

Halsey Hall SABR Board Meeting Sunday, February 20, 2022 Zoom Meeting  
Minutes

Board members present: Gene Gomes, John Swol, Jerry Janzen, Stew Thornley, Sarah Johnson, Daniel Dorff, Dave Lande

Also present: Howard Luloff, Brenda Himrich, Bob Komoroski

Pre-meeting banter: The program “39 Seconds” about John Donaldson was shown on TV. Daniel Dorff was listed in the credits for contributing.

Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. by President Gene Gomes.

1. The board reviewed the minutes of December 12, 2021. Dave moved to approve the minutes; Gene seconded. Motion passed.

2. Treasury report – Jerry

Spent \$305.18 for poster; received full reimbursement for projector from SABR; currently have a balance of \$768.70. Typically SABR reimburses chapters up to \$350 for yearly expenses but we recently received the full reimbursement we asked for because some chapters didn't spend \$350 so we received additional funds. No major expenses expected in the near future.

3. Research Committee – Gene and Dave

Currently have approved two presentations for the spring chapter meeting from proposals by Brenda Himrich and Dan Levitt. Brent Peterson is not a member so can't give a presentation on Bud Fowler but chapter is working on a separate event at Brookdale Library so he can give his full presentation (runs about 1 hour, 15 minutes as opposed to 20 minutes provided for chapter meeting presentation slots). Research committee will confirm date for that soon, most likely a weeknight in May. Stew will invite Tom Swift to make a presentation now that he has rejoined.

Faith Mennonite Church is reserved for April 30 spring chapter meeting and board members discussed ideas for a guest speaker. It is unknown whether someone from the Twins front office (Derek Falvey or Thad Levine) would be available given the current MLB lockout. Howard and John Swol will look for contact information for John Castino and see if he is interested. Gene Larkin could also be contacted. Daniel mentioned possibly getting younger former players in the future might help interest younger baseball fans. Stew suggested ordering Jack Smalling's book with baseball addresses so Howard can review it for possible Minnesota residents who could serve as guest speakers. Lloyd Kepple can also be a resource since he meets former players frequently when he participates in fantasy camps.

4. Events Report – Howard

Howard will serve as emcee at spring chapter meeting and pay tribute to Doug Ernst. Sarah will bring donuts, Dave will bring beverages and Jerry will bring nametags. Upcoming events include a Gopher baseball game March 5 at US Bank Stadium and a Northwoods League game June 18 in St. Cloud. Howard will look into pregame festivities prior to the Northwoods League game and a trip to the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame for those who can get to St. Cloud earlier in the day. Jim Cox and Corky Gaskell are also coordinating an outing to a Rochester Honkers game in June. Approximately 20 people including seven chapter members attended a Washington County History Museum event featuring a presentation by Brent Peterson about Bud Fowler on February 8 in Stillwater.

5. Holy Cow newsletter editor report – Stew

Lots of good info coming soon, will confirm a few details during the research committee meeting tomorrow night and get it out.

6. Social Media Report – Bob

Bob Komoroski reported that we have 225 members on our chapter Facebook page. Board members suggested doing a post about joining the Halsey Hall chapter for those who have liked our page but are not members. Bob is monitoring requests to join the group, currently the permissions are set to public but he has denied membership to random fake profiles from Russia and is monitoring the page for spam. Bob reports that we get one or two new members per month on the Facebook page.

7. Membership report – Stew

We have five new chapter members bringing our current total to 216 – Jake Smith, Thomas Boyd, John Buckeye, etc. Not all members live in Minnesota but like to receive information on our chapter.

8. Book Club

The next book will be “*Mover and Shaker*” about Walter O’Malley by Andy McCue for the April 2 gathering. Mike Hauptert comes frequently from LaCrosse and would like to have lunch with any attendees afterward.

9. New Business

Three open board positions will be voted on this year, each for two-year terms. Jerry is interested in returning as treasurer. Stew asked Ed Wehling about being on the board and he said he would consider it. Stew and Gene are going to be participating in a Zoom meeting on Tuesday led by Peter Cottrell for SABR chapter leaders to discuss participation in SABR. Some chapters have had the same leadership for more than 20 years and encounter a vacuum when those people are no longer involved. Gene will send out a Zoom link for this meeting. Gene will send out a notice seeking new board members. Stew introduced the new SABR Baseball Landmarks Committee and is seeking help from members interested in helping map baseball sites of significance – he has a GPS Unit -for more information see the chapter newsletter.

Old Business

Sarah announced that the Halsey Hall chapter has been awarded a grant by the SABR National Local Grants program to fund our \$150 prize for History Day. Since she submitted the application the Minnesota Historical Society has informed her that they are doing a virtual event again this year so she will let the grants committee know since she had built in stipends for the judges parking and lunch if it was an in-person event.

Stew: The Official Scorers Rules Quiz taken by Sarah, Stew, Kyle. 30 questions. 88 out of 90! Sarah named MLB Official Scorer (!) - one of five women now.

We had interesting conversations about game scoring decisions scenarios led by Stew.

Next Board Meeting will be Sunday April 24 at 6 pm at Perkins in Roseville.

Next Breakfast March 12. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.