

SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2023 on Zoom

Board Members present: David Karpinski, Sarah Johnson, Gene Gomes, Daniel Dorff  
Also in attendance: Stew Thornley, Howard Luloff, Bob Komoroski

Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm by President Gene Gomes

1. Review of December 11, 2022 Minutes

David moved to approve minutes from December meeting and Gene seconded. Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.

2. Treasury report – Jerry

Jerry was unable to attend the meeting so did not give a treasury report but Gene mentioned that he was not aware of any expenses so we probably have about \$1,200 in our account.

3. Research Committee report - Gene

There have been two Zoom research committee meetings since the last Board meeting. Our chapter will host a Zoom event on March 6 at 7 pm CST featuring author Justin Mckinney, he will talk about the 1884 Union Association season with discussion about its St. Paul team that year. The committee is seeking presentations for the April 15 spring chapter meeting. Mike Hauptert submitted a proposal about Cap Anson that Gene expects will be approved at the next research committee meeting. The committee will send a letter to all presenters detailing their time slot and the meeting protocol. The next research committee meeting will be Monday February 20 at 7 pm CST on Zoom.

4. Events Report – Howard

Howard has contacted Tim McIntosh about the possibility of being our guest speaker for the spring chapter meeting but has not heard back from him so will follow up. If Tim is not available other possibilities include Jerry Koosman. Howard will be the emcee and bring timecards, Sarah will bring donuts, Jerry will bring the sign up sheet and nametags, David will bring the banner and Gene will bring the Halsey Hall portrait. Gene will check with Dave Lande and see if he can bring coffee. Gene will send a list of presenters to Howard so Howard can finalize the schedule and Gene will follow up with Howard about doing a PowerPoint presentation for his trivia quiz. Bob will bring his Chromebook and Sarah will bring the tripod and extension cord to stream the meeting on Facebook Live for those who cannot attend. Registration will begin at 8:30 am with the meeting beginning at 8:45 am.

Howard is looking into scheduling a chapter outing to a Wisconsin Rapids Rafters Northwoods League game this summer and he is also organizing a chapter outing to the Gophers baseball game at U.S. Bank Stadium in March.

5. Old Business

Darrel. Gene emailed Emma Charlesworth-Seiler about the potential of a presentation to the chapter but has not heard back so he will follow up with her. Gene also thanked chapter members who helped staff our booth at TwinsFest.

## 6. New Business

Dan Evans, the former Dodgers General Manager presently in charge of Field of Dreams, wishes to have a joint meeting between our chapter and the Iowa Field of Dreams chapter. Howard suggested a Cedar Rapids Kernels game in conjunction with the meeting could be a possibility. Stew gave contact information to Howard and Gene for Dan Evans and Steve Elsberry so they will reach out to them and see what works for them.

SABR has sent word to our chapter that they are asking for chapters interested in hosting the national SABR convention and they think we should step forward. Jessica Smyth contacted our chapter leaders Dan Levitt and Stew and sent a link for a survey that needs to be filled out as to why our city should be considered. Stew mentioned that he was in charge of coordinating the last national chapter convention in 2012 and before we commit to anything he suggested we need to get indications from multiple people who would be interested and available to coordinate everything on a local level. Gene asked what it would entail and Stew said it is a daunting task that people need to be aware of before we continue pursuing this. Stew will send Gene a list of chapter members who might be contacted to see if there is interest in taking this on.

Our chapter needs to finalize efforts to achieve All Star or MVP status and the deadline is May 31. On February 22 SABR will hold a chapter leaders meeting and list tools SABR will provide to help chapters reach their goals. Gene and Stew plan on attending the meeting. Bob asked what achieving goals means and Gene explained that there is a checklist of activities that chapters can use as a guide including things like holding meetings and events and membership numbers that some chapters achieve and some do not.

SABR member Paul Semendinger of New Jersey has authored two books on the Yankees and a novel. He also runs the Yankees site Start Spreading the News and hosts two podcasts. He contacted Gene about doing a Zoom meeting with chapter members but the consensus among board members was that we were not sure if this is something that would be of interest to Twins fans. Gene will follow up with him.

Stew mentioned that we will have four board positions up in April at the spring chapter meeting. Howard Luloff mentioned that he would be interested in being on the board. Other possibilities for board members include John Buckeye, Anders Koskinen, Darryl Sannes and Ed Wehling. Gene will follow up with them and see if that is something they would be interested in.

## 7. *Holy Cow!* Newsletter report – Stew

The newsletter will be going out in the next week with March events.

## 8. Social Media report

Bob reported that we have 254 members on our chapter Facebook page and have gained three new members since our last board meeting. Gene will follow up with Hans to see if he is able to assist with our Twitter page.

## 9. Membership Report – Stew

We have four new members since our last meeting – Eli Morris, Dave Greisen, Scott Warmka and Mark Glotter. There are 234 members on the spreadsheet listed.

#### 10. Book Club

Eight people attended the last book club meeting. The next book will be “The grandest stage” by Tyler Kepner and it will be discussed at the next book club meeting on April 1.

#### 11. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on April 2 – Gene will check with John Swol to see if he is going to be back from Florida by then so we can have the meeting in person.

Gene motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sarah seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.