

Halsey Hall Research Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes Sept. 19, 2022

Attendees: (10) Dave Lande, Stew Thornley, Rich Arpi, Gene Gomes, John Buckeye, Doug Skipper, Brenda Himrich, Darryl Sannes, Glenn Renick, Don Smalley

1. Pre-meeting conversations: Stew's comments on recent near no-hitters, etc.
2. Meeting started at 7:08
Introductions all around, with a few new attendees tonight
3. Approved minutes of August 22
4. Nov. 5 Fall Chapter Meeting update
We have three presenters, with room for one or two more. Gene reported that Howard is trying to contact T.J. Bohn (left message); he will try Brad Gulden, ex-Yankees catcher, or Chris O'Lean of St. Thomas, as Guest Speaker options.
Stew mentioned new member Ben Ernst of Aberdeen S. Dakota as a possible future presenter, but he would have to travel. Gene said he will email Ben this week to suggest that.
5. New items:
--Gene was contacted recently by Don Smalley of Apple Valley, who wants to gauge interest in a paid-for baseball history website he developed. Gene invited Don to the meeting and he presented some screen shots of his site, "The Grand Old Game". We asked questions and recommended that Don join SABR, and use SABR-L to promote his idea and find out more about the commercial aspects. His site would be a "hub" for baseball and provide a thousand free links to SABR Bios and Games, baseball-reference.com, as well as articles for research and reading.

--Gene was contacted by an author Justin McKinney, who has a book coming out in 2023 "Baseball's Union Association: The Short, Strange Life of an Early Major League". He wants to do a Zoom presentation and attendees expressed interest in setting one up this winter; Justin can focus on the Saint Paul team of 1884.

--Tom Stone emailed Stew about a column he has which sums up the Baltimore SABR meeting for those who couldn't attend. Stew will put a link in the newsletter. Stew proposed that a Halsey member write columns about our two Chapter meetings which can be put in future newsletters.
6. Research Roundtable:
- Glenn Renick joined us tonight and does research on pre-war baseball cards and Postcards. He's seeking info about the owner of A. C. Dietsche postcard co. We suggested SABR- L and the SABR Baseball cards committee. Gene will also follow up.
■ Gene will follow up with Hans about his work on the Halsey Twitter site.

Trivia Time Themed Quiz, courtesy of Gene

- What's the nickname of the team which played in Delorimier Stadium from 1928-1960? Montreal "**Royals**"
- He once hit a 530-ft. homerun. He led the NL in homers and strikeouts while with the Cubs and Mets, finished with 442 career HR. Dave **Kingman**
- Lefty pitcher who started out 1-7 but went 20-1 with ten shutouts for a NL pennant-winner in the '80s. He lost Game 7 of the World Series. John **Tudor**
- Nickname of the only player to hit four homeruns in two World Series – both in the 1950s. "**Duke**" Snider
- 1972 was his last as a pitcher, but in 1978 started a stellar pitching coach career with Cleveland. Later he oversaw 3 Cy Young Awards in Toronto. He was coaxed out of retirement in 2000 to successfully revive Roy Halladay's career. Mel **Queen**
- He won three Gold Gloves with the Senators/Twins and caught a no-hitter. **Earl Battey**
- Nickname of the Cy Young winner who is the only pitcher to throw a Perfect Game, an Immaculate Inning, and record 4 strikeouts in one inning (vs. Twins). His perfect game is the last one thrown in MLB. "**King**" Felix Hernandez
- Name the player, who with his father, is part of the only father-son duo to both hit 50 or more homers in a season. He and his father both hit 319 career home runs. **Prince** Fielder
- Nickname of the pitcher who homered in his first MLB at-bat, then later won a Rookie of the Year, becoming the only pitcher ever to do both. He pitched a no-hitter in 1976. John "**The Count**" Montefusco
- Nicknamed "The Frenchman", he battled Ty Cobb for the 1910 batting title and the Chalmer's Award. **Napolean** Lajoie

Everyone had comments; Stew's favorite Twins player was Earl Battey – "A great guy" Kingman gave a live rat in a box to a female sportswriter. He wasn't re-signed, and retired.

Montefusco had legal problems and prison time later in life.

8. Next committee meeting – Monday, October 17, Zoom, 7 pm.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:40