

SABR Halsey Hall Chapter – Fall Business Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2022 at Faith Mennonite Church

Board Members Present: Gene Gomes, Jerry Janzen, Sarah Johnson, Daniel Dorff, Bob Tholkes, David Karpinski

Meeting called to order at 12:14 pm by President Gene Gomes

Meeting Minutes – spring chapter meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Membership Vote on Two Amendments to Chapter Bylaws – Discussion was held regarding two proposed changes to chapter bylaws:

Under Article V: Appropriations, Section 1 – Approval Process: change “Appropriations of chapter funds exceeding \$100 must be subject to approval by the board of directors” to “Members of the board of directors are authorized to spend up to \$100 for items such as stamps and supplies that are routine for the functioning of the chapter. Appropriations of chapter funds that are not routine for the functioning of the chapter or in excess of \$100 must be approved in advance by the board of directors.”

An attendee asked whether this referred to \$100 collectively as a board or \$100 per each individual board member which could potentially be a significant expense. Stew Thornley moved to amend the main motion to add the word “individual” before “members” at the start of the amendment. The amendment passed. The amended motion was then passed unanimously.

Gene called for any discussion on the second proposed amendment change under Article 1, Section 3 – Meetings: add to the end of this section “For voting and quorum purposes, telephone or electronic means of attendance shall be treated as equivalent to in-person attendance.” No discussion was held on this amendment so David Karpinski voted to approve it and Jeff Lenz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Research Committee Report – Gene reported that the group’s event in May about Bud Fowler at the Brookdale Library was well received. The group had Zoom meetings every month and the next meeting is November 21. All you need is a computer, iPad or phone to take part and they have a fun trivia quiz every month. For more information on the research committee contact Gene.

Events Report – Howard lined up Derek Sharrer (Executive VP/General Manager of St. Paul Saints) as guest speaker for fall chapter meeting. Other events coming up include author Justin McKinney doing a Zoom meeting in early 2023 about the 1884 St. Paul team, Hot Stove breakfast on November 19 and Book Club reading “Ty Cobb: A Terrible Beauty” on December 10. Howard reported that he called the Twins to ask about TwinsFest but got voicemail. Doug Skipper confirmed that it is being held the last weekend in January. Howard reported on the success of the trip to Beloit this summer and suggested a similar trip next summer, possibly to see the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers in Appleton. Next summer is also the 100th anniversary of the town ball tournament in Minnesota so a town ball game trip could also be scheduled.

Treasury Report – Jerry reported that the chapter currently has \$820.47 in its treasury.

Membership Report – Stew reported that we now have 236 chapter members so have welcomed 16 new members since the spring chapter meeting where we reported 220 members.

Social Media Report – Bob Komoroski reported that we have 248 members in the chapter Facebook group. He invited members to post articles pertinent to baseball and mentioned that David Karpinski does a good job posting items from his blog Baseball Roundtable. Hans Van Slooten mentioned that the chapter's Twitter account doesn't have much engagement (mostly just retweets from the SABR national chapter account) so if anyone has ideas on how to grow engagement on Twitter they can contact Hans.

Newsletter Report – Stew reported that the next newsletter will include a recap of the fall chapter meeting written by meeting attendee John Buckeye

New Business – Howard mentioned April 15 as a possible date for the spring chapter meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm