

SABR Halsey Hall Chapter – Spring Business Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2022 at Faith Mennonite Church

Board Members Present: Stew Thornley, Gene Gomes, Jerry Janzen, John Swol, Sarah Johnson

Absent: Dave Lande, Daniel Dorff

Meeting called to order at 12:20 pm by President Gene Gomes.

Board Elections – Gene reminded attendees that we have our board of directors election today and have three candidates for three open positions. David Karpinski and Bob Tholkes would be new members of the board and Jerry Janzen is interested in being reappointed to the board. Gene asked for any additional nominations, seeing none he motioned to approve our slate of candidates. John Swol seconded. All three candidates were approved unanimously, Gene congratulated David, Bob and Jerry on their election and re-election to the board.

Meeting Minutes – Gene reviewed fall chapter meeting minutes from November and asked for any corrections or additions. Seeing none, he moved to approve meeting minutes with no changes. John Swol seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Research Committee – Gene gave an update on an event he called “two years in the making” because of Covid – he invited all attendees to join the chapter at the Brookdale Library on Monday May 9 for a presentation by Bob Tholkes and Brent Peterson (director of Washington County Historical Society) about Bud Fowler and his year playing in Stillwater in 1883. Brenda Himrich worked with the library to create a large display of vintage baseball memorabilia which will be shown until the end of May.

Events – In addition to the Brookdale Library event in May, Howard Luloff announced other upcoming events including a Northwoods League game in June, an All-Star game viewing party in July and trip to Beloit in August to see Emma Charlesworth-Seiler umpire. He’s also looking into a town ball outing since the game last summer was rained out. The chapter is planning a trip to the Baseball for All girls baseball tournament in St. Paul on June 12 – for more information please contact Howard. If you would like to get in on group tickets for the Beloit game please contact Stew.

Membership – Stew announced that we have 220 current members, in May 2019 we had 178 members so good to see our membership growing.

Social Media – 231 members in Facebook group, Bob Komoroski announced that we have accepted about 30 people in the past year including some who are not from the Twin Cities area. He encouraged people to post articles and other items of interest relating to baseball. Gene thanked Frank Kadwell for his help in training Sarah on how to stream the meeting on Facebook Live.

Newsletter – Stew encouraged attendees to take the quiz in the last newsletter and reported that the June newsletter will include a recap of the spring chapter meeting.

Other Business – Gene thanked current board members for their hard work on behalf of chapter.

Gene moved to adjourn the meeting and John Swol seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.