

**Halsey Hall Chapter – The Society for American Baseball Research  
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
October 25, 2020**

1. August 30th Board of Directors meeting minutes – Anders
  - a. Item 12b corrected to read “This is **a scam.**”
  - b. Approved as corrected by unanimous voice vote
  
2. Treasurer’s Report - Jerry
  - a. Current balance \$965.12
  - b. In the last two years the balance has dropped by about ½ of its value
  - c. The current balance includes reimbursements made to Dave for the Halsey Hall Zoom account, and to Brenda for the poster
  - d. The drop in value is attributable to the lack of in person meetings since we don’t have any income from members attending, nor from reimbursements from SABR national
  
3. Research Committee Report – Brenda & Stew
  - a. The Research Committee meeting on Nov 2. Will:
    - i. finalize schedule of fall chapter meeting for Nov 7
    - ii. allow speakers to practice with tech needs for the virtual meeting
  - b. Research Committee Procedures – proposed change
    - i. Proposals to modify the procedures for the Research Committee are as follows (proposed additions highlighted in yellow).
      1. Part 1 modifies the first bulleted item for “Objectives and Tasks”:
        - a. Be in charge of the schedule of research presentations at semi-annual chapter meetings. This includes soliciting presentations from members with an emphasis on encouraging new presenters. **One presentation slot will be reserved for a first-time presenter until four weeks before the chapter meeting.** Proposals should be submitted in writing to the committee and should include a title and brief outline of what the presentation will consist of with emphasis on the research that will be included. The committee will set the schedule for research presentations and inform the presenters and the Events Committee of the schedule no later than two weeks prior to the chapter meeting. **The committee will coordinate the schedule with the chair of the Events Committee and the presenters to discuss technology needs along with the timing of the presentations and the timing cues that will be used. Proposals for poster presentations will be accepted and approved with a similar process. Presenters must be members in good standing of the Society for American Baseball Research and the Halsey Hall Chapter.**
      2. Part 2 adds a new bulleted item to “Objectives and Tasks”:
        - a. **Prepare a report of Research Committee activities and present it for the semi-annual chapter meetings.**

- ii. Both changes were approved unanimously by a single voice vote
      - c. Research Committee meeting report will be sent out shortly to the Halsey Hall board
  - 4. Events Chair Report – Howard
    - a. Fall Chapter Meeting – November 7
      - i. Schedule
        1. 9:30-10 check in and social
        2. 10-10:15 Meeting welcome
        3. 10:15-10:45 first presentation
        4. 10:45-11 Break
        5. 11-11:30 business meeting
        6. 11:30-12 second presentation
        7. 12-12:30 Third presentation
      - ii. Howard reports timing apparatus is working and ready to go
      - iii. Business meeting voting on proposed bylaws changes will be conducted by voice vote
5. Membership Chair Report – Frank
  - a. Thanks to Jim for helping Frank transition into the Membership Chair role
  - b. Currently 147 members, up from 144
    - i. A written report will follow
  - c. Frank will begin outreach to expired members and members whose membership will expire in the near future.
6. *Holy Cow!* Editor Report – Stew
  - a. Stew is planning on sending it out very soon
  - b. This issue will announce the bylaw amendment (if it is approved by the board)
  - c. It will also tell members to look for an email with Zoom links for the Nov 7 meeting
7. Assistant Web Master Report – Frank, Hans & Stew
  - a. Hans has been investigating web hosting services that might make it easier for less tech savvy people to manage the website going forward
    - i. For example, perhaps Squarespace at \$18/month
    - ii. Content on the website gets somewhat stale because it is hard to update now
    - iii. Frank seconds Hans' idea in this regard
  - b. Stew and John are the only ones who currently modify the website, so any discussion of a transition to new webhosting and/or content management services should include both of them
8. Social Media Report – Bob (Facebook) & Tom (Twitter)
  - a. The Facebook group now has 203 members, up from 199 in August
  - b. Bob will start pinning the newsletter to the top of the group's page for members' reference
9. Chapter's By-laws – proposed amendment - Stew & Dave
  - a. Proposal to modify ARTICLE 1: Chapter

- i. These By-Laws are intended to supplement and be deemed subordinate to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). Wherever any conflict shall arise between any provisions thereof and such Constitution and By-Laws of SABR, the latter shall prevail. The Halsey Hall Chapter will follow all provisions of SABR, including SABR's Diversity Statement, <https://sabr.org/about/diversity-statement>, and its Code of Conduct, <https://sabr.org/events/code-of-conduct>.
  - b. The board modified the proposal to be:
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  - c. The proposal as modified by the board was passed unanimously by voice vote
10. Virtual chat – October 31
  - a. Bill Nowlin wanted to schedule a chat with Halsey Hall contributors to the *Baseball's Biggest Blowout Games* book
    - i. Anders attended the Ken Keltner Chapter meeting in this regard and notes that these meetings seem to be a combination of marketing for the book and an effort to encourage members to write for SABR, especially to encourage people to make their first contributions
  - b. Dave is going to reach out to Bill Nowlin and try and set up a time further into November for this (sometime after our regular board meeting)
11. SABR publications – recognizing contributing writers from Halsey Hall Chapter
  - a. Item postponed to a future meeting
    - i. Jim will follow up with Stew for a newsletter item
12. Old Business - other
  - a. Darryl
13. New Business – other
  - a. None
14. Next Board of Directors meeting – December 6, 13 or 20
  - a. Next board of directors meeting will be on December 13
15. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.