

Halsey Hall Chapter – The Society for American Baseball Research Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda February 21, 2021

1. Meeting came to order at: 6:03 PM
2. Board of Directors meeting minutes – October 25 & December 13 - Anders
  - a. Both sets of meeting minutes approved unanimously by voice vote
3. Treasurer's Report – Jerry
  - a. Current Balance: \$1179.23
  - b. Increase is due to reimbursements from SABR National to cover the past two years' worth of newsletter expenses
4. Research Committee Report – Brenda, Stew, & Gene
  - a. Research Committee Procedures proposal:
    - i. Proposal to amend the Research Committee's procedures for this sentence: "One presentation slot will be reserved for a first-time presenter until four weeks before the chapter meeting."
    - ii. Add at the end "regardless of the number of first-time presenters already approved"
    - iii. so the whole thing will read: "One presentation slot will be reserved for a first-time presenter until four weeks before the chapter meeting regardless of the number of first-time presenters already approved."
    - iv. Approved unanimously by voice vote
  - b. Research Committee proposes that we should again award a \$150 prize for the best baseball presentation at Minnesota History Day. If there is not a presentation that fits the baseball theme or the Halsey Hall Chapter's standards, the prize will not be awarded. The History Day event will be online this year, the same as last year. Sarah Johnson will be the main judge, and she recommends a panel of three judges.
    - i. Approved unanimously by voice vote
5. Events Chair Report – Howard
  - a. Gopher Baseball outing is canceled thanks to COVID.
  - b. Discussion of baseball and the Twins with Dan Hayes of *The Athletic* and Phil Miller from *The Star Tribune*, February 27th at 8:30 am via Zoom, moderated by Stew Thornley.
  - c. Presentation on Hank Aaron's life and legacy in the medium of baseball cards by Jason Schwartz (co-chair of the SABR baseball cards committee) March 4 at 6 pm. This will be a one-hour presentation with a 15-minute q&a. This is a nationwide event hosted by the Halsey Hall Chapter.
  - d. Spring Chapter Meeting – May 8
    - i. Three presentations are scheduled so far, fitting our capacity for the Zoom format meeting.
    - ii. Zoom format will continue with Howard as MC and Frank Kadwell overseeing technical matters.
  - e. If fans are allowed at amateur games this season, this presents possibilities for a Halsey Hall outing including possible trips to Cold Spring and Waseca.

- f. Twins/Saints double header provides five possibilities schedule wise, should fans be allowed in the stands. April 10/11, May 1/2, May 15/16, June 12/13, Sept 11/12.
6. *Holy Cow!* Editor Report - Stew
  - a. The next issue of the *Holy Cow!* Will be sent out tonight shortly after the conclusion of the board of directors meeting.
  - b. Motion to list the schedule of upcoming Halsey Hall Board Meetings in the schedule portion of each issue of the *Holy Cow!* The listing would direct any member interested in attending a board meeting to reach out to the chapter president for more information (and the Zoom link.)
    - i. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.
7. Assistant Web Master Report – Frank, Hans, & Stew
  - a. Investigation into moving the site to Wix or SquareSpace is still pending.
8. Membership Chair Report – Frank
  - a. It seems there was a big influx of membership, currently 211 members, an increase of more than 60 people since October. Frank will go through the report in depth soon to get emails and reach out to new people and double check the numbers.
    - i. The numbers seem a bit odd, so Frank will reconvene with Dave after running the numbers and contacting SABR national on the issues.
    - ii. The big influx could be due to existing SABR members assigning themselves to the Halsey Hall group so that they are aware of our events.
  - b. Frank recommends that we are careful to BCC on big email blasts and protect people’s privacy more going forward, this may involve a talk with SABR national to get a better feel for what laws they fall under and what their policies entail.
    - i. Stew notes that these emails are sent out via the SABR website which prevents people getting access to the emails, but that these people are all in the online SABR directory.
    - ii. Frank does want a privacy policy statement on the website and for procedures to be documented to ensure the process remains standard.
    - iii. Regarding website cookies and such, that’s a question more for John Gregory.
9. Social Media Report – Bob (Facebook) & Tom (Twitter)
  - a. Facebook group is up to 210 members, an increase of seven from a few months ago.
10. 2021 Board of Directors election – Spring Chapter meeting - Dave
  - a. The two-year terms for Hans, Anders, Gene, and Frank will be up. They should email Dave to let him know if they will be running for reelection to the board or not.
  - b. Stew thinks we should seek out and recruit new board members.
11. 2021 SABR national offices - Dave
  - a. Nominations committee contacted Dave looking for candidates for national offices. That information has been forwarded to Stew for inclusion in the *Holy Cow!* and anyone interested should reach out by that manner.
12. Old Business - other
  - a. Emma Charlesworth-Seiler’s SABR membership – Jim

- i. As approved in December, Jim reached out to Emma to see if she'd be interested in a membership. She was delighted to receive a one-year membership as a gift of the chapter.
- ii. She also expressed that she would be quite happy to present or talk with the board or help out with events and such.

13. New Business – other

- a. None

14. 2021 virtual chapter events & activities - Dave

- a. Virtual events and activities will likely continue even past the end of the pandemic. There are no existing procedures for such events in the bylaws. Dave's reading is that they fall under the purview of the Events Chair, with approval by the Board.
- b. Future virtual events planning should (at a minimum) keep Dave and Howard in the loop for scheduling and content going forward.
- c. Bob has multiple ideas for virtual events, and he will follow up with Dave and Howard.

15. Next Board of Directors meeting – April 4 or 18

- a. April 18

16. Meeting adjourned at: 7:17 PM