

SABR Halsey Hall Chapter Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2022
Manning's Restaurant, South Minneapolis

Board members present: John Swol, Bob Tholkes, Gene Gomes, Sarah Johnson
Also in attendance: Stew Thornley, Howard Luloff

Meeting called to order by President Gene Gomes at 6:15 pm

1. Review of August 14 minutes

Bob moved to approve minutes, Gene seconded. Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.

2. Treasury Report – Jerry

Jerry was unable to attend but sent a note that there is no change in our treasury since the last board meeting.

3. Research Committee Report – Gene and Dave

Gene reported that four presentations have been approved for our fall chapter meeting – Sam Sundermeyer, Ed Edmonds, Bob Tholkes and Stew Thornley. The next research committee meeting is tomorrow, Monday October 17.

4. Events Report – Howard

Howard reported that he has secured Derek Sharrer, general manager of the St. Paul Saints, as the guest speaker for our fall chapter meeting and is working on the trivia quiz. Howard will get in touch with speakers about their allotted time for each presentation and will handle timing duties during the meeting. The Twins have announced that TwinsFest is coming back in 2023 so Howard will contact the Twins to confirm the dates and then follow up with Doug Skipper to see if he is willing to coordinate a SABR booth for our chapter.

5. New Business

Gene emailed Frank Kadwell to see if he is able to attend our fall chapter meeting and help with the Facebook streaming but has not heard back. Sarah will bring her iPad and set it up as she did for the spring chapter meeting. Since some viewers mentioned they could not hear well while watching the live stream for the spring chapter meeting she will remind speakers to use the microphone and repeat questions before answering and see if that helps. She will also try to see if there is a way to send the link to the video from the Facebook page to Stew for including in the newsletter.

Stew worked with John Gregory to come up with language to add to our bylaws about counting members who attend electronically and via phone toward the meeting quorum amount. Sarah moved to approve the language they came up with and John seconded. Motion to bring it to a vote by all attendees of the fall chapter meeting passed unanimously. Stew mentioned at the

December board meeting the board will be approving the webmaster and newsletter editor for 2023 and these positions are open to any member who is interested.

6. Old Business

Darrel. Howard has identified a few of Bob's VHS tapes of old baseball shows that he would like to have and will check into the cost of digitizing them so they can be uploaded to YouTube. Sarah reported that the chapter still has money from the SABR Local Grants program to fund a History Day prize for the 2022-23 school year and that the theme this year is "Frontiers in History: People, Places and Ideas." She will solicit ideas from chapter members about baseball related topics and send them along to our contact at the Minnesota Historical Society for any student who is looking for a baseball related topic falling within this theme. The State History Day will be in person at the University of Minnesota on April 22, 2023 and they are only requiring one judge per award so Sarah volunteered to be the judge for this event.

7. *Holy Cow* newsletter – Stew

The newsletter will be out in two days.

8. Social Media Report

Gene has not heard from Hans Van Slooten recently regarding the chapter Twitter account but is hoping to now that the Twins season is over. Bob Komoroski was unable to attend the board meeting but sent an update that we currently have 245 members in our Facebook group. He did a post linking to information about membership for those who have liked our page but are not members and also added a link on the page for SABR membership under the featured header at the top of the Facebook page.

9. Membership Chair report – Stew

Stew reported that we have had four new members since our last board meeting: Steve Montbriand, Mark Schrep, Ben Ernst and Jacob Samp.

10. Book Club

Several members attended the October 8 book club meeting where they discussed "Intentional Balk" and the next meeting will be December 10 with the group reading "Ty Cobb: A Terrible Beauty."

11. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Sunday December 11 at 6 pm via Zoom.

Sarah motioned to adjourn meeting and John seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.