

June 8, 2021 Research Committee Minutes

Present for the June 8 meeting: Stew Thornley, Gene Gomes, Doug Skipper, Ed Weyling, and Hans Van Slooten.

Tonight's Agenda items were forwarded to Stew by Brenda, in absentia.

Agenda Items:

1. Fall Meeting - maybe Nov. 13, in person. Dan Levitt may want to present?
2. Library rooms may soon be available for our future meetings, as early as June 21, possibly.
3. Dave and Gene will be Co-Chairs of the committee.
4. Next meeting will be a Zoom mtg. for July 12. Could it be a hybrid? Dave will host the Zoom. Gene will confer with Dave to plan the meeting.

5. Research Roundtable:

-**Ed** mentioned at the previous meeting that he was writing a SABR Bio. (last name Brotten?)
Ed is thinking about retiring next year from teaching.

-**Stew**: Is updating his previously published "Baseball in Minnesota". He is watching St. Thomas in the Div. 111 national playoffs, playing for the championship this week.

Jillian Geib on June 2 became the fourth woman official scorer in MLB history.

MLB has a "Official Scorers University" now. Stew wondered if Sarah Johnson might be interested, and she told Stew she is.

Emma is not umpiring this year.

-**Gene** is wrapping up the first draft of a Game Report to be submitted to SABR.

-**Hans** shared that the Twins' Baseball Operations & Analytics staff has expanded dramatically in recent years. Hans started with the Twins in 2018. Some of his remarks:

There are now from 30-40 new analysts in the Twins org. Hans remarked that 50% of these are not "baseball people".

There is a lack of space now for the staff, and walls have had to be taken down, cubicles added.

Hans remarked that the Twins treat their staff very well. Twins' staffers were kept -even during the pandemic -with no layoffs.

The Twins have "Interns", and the hiring goals include having more diversity. The interns get paid. "Fellows" are college grads who have other jobs, but the Twins pay them as well.

Hans shared that he thoroughly enjoys his work with the Twins org.

In closing, we were reminded that our next meeting is July 12, even though that is the night of the MLB All Star Game Home Run Derby event. It was mentioned that the event is of long duration, and we would not miss much of it having our meeting that night at 7 pm.