

Halsey Hall Research Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes Nov. 21, 2022

Attendees (8) John Buckeye, Bob Kormoroski, Dave Lande, Gene Gomes, Darryl Sannes, Mike Hauptert, Rich Arpi, Dan Levitt

1. Pre-Meeting: Discussed various Iowa and Gophers football woes
2. Meeting began at 7:07
3. Approved Minutes of October meeting
4. Nov. 5 Fall Meeting wrap-up: Four presentations and Guest Speaker Derek Sharrer, GM of the Saint Paul Saints.
 - a. An email conversation thread took place among a few members after the Fall meeting. We are looking for ways to improve our chapter meeting time management.
 - b. Is four the ideal number of presentations? We agreed four is ideal, and can have three, with having more time for each presenter, and longer breaks.
 - c. Time spent for attendees' self- introductions is important. More important than having Howard's re-cap of the baseball year. Some of us suggested having the President start off the meeting, have intros, and hand off to Howard as the emcee.
 - d. We all agreed that having Howard shoulder the load of the entire Chapter Meeting presenters Agenda, "Line-up", speaker time slots, time-card management, Opening Remarks, being the emcee, securing the special Guest Speaker and run the Jeopardy! Trivia Quiz is quite a load for one person. Stew, who was not present, sent an email to Gene about these topics and Gene shared his remarks. We wish to have the research committee as a whole become more responsible for the Chapter Meetings going forward.
 - e. We noted that the Guest Speaker spoke from 1:00 to 2:30 and then took questions. The Trivia contest followed and the meeting ended after 3:45. We want to set the time of future meetings at 9:00 to 3:00.
 - f. We want to provide a protocol for all presenters, and Stew composed a "Letter to Presenters", which Dave will email to these attendees after the meeting.
 - g. We brought up using a power-point format for Howard to use for Jeopardy! In order to save time. We think the presenters should always use the mic.
 - h. Next meeting- we will offer more suggestions.
5. The next newsletter will have a call for presenters at the Spring Chapter Mtg. 4-15-23.
6. Research Roundtable: Bob noted the next "Nine" conference in March and Twinsfest Jan. 28. John noted "Twins Handbook" needs a subscription, and he is in a "Baseball Boys and Girls Club"; Gene has been reading and comparing the early baseball history books by John Thorn and Thomas Gilbert.
7. Trivia Time Quiz and answers, courtesy of Dave Lande: "A Colorful Quiz"
 1. He played on three consecutive World Series championship teams. He was awarded the Cy Young award and the MVP award. He is the last switch-hitter to be awarded the MVP award. He is the only pitcher to be credited with a win in the All-Star game for both the American and National Leagues. Who is he? **Vida Blue**

2. He spent his entire major league career with one team in the American League. He was signed almost immediately after his release from prison by this major league team. In his first plate appearance, he hit a pinch-hit home run. He is the only player in major league history with his given first name. Who is he? **Gates Brown**
3. He played his entire career in the National League. He was awarded several Gold Gloves and was selected for several All-Star games for his play at first base. He recorded the first base hit in Candlestick Park. He served as president of one of the major leagues. Who is he? **Bill White**
4. He hit an inside-the-park home run at Fenway Park when he hit a fly ball that hit the ladder on the Green Monster and caromed away from Ted Williams and Jimmy Piersall. At one time, he was tied with several others for having the most runs-batted-in in a single inning. He finished third one season behind Mickey Mantle for the most home runs in the American League. After all these accomplishments, he became a Minnesota Twin. Who is this player? **Jim Lemon**
5. He pitched in three major leagues: the Negro National League II, the National League and the American League. He was awarded the Rookie of Year. He graduated from Morgan State University before he started his professional baseball career. After his baseball career ended, he earned his master's degree and worked his way up the corporate ladder to become a senior executive with the Greyhound Corporation. Who is he? **Joe Black**
6. This Hall of Famer was in the outfield where he made a game-saving catch during another Hall of Famer's opening day no-hitter. Two seasons later he pitched the only no-hitter of his career. He is the only manager to win a World Series after starting the season managing another club. Who is he? **Bob Lemon**
7. This member of the Hall of Fame spent his entire career in the American League where he pitched for three teams. His first six seasons were spent pitching for the Boston Red Sox who had terrible teams at that time. Of all pitchers in the Hall of Fame with 100 or more losses (1920 and onward), he had the worst record at the time of his 100th loss, 53-100. Who is he? **Red Ruffing**
8. He is one of six members of the Hall of Fame to have played in the Federal League. Other than his two years in the Federal League, his entire career was spent in the National League. He played on back-to-back world championship teams, the second of which was the last for this franchise for over a century. He lost most of one finger

in a farming accident. He is the only player in major league history with his given first and last names. Who is he? **Mordecai Brown**

9. This Hall of Famer played his entire career in the 19th Century. He played for nine teams in his career, tied with three other Hall of Famers for the second-most teams played with during their career. He was voted in to the Hall of Fame over a century after his career ended. Who is he? **Deacon White**
10. This member of the Hall of Fame is the only player to hit a home run in the Negro Leagues and the White major leagues in the same season. He hit the first home run by a Black player in the history of the American League. Who is he? **Willard Brown**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30