and goes. When he goes he calls everyone a bunch of idiots, and when he returns he makes a great show of being magnanimous.
 - ii. So far he has not returned to Halsey Hall.
 - iii. If he wants to do a research presentation, can we tell him that presentation spots are for chapter members only and that he's opted out of the chapter multiple times? Might make him clarify his status if nothing else.
 - iv. This member has not been *disruptive* at meetings per se, but he has wasted extra time granted for his presentations.
 - v. People dealing with him for the first time have been blindsided by his behavior before
 - vi. Research Committee will discuss how to address this issue going forward
 - vii. Any issues going forward should be documented and passed on to SABR National board
 - viii. Halsey Hall probably does not have an expulsion provision, and if it does it might conflict with SABR national's own provisions in this regard
- b. We should specify in our bylaws that we do abide by SABR national's Code of Conduct
 - i. Bylaws are amended by 2/3 vote at a chapter meeting
 - ii. Stew will investigate how to integrate this
- c. Dave notes that the Research Committee does have discretion in its selection of presentations. It is not under obligation to explain its decisions
 - i. Stew suggests the Research Committee perhaps should codify its selection process/guidelines, Dave thinks this a good idea but that the Research Committee should also work to maintain its flexibility in selection presentations
 - ii. Reminder will be sent to Research Committee members reminding them to attend to discuss important issues in this regard.

12. Spam e-mails – Dave

- a. Someone sent emails to members from Dave asking people to buy gift cards
- b. This is a scam.

13. Zoom invoices – Dave

- a. Dave is being billed \$16/month for Zoom
- b. Dave was going to submit invoices for the months were Halsey Hall had board or chapter meetings, he wanted to make the board aware that this would total more than \$100, though each individual transaction is less than \$100 and did not need board approval

- c. Jim moved that Dave should be able to be reimbursed for every month he bought the Zoom account since he got it for the chapter, and for each month going forward
 - i. Frank seconded the motion
 - ii. Passed unanimously by voice vote
- 14. Old Business – other
 - a. No old business
- 15. New Business – other
 - a. To clarify the position, Brenda is looking for a co-chair for the Research Committee for the rest of the year, and a full chair for the next year
 - i. Daniel is NOT interested in becoming a co-chair right now
 - b. Stew will email Hans to see if he'll appoint him a co-chair for the Research Committee
 - c. Daniel is interested in setting up a quarterly event for people interested in collecting baseball cards
 - d. Brenda picked up the poster display and set the pre-approved bill to Jerry for \$107.13
- 16. Next Board of Directors meeting
 - a. Scheduled for October 25