

Halsey Hall SABR Board Meeting
Sunday, December 12, 2021
Perkins, Roseville

Minutes

Board members present: Gene Gomes, John Swol, Jerry Janzen, Stew Thornley, Sarah Johnson
Board members not present: Daniel Dorff, Dave Lande

Also present: Howard Luloff, Brenda Himrich

Meeting called to order at 6:17 p.m. by President Gene Gomes.

The board reviewed the minutes of October 24, 2021. Jerry moved to accept the minutes, John Swol seconded. Motion passed.

Treasury report – Jerry

Jerry reported that the balance in the checking account is \$400.46, will submit expenses for the October 24 chapter meeting and also see about getting reimbursed for the projector the chapter purchased (which cost \$537.61 along with a cable for \$10.74).

Research Committee – Gene

Gene reported that Brookdale Library will be able to have a display in April and May featuring historic baseball items and baseball history books as part of the display and also have baseball history books available to be checked out. Stew discussed updating the Beyond the Twins banner with Bud Fowler and Jack Morris and has already updated the corresponding one sheet. Brenda got quotes for updating both the poster (about \$100) and original banner (original was \$350 so update will be less than that, perhaps \$200?). Stew volunteered to donate toward update since chapter treasury is low as we are waiting to be reimbursed from SABR National. Jerry moved that we approve up to \$350 for this updating/printing project, Stew seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Next meeting will be December 13 on Zoom.

Events Report – Howard

Howard reported that the fall chapter meeting was our first live meeting in two years. With TwinsFest unlikely to happen because of the lockout our SABR chapter will be unable to have a presence there but he is planning a chapter outing to a Gophers baseball game at US Bank Stadium (likely March 5). Howard also looked at dates for our spring chapter meeting and the Twins are on the road the last weekend in April so date for spring chapter meeting is April 30. Howard raised possibility of having spring chapter meeting at Brookdale Library so attendees can view baseball exhibit. Howard will look into food options and room availability. Jerry will look into reserving Faith Mennonite Church in case Brookdale Library does not work out. Howard suggested Derek Falvey or Thad Levine as possible guest speakers. Board members discussed asking authors to be guest speakers but consensus was that they are more suited to be

presenters. 2022 Northwoods League schedule is out and Howard will look into attending a St. Cloud game as chapter has not had an outing there.

Holy Cow newsletter editor report – Stew

Stew expressed interest in remaining as editor so Gene moved to reappoint Stew and Sarah seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Stew abstaining. Stew is working on January newsletter and it will be out by the end of the month.

Webmaster/Social Media Report

John Gregory expressed interest in continuing as chapter webmaster and Bob Komoroski expressed interest in continuing as Facebook director. Hans Van Slooten expressed interest in taking over for Tom Flynn as Twitter director. Gene moved to appoint all and John Swol seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership report – Stew

Stew will be introducing new member Lucas Seehafer in the next newsletter and also mentioned that Tom Swift has rejoined the chapter and came to the recent book club meeting. Stew also mentioned that there is a new SABR national chapter liaison named Pete Cottrell who will be a good person to get to know and have involved.

Book Club

The next book club meeting is February 5 and will feature the book “Let’s Play Two” by Ron Rapoport on Ernie Banks. Stew mentioned there are a list of books read by the book club dating back to 2002 on the Halsey Hall chapter website.

Old Business

Darrel. Stew will follow up on the MVP SABR chapter information for the next board meeting.

New Business

Bob Tholkes has 131 VHS tapes of the On Deck Circle TV show the chapter used to tape once per month at MTN Studios from 1991-1998 and is wondering if they can find a new home. Board members discussed possibility of getting them digitized for posting on the chapter website or YouTube. Brenda mentioned that due to the cost of digitizing the possibility of only digitizing certain shows. Gene will contact a few local companies and get estimates on cost to digitize.

Sarah mentioned reading about the SABR local grants program and brought up the possibility of submitting a grant application on behalf of the chapter to fund our history day prize which would fit well within the Future of the Game pillar (one of the grant categories). She suggested \$200 (\$150 for the award and two \$25 stipends for SABR judges to cover the cost of their travel

time/parking and lunch at the University of Minnesota) and volunteered to write the application. Board members authorized Sarah to do so by acclamation.

The Stillwater History Museum is interested in hosting SABR members for their exhibit on black baseball including Bud Fowler who just got elected to the Hall of Fame. The exhibit is almost finished so Jim Cox sent Gene their contact information. Gene will follow up to get some dates that will work for them.

Next Board Meeting: some board members will be in Florida in February so we will be doing a Zoom meeting for our next board meeting scheduled for February 20 at 6 pm.

Gene motioned to adjourn meeting, Sarah seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm