

SABR Halsey Hall Spring Chapter Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2023 at Faith Mennonite Church

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

Meeting called to order at 12:25 pm by President Gene Gomes

1) Board Elections

There are four board member positions open after the terms of Gene Gomes, Daniel Dorff, John Swol and Sarah Johnson expire at the end of June. So far there are three members who have expressed interest in joining the board – Daniel Dorff (continuing), Howard Luloff and John Buckeye. Their bio statements were read by Gene. Gene then welcomed anyone to nominate themselves or someone else for the fourth open position. Bob Tholkes nominated Rich Arpi and he accepted. Art Mugalian moved to close nominations and John Swol seconded. Bob Tholkes moved to approve the slate of nominations by voice acclimation and Dave Lande seconded. Board members were elected by acclimation unanimously.

2) Review fall chapter meeting minutes

Copies of the minutes from the fall chapter meeting were distributed and Gene asked everyone to review them. David Karpinski moved to approve the minutes with no changes and John Swol seconded. Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.

3) Treasury report – Jerry Janzen

Jerry reported that we have \$1,103.79 in our checking account and there are no upcoming expenses expected.

4) Research Committee report – Co-chairs Gene Gomes and Dave Lande

Gene reported that there were Zoom meetings every month since the last chapter meeting. The committee's role is to accept and organize research presentations for the two chapter meetings each year. All chapter members are encouraged to do presentations. All members are invited to join our Zoom meetings every month and to try the trivia quiz. The committee also engages in helping members do research projects and game story and bio projects for SABR. Gene congratulated Daniel for his biography of Lee Quillen, his first article published by SABR, last week. The committee helped set up a Zoom presentation by author Justin Mckinney on March 9 about his book and he will be honored at SABR 51 in Chicago in July. A committee member (Gene) met with Howard last week to put together a new state of the art big board for the trivia quiz which will make its debut later this afternoon.

5) Events report – Howard Luloff

Our chapter participated in a five chapter AL Central Zoom event on April 2 and 53 were in attendance to discuss the chances of the five teams in the division race of 2023. Howard mentioned that the "big board" has been retired for chapter meetings but he will still bring it on road trips. He has been in contact with Steve Elsberry of the Iowa Field of Dreams chapter and

Dennis Degenhardt of the Ken Keltner chapter about the possibility of a joint meeting next year. Following the success of the Beloit trip last summer he has been looking into a Wisconsin Rapids Rafters Northwoods League game but has found that their schedule conflicts with Twins games. Other possible events this summer include an All-Star game viewing party and town ball road trip to celebrate the 100th anniversary of town ball in Minnesota.

6) Membership report – Stew Thornley

We currently have 163 SABR members who list the Halsey Hall chapter as their primary chapter. Since our last chapter meeting new members include Dave Greisen, Scott Warmka, Mark Glotter, John Bonnes, Jason Parker, Brent Hokeness, Eli Morris and Aaron Brush. Stew welcomed Dave Anderson back to the chapter and welcomed Randy Krzmarzick, the coordinator of the 100th anniversary of Babe Ruth playing in Sleepy Eye.

7) Social Media report – Bob Komoroski

Bob streamed the meeting on Facebook Live. The battery powered down before the meeting ended, though.

8) Newsletter report – Stew Thornley

Stew mentioned that John Buckeye will be writing a recap of the spring chapter meeting that will be in the next newsletter and John will be joining as the assistant newsletter editor.

9) Other Business

Gene emphasized the importance of chapter members to attend SABR 51 in Chicago in July. Our chapter has been challenged to have 30 members attend. Carpooling arrangements can be made and a trip to a Milwaukee game on the way is a possibility. Daniel Dorff is looking for a ride and his contact info will be in the next newsletter. The early bird discounted rate ends on May 5. Our chapter sent in an application to host the SABR national convention in the Twin Cities. We hosted one in 2012 and will need dozens of volunteers again. Our chapter will also apply to receive MVP status, the highest level, above that of Starting Lineup and All-Star. Gene reported that we feel we have achieved MVP status (meeting certain criteria such as meetings, having a newsletter, membership growth, etc.) and those that are selected for MVP status receive \$500. Gene thanked all board members and committee members for their time and devotion to the chapter. Dave Lande thanked Gene for his service as board president.

10) Fall Chapter Meeting

Howard checked the Gopher football schedule and selected November 11 as a potential date for the fall chapter meeting.

Jeff Lenz moved to adjourn the meeting and Ed Edmonds seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.