

Halsey Hall Research Committee Minutes July 18, 2022

Attendees: Dave Lande, Stew, Rich Arpi, Bob Komoroski, Gene, Doug Skipper, Darryl Sannes

1. Pre-meeting conversations
2. Meeting began at 7:04, Dave Lande presiding.
3. Reviewed and approved June 20 minutes.

Gene asked group if the details he includes in the minutes are appropriate. The group agreed that they are proper, and that it's OK not to include non-baseball digressions that sometimes occur. Stew said the Chapter doesn't have an archive of committee minutes, but should consider it. Gene has kept minutes for a while, and has some from previous years. Stew asked if they could be sent to him and he would archive them, using Acrobat and putting them into pdf form. He also said he could use scans of any hand-written notes of meetings.
4. Our new Board Vice Pres. David Karpinski appointed Gene and Dave to co-chair the committee for 2022-23.
5. Planning for the Nov. 5 Fall Chapter meeting

Two presenters are lined up so far; Sam Sundemeyer will use his SABR presentation; and Ed Edmonds will provide details soon. Both are first-time presenters. Details to come.
6. New item: Funding Research Projects. Gene briefed everyone about a recent request by a member (Jim Cox) for reimbursement, after the fact, of a \$100 printing cost for a Bud Fowler Stillwater brochure. Gene as President did not officially approve the expense, but notified the Board members, and it was voted no. Gene asked if our committee should ask the Board to consider changing Chapter bylaws to address this. Stew said we haven't ever funded individual projects, but the \$100 mentioned in the bylaws has been for items and supplies mostly. SABR is voluntary-based, but they have a Grants program that can be used. Dave mentioned that specifying funding for research projects might open up problems down the road and our funds are limited. The Board will look at it.
7. Research Roundtable: Stew wants everyone to know about an opportunity to contribute to a Willie Mays book by Bill Nowlin, who is asking for articles. Dave is interested and Stew sent him a May 7, 1951 Millers game Willie played in. He said Mays was being written about in the press, and would have been an attraction in games at the time. Stew is researching non-no-hitters and will send an article to the BRJ. He called and spoke with Fay Vincent (!) today about the 1991 committee which dealt with no-hitters. Vincent didn't have a whole lot to add, but enough for Stew to use in his article. In Angell's "Game Time" book there's an article on the Ruth-Maris HR record dispute.

TRIVIA TIME: Dave claims all answers can be found by researching baseball-reference.com

1. What do Bob Dylan and Roger Maris have in common?
Hibbing, MN served as a home town for both of them.
2. What do Roger Maris and Hal Newhouser have in common?
They are two of seven players who were awarded back-to-back American League Most Valuable Player Awards; Newhouser in 1944-45 and Maris in 1960-61.
3. What do Hal Newhouser and Albert Pujols have in common?
They both have the nickname of Prince; Prince Hal and Prince Albert.
4. Of the nine players who hit more than 600 home runs, what do Albert Pujols and Jim Thome have in common that sets them apart from the other seven players?
They played a majority of their games at first base, 2,012 for Pujols and 1,106 for Thome.
5. Of all the players in the Hall of Fame, what do Jim Thome and Reggie Jackson have in common that sets them apart from the other Hall of Famers?
They are the only two players who struck out more than 2,000 times; 2,548 for Thome and 2,597 for Jackson.
6. What do Reggie Jackson and Barry Bonds have in common?
They are distant cousins. (They also both attended Arizona State University.)
7. What do Barry Bonds and Lee Smith have in common?
They are both credited with four sacrifice bunts; Bonds in 12,606 plate appearances and Smith in 71 plate appearances.
8. Of the six pitchers in the Hall of Fame who appeared in more than 1,000 games, what do Lee Smith and Trevor Hoffman have in common that sets them apart from the other four pitchers? They are the only two with a losing won-loss record; 71-92 for Smith and 61-75 for Hoffman.
9. Of the 14 pitchers in major league history who appeared in more than 1,000 games, what do Trevor Hoffman and John Franco have in common that sets them apart from the other 12 pitchers?
They are the only two who never started a game.
10. What do John Franco and Frank Viola have in common?
They attended St. John's University in New York City and were drafted in 1981.

Bonus question! -----What else do Bob Dylan and Roger Maris have in common?

The number 61. Maris hit 61 home runs in 1961 and Dylan's album, Highway 61 Revisited, was released in 1965.

Next committee meeting August 22. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.