

SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2023 on Zoom

Board Members present: David Karpinski, Sarah Johnson, Gene Gomes, John Swol, Jerry Janzen  
Also in attendance: Stew Thornley, Jim Cox, Howard Luloff, Bob Komoroski, Brenda Himrich

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by President Gene Gomes

1) Review February 19, 2023 meeting minutes

Gene moved to approve February minutes and David seconded. Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.

2) Treasury report – Jerry

Jerry reported that the current checking account balance is \$1,103.79 which includes the annual \$350 annual compensation from SABR national and \$96.54 in Zoom fees. No additions or expenses are expected soon. Zoom fees are around \$200/year so Jerry suggested we use the SABR National Zoom account to save money. Stew mentioned that only one chapter may be able to use the Zoom account at a time so if they have overlapping events the chapter can use his Zoom account. Stew will ask Jacob Pomrenke what the protocol is for using the SABR National Zoom account and suggested we use it for the May research committee meeting as a test.

3) Research Committee report – Gene

The research committee has had two meetings since the last board meeting and they have approved four presentations for the April 15 spring meeting. A letter composed by Stew was sent from the committee to the four presenters outlining their time slots. The next research committee meeting will be Monday May 15 on Zoom.

4) Spring Chapter Meeting Items

Gene asked John Buckeye if he would lend technical support throughout the day, monitoring the presentations as they set up with the computer and projector. John said he would be happy to do it and Gene offered him free admission to the meeting for his help. Sarah will bring the tripod, donuts and extension cord and Bob will bring his Samsung Galaxy and Amazon Fire to stream on Facebook. John Buckeye will produce a summary of the meeting and it will be forwarded to Stew for inclusion in the newsletter. Jerry will bring the signup sheet and nametags, David will bring the Minnesota Hall of Famers banner, Gene will bring the Halsey Hall photo and Dave Lande will bring beverages and paper supplies. Gene will meet with Howard before the meeting to set up the trivia contest on his computer.

Stew asked if there is a way we can add links from the video presentations on our Facebook page in the newsletter but Sarah said she had checked on that after the last meeting and didn't see a way to extract links from the videos but anyone that has additional Facebook expertise and might be able to do this can contact Stew. Stew said he heard from Faith Mennonite Church members that they are having a pot luck after our meeting so he told them we would be done by 3:30 pm. Howard will create the agenda for the meeting and mentioned he has been having

trouble getting a guest speaker. Bob had contacted Amanda Daley, director of player education for the Twins that works with their Dominican Academy, but has not heard back from her. Howard reported that Jerry Koosman said he has retired from guest speaking and Gary Serum is in Florida so he will not be available.

#### 5) Events report – Howard

Howard reported that he has contacted Steve Elsberry from the Iowa chapter about a joint event but has not yet heard back.

#### 6) Old Business

Darrel. Gene exchanged emails with Emma but has not heard back about giving a Zoom presentation on MLB rules and umpiring. Sarah reported that we still have the funds from SABR National to award a prize for best baseball related project through History Day and the judging will be virtual so assuming we have entrants in our category she will be able to judge them and select a winner in April.

#### 7) Hosting SABR national convention

Gene asked for and received volunteers for a committee which would collaborate with SABR and Minneapolis to host a national convention. Dan Levitt, Jerry, Stew, Bob, Howard and John Gregory have volunteered to be involved so far. Gene indicated to Jessica Smyth on March 20 that we would apply. The deadline is April 13 to fill out the survey so Gene will fill it out and run it by board members before he submits it. Stew sent some information about what was submitted the last time we hosted the convention and Bob suggested reaching out to Peter Coolbaugh (president of the Baltimore chapter) if we need any info about what they did last year.

#### 8) Door Prizes at spring and fall chapter meetings

We have had door prize giveaways operated by Jim Cox and he has received reimbursements from the chapter. In the June 2019 board meeting minutes it was recorded that the board approved \$100 per meeting but Jim reported that he has only spent \$22.50 for the upcoming meeting and often gets prizes like game worn jerseys donated from the Twins. David moved to approve up to \$50 per meeting and Gene seconded, motion passed unanimously. Stew suggested awarding door prizes at the end of the meeting to entice people to stay for trivia. Jim said he would not be able to stay for that long so David volunteered to administer the prizes. Stew will mention this in the newsletter and Gene will announce it during the business meeting at lunch.

#### 9) Apply for chapter MVP status

MVP status means the chapter gets awarded \$500 and recognition at the annual banquet. Please see below in the addendum for specifics. David asked about the section regarding conducting programming with a local organization which creates member and regional benefit. Stew mentioned collaborating with the Minnesota Historical Society on History Day and Sarah mentioned collaborating with Brookdale Library on chapter historical displays. Gene will solicit input from committee chairs for information to put the application together.

#### 10) April 2 Multi-chapter Zoom event

Our chapter will participate in a five chapter AL Central Zoom event on April 2. Gene will send out a link for registration for this event to chapter membership and the Zoom link will be sent to all who register.

