

SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2023 – Zoom Meeting

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

Also in attendance: Bob Komoroski, Rich Arpi, Stew Thornley, John Buckeye, Howard Luloff

Meeting called to order at 6:23 pm by President Gene Gomes

Meeting Agenda

1. Review March 26 Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes reviewed, Rich moved to accept minutes and Gene seconded. Minutes approved with no changes.

2. Treasury Report – Jerry

Jerry reported that we currently have \$971.11 in our treasury. He said that the charge from Davanni's for pizza at the spring chapter meeting came back \$19 higher than he had on the receipt so he is going to follow up with them and suggested depending on what he finds out that we do not use them again.

3. Research Committee Report – Gene

Gene reported that the research committee has had one Zoom meeting on May 15 since the last board meeting. The main topics were the spring chapter meeting and planning for the chapter's annual report. Bob Komoroski will collaborate with Howard for enlisting a guest speaker for the November fall chapter meeting. They also resumed the spread of baseball in Minnesota project.

4. Three new Board members & one