

Halsey Hall Chapter – Society for American Baseball Research  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2021

Present: Gene Gomes, Jerry Janzen, Stew Thornley, Dave Lande, Daniel Dorff, Howard Luloff, Sarah Johnson

1. Pre-meeting pow-wow: MLB Pennant battles

Group discussed baseball playoffs. President Gene Gomes called meeting to order at 6:15 pm and welcomed Daniel Dorff as a new board member.

2. Review of August 15 minutes; approval

August meeting minutes reviewed; moved to be approved by Dave and seconded by Jerry. Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Treasury report – Jerry

No changes in our balance since the last meeting – still \$858.77. Only change is from TCF Bank name to Huntington Bank but customers are allowed to use old checks until they run out.

4. Research Committee report – Dave and Gene

Gene gave a recap of the October 18 Research Committee Zoom meeting. Unfortunately Sam Sundermeyer notified the group that he will not be available to do a presentation at the November 13 chapter meeting. Committee voted to replace his talk with Mike Hauptert's presentation about William Hulbert and the National League. Stew will put a link in the next newsletter to Mike's presentation given earlier this year. Currently have four presentations: Anthony Bush, Carl Rogan, Mike Hauptert and Dave Lande/Gene Gomes. At Stew's suggestion, Gene contacted Tom Merrick from Buffalo to invite him to the November 13 meeting. Tom has written several Game Project stories and he volunteered to offer comments during Dave and Gene's presentation. Dave and Gene will put together a Powerpoint about the Games Project and send it to committee members for any feedback. Discussion will be ongoing regarding having mentors from the committee who would be willing to help rookie researchers in our chapter write a Games Project story. Doug Skipper and Stew have volunteered to be mentors.

5. Events Report – Howard

Howard talked to guest speaker Tom Ryther who is fully vaccinated and looking forward to joining us. Howard will check with presenters to see if anyone would like extra time and is halfway done with researching for the trivia quiz. Jerry informed the group that he does not have access to the projector and screen at the church anymore so Gene will look into buying both a projector and screen for the chapter at Best Buy or Microcenter. Stew motioned to budget up to \$650 for this purchase and Gene seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Stew said if it comes to \$669.69 you can let him know and he'll cover the extra cost. Stew also noted the importance of getting a projector with enough lumens so it can be seen easily enough without turning off the lights.

Currently we are charged \$50 by the church for using their space which is half price – Jerry mentioned that there is a new/interim pastor so he is unsure if we are going to be able to get

that price going forward. Jerry has a key to the church and has confirmed date. Howard will encourage presenters to bring their own laptop and let us know if that's a problem so we can have a laptop there for presenters to use if necessary. Dave will contact Frank about doing Facebook Live and bringing pop. Dave will bring coffee and other items (hand sanitizer, tongs, paper plates, gloves, etc). Sarah will bring donuts. Dave suggested Howard introduce board members at the beginning of the meeting so everyone knows who they are.

#### 6. Covid Precautions. Rules for Nov. 13 in-person meeting

Group discussed ideas for health related precautions at in person meeting. Faith Mennonite Church requires visitors to wear masks when not eating or drinking and to leave a phone number for contact tracing. In addition to church requirements, Stew motioned and Dave seconded to require attendees be fully vaccinated. Motion passed unanimously. Attendees will not be required to provide proof of vaccination but Stew also motioned and Dave seconded putting a check box for attendees to initial on the sign in sheet attesting that they are fully vaccinated. Motion passed unanimously. Stew will put this information in the newsletter and Gene will send out an email to chapter members a few days before the meeting so everyone is aware of these requirements.

#### 7. *Holy Cow!* Editor report – Stew

Stew will send out November newsletter shortly. The newsletter editor position is up for re-election at the end of the year and will be voted on at the board meeting in December.

#### 8. Web report and Social Media report

Tom Flynn notified Gene of his intent to resign from managing the Halsey Hall Twitter account at the fall chapter meeting on November 13. Gene thanked Tom for his work on behalf of the chapter and suggested that anyone interested could contact him. The webmaster position is also up for re-election at the end of the year, Stew will check with John Gregory to see if he is interested in continuing to serve in that role.

#### 9. Membership report – Stew

One new member, Jason Albert, has sent Stew some info that will be in the next newsletter.

#### 10. Book Club – October 2: *Breaking Into Baseball* by Jean Hastings Ardell December 4: Tim Kurkjian book

Group got together and discussed Jean Ardell book on October 2. Members can read Tim Kurkjian's book "I'm fascinated by sacrifice flies" and join others to discuss it on Saturday December 4 at 9:30 am at the Barnes and Noble in Roseville.

#### 11. New Business

Stew will check and make sure minutes are posted on the website. Jim Cox was in contact with Brent Peterson of the Washington County Historical Society in Stillwater. They are completing an exhibit on Black baseball and will feature Bud Fowler. Peterson has invited our chapter to come – Jim will find out more info. Gene suggested also inviting Frank White and Carl Rogan. Gene noted that if Fowler is voted as SABR's 19<sup>th</sup> century choice for the Hall this would enhance the exhibit.

Next board meeting is Sunday December 12 at 6 pm at Perkins in Roseville. Dave motioned to adjourn meeting and Jerry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.