#### 11) Candidates for the board election at the April spring chapter meeting

John Buckeye and Howard Luloff have expressed interest in running for the board. Gene will get in touch with Daniel to see if he is interested in staying on the board and encouraged anyone who is a member and is interested to run for the board.

#### 12) Newsletter report – Stew

Stew will get the newsletter out by Tuesday to help publicize the opening day event on Thursday. Stew requested that board members look at the links page on the website and suggest any updates.

#### 13) Social media report – Bob

Bob reported that we have 256 Facebook members. He says that Facebook recently changed their settings for groups to make it easier and noticed our page doesn't have any rules except for the general Facebook rules (no hate speech, etc). Bob reported that he recently banned someone for posting ads for escort services and would like to come up with some rules for members to follow. David motioned to allow Bob to do this and Gene seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Bob will draft some rules and submit to board members for feedback and approval.

#### 14) Membership report – Stew

Stew reported that we have 234 members in our chapter database with 162 who have listed the Halsey Hall chapter as their primary chapter. We have three new members since the last board meeting – John Bonnes, Jason Parker and Brent Hokeness.

#### 15) Book Club

The book club will be meeting Saturday April 1 discussing "The grandest stage" by Tyler Kepner.

#### 16) Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Sunday June 11. Gene will check with the newly elected board members after the spring chapter meeting in April on the possibility of having an in person meeting.

Gene motioned to adjourn the meeting and John seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

#### **Addendum:**

Chapter Standards

Chapter standards ensure SABR members across the world have a consistent experience and create opportunities for chapter leaders to share common ground, regardless of chapter size. In addition to the minimum standards to be a Starting Lineup Chapter, SABR has created a pair of chapter standards (All Star and MVP) that allow chapters to receive additional funding from headquarters. Measurement of chapter activities and their relation to chapter standards will occur in June of every year, meaning the annual calendar for chapter activities is June 1 to May 31.

## Starting Lineup Chapters

Chapters are expected to meet the following requirements in order to maintain their status as a Starting Lineup Chapter. Failure to do so may result in actions from the SABR Board of Directors including chapter probation, suspension, or dissolution.

- ● Governance
  - ○ All officers and directors shall be active members of SABR.
  - ○ Chapters shall supply the names of their officers and/or directors, appointed and elected, to the SABR office, and shall notify the SABR office promptly of all changes in leadership.
  - ○ Chapter members shall be provided an annual opportunity to vote on chapter leadership unless chapter bylaws provide for some other term.
- ● Activities
  - ○ Chapters shall hold at least one in-person and one virtual meeting per year. Meetings shall include baseball research and shall be open to SABR members and non-members alike.
  - ○ Chapters shall submit an annual report of activities to SABR headquarters to be included in SABR's annual report.
  - ○ Chapters shall deliver on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commitment
- ● Recruitment and Retention
  - Chapters shall identify a chair and/or committee responsible for recruitment of new members and retention of current members
- ● Membership
  - Chapters shall have a minimum of 10 members
- ● Finance and Legal
  - ○ Chapters with bank accounts shall submit a summary of financial activities and list of members with financial access to SABR headquarters with their annual report of activities

- ○ Chapters may not violate any fundraising, membership, legal-entity, or logo usage details in the Finance and Legal section above

### All Star Chapters

All Star Chapters must meet all of the criteria established in the Starting Lineup section as well as those listed below. Chapters reaching All Star status receive \$250 in funding each year and will be recognized at SABR's annual awards banquet.

- Governance

- Chapters shall have an established set of bylaws governing chapter operations

- Activities

- Chapters shall conduct a SABR Day activity or meeting

- Need not occur precisely on designated day

- Chapters shall create a newsletter that covers chapter news, events and other

subjects that are of interest to the chapter members ● Retention and Recruitment

- ○ Chapters shall achieve 80% or greater membership retention OR
- ○ Chapters shall achieve 5% or greater annual membership growth

■ Example: A chapter with 100 members needs to maintain 80 of their current members OR have a total of 105 members the next year.

### MVP Chapters

MVP Chapters must meet all of the criteria established in both the Starting Lineup Chapter and All Star Chapter sections as well as those listed below. Chapters reaching MVP status receive \$500 in funding each year and will be recognized at SABR's annual awards banquet.

- ● Activities

- ○ Chapters shall conduct a minimum of four (4) meetings each year
- ○ Chapters shall engage in a research or other project of their choosing

- ● Retention and Recruitment

- ○ Chapters shall achieve 85% or greater membership retention OR
- ○ Chapters shall achieve 8% or greater annual membership growth

■ Example: A chapter with 100 members needs to maintain 85 of their current members OR have a total of 108 members the next year.

- Relationships

- Chapters shall conduct programming - whether a one-time event or on-going -

with a local organization which creates member and regional benefit