

## Halsey Hall Research Committee March 20, 2023 Zoom Meeting Minutes & Trivia Quiz

Attendees (11) Dave Lande, Stew Thornley, David Karpinski, Rich Arpi, John Buckeye, Darryl Sannes, Glenn Renick, Terry Bohn, Brenda Himrich, Gene Gomes, Bob Kormoroski

Pre-meeting conversations: Dave Lande said he needed to let us know that Sam Sundemeyer wants to give a presentation April 15 at the Meeting. His topic would be the fourth of the day.

### 1. Spring Chapter Meeting news

I. We now have approved four presentations:

- a. Ed Edmonds has a talk titled "A Fistfull of Dollars: An Historical Commentary on Baseball Salary Arbitration"
- b. Terry Bohn's topic: "Joe Cantillon and the Western All-Star Tours"
- c. Mike Hauptert's topic: "The Inglorious Exit of Cap Anson"
- d. Sam Sundemeyer topic: "Stare Decisis Caught Looking: An Examination of Flood v. Kuhn and African-American Labor in Monopolistic Environments"

II. We don't have a Guest Speaker as of March 20<sup>th</sup>: Bob K. and Brenda said they know of two people who may be interested: Amanda Daley of Player Education and a person of the Twins in Applied Analytics.

III. Our committee is responsible for setting the time slots for the speakers and sending an email letter outlining the protocol for the meeting. The speakers should bring their own computers? The Board group will meet on March 26 instead of April 2 to weigh in on meeting items. Gene will give a brief welcome at about 8:45 am and then have Howard host and self-introductions will take place before the first presentation at 9:15. Stew will send the letter with details to presenters this week

IV. Jim Cox has requested about 15 minutes to give out door prizes; he contacted Gene and will ask the Board on March 26 about an ongoing plan for door prizes.

### 2. The Zoom event featuring Justin Mckinney on March 9 went well, with 11 in attendance including Bill Nowlin of SABR for a while. The topic of the 1884 Union Association season and its Saint Paul club was entertaining.

### 3. Items:

I. Dan Evans of Field of Dreams wants to have us join with the Iowa Chapter for a meeting. We haven't reached out yet to these people.

II. A Zoom Event for April 2: Our chapter will participate with the four other AL Central -area chapters in a 2-hour session about the teams' 2023 pennant chances. Newly-reregistered-in-SABR John Bonnes will lead discussion for our chapter and Gene will send out Zoom registration info to the Chapter membership.

### 4. Research Roundtable

Questions about research projects; research interests, books, Game Story, meetings, etc:

Dave led an "Around the Horn" session, with Bob mentioning his time at the "Nine" in AZ; Stew will work on a WBC Game Story involving the post-game injury to Edwin Diaz; Bob mentioned the article he posted on FB about Joe Pepitone's recent passing and his time with Chicago Cubs. We talked about the injuries to Jose Altuve, Freddie freeman and Diaz during the WBC; Rich is reading six books for the SABR Research Award committee; Stew is on the SABR Board's nominating committee and there are 11 candidates for 3 spots; Glenn is doing research on the preservation of baseball cards and we are interested in his doing a presentation; He is also doing research on American Caramel Co., of Penn., and their production of baseball cards; Darryl will research baseball using Fort Snelling newspapers; David Karpinski will soon have his 1,000<sup>th</sup> post in Baseball Roundtable!; Gene mentioned that the SABR Yankee Stadium book is coming out soon; Brenda said she used Siri for the Trivia questions.

5. Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Darryl Sannes: *"Chicago Cubs by Position"*

1 He was born in Canada, was signed by the Philadelphia Phillies, played with them for one year and was traded. With his new team, he had a losing record in his first year, but then rattled off six consecutive 20+ win seasons. He pitched for this team eight seasons, was traded and promptly won 25 games in his first season with his new team. He returned to the team he had the most success with for his final two seasons. He was the first Canadian born player to be inducted into the Baseball HOF. **Ferguson Jenkins, P**

2 On September 28, his home run in the bottom of the ninth, with the score tied, two outs and a 0 – 2 count; vaulted his team into first place and a eventual National League pennant. He played in four World Series, but never won. He played 19 of his 20-year MLB career with the same team. He was an All-Star six times in consecutive seasons. His 20 home runs were the most in a season for a player at his position and later hit 24. He was inducted to the Hall of Fame based on his solid play defensively and offensively, and his long career. **Gabby Hartnett, C**

3 He was drafted by the Minnesota Twins but never played for them. He was taken in the 24<sup>th</sup> Round the next year in the MLB June Amateur Draft and played in the majors with that team for thirteen years. He finished second in the NL Rookie of the Year voting. He collected 2445 hits and 500 doubles in his career. He received four Gold Gloves and was a three-time All-Star. He and Pete Rose are the only players to lead the major leagues in hits during a decade and not be in the Baseball HOF. **Mark Grace, 1B**

4 His season fielding percentage in his first year was .939, was never lower for the next nine years and ending his career with a lifetime .968. He holds the NL records for most putouts in a season for his position and led the league in putouts seven times. He is rated the second best all time, for his position and his team. In one season he led the National League in hits and doubles and one season had five hits on opening day. In his first MLB at bat, he knocked himself out when the ball hit the plate and then him in the head. He was a seven time All-Star and played in three World Series.

**Billy Herman, 2B**

5 Traded from the Cincinnati Reds, he promptly led the National League in hits in his first year with his new team. In the next two seasons he would help his team win back-to-back World Series Championships. While baseball fans through the decades remember the names of his infield teammates, he has long been forgotten, even though his offensive and defensive stats were comparable. **Harry Steinfeldt, 3B**

6 Cardinals manager, Whitey Herzog, said of this player, "Now I know why \_\_\_\_\_ was drafted ahead of Gooden. He has a better arm." In his senior year of high school, he hit .790, with 10 home runs and 37 stolen bases without ever being caught. He played the bulk of his career with one team, but played with five others. While never quite living up to expectations, he was a two-time All-Star and was part of a very effective double-play combination. **Shawon Dunston, SS**

7 He was named National League Rookie of the Year in his first full season, hitting 25 home runs and driving in 86. He led the National League in hits one season and had over 200 three times. He missed very few games during his MLB career. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame and has a statue outside of his home ballpark. **Billy Williams, LF**

8 While looking like anything but a major league ballplayer, he led the National League in home runs four times and runs batted in twice. His drinking and fighting made him one of the most colorful sports personalities of his era. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame thirty-one years after his death. One of his season totals is still an MLB record today.

**Hack Wilson, CF**

9 One of the movie props from Kong: Skull Island (2017) was a signed baseball by this player. He led the National League in home runs and RBI's in back-to-back years. He is only one of six players intentionally walked in a game when bases were loaded. His nickname was "Swish." **Bill Nicholson, RF**

10 He played for seven different major league teams over 15 years and finished his career by winning the World Series. It was his second ring. He hit a home run in game seven, becoming the oldest player (age 39) to homer in the World Series. The next year he was put to work by the team he finished his career with, eventually becoming the, "Skip." **David Ross, manager**

11 The only person to hit the scoreboard here with a ball was Sam Snead. It was part-time home to the Sting for ten years. It was home to the Bears for fifty years. It opened as Weeghman Park and didn't take its current name until 1926. It didn't have lights until 1988. **Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs**

Darryl mentioned that he decided to leave the Twins fanbase after they built the Metrodome and became a Cubs fan.

6. Next meeting: Dave and Gene decided to take a Spring Break until **May 15**.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 central time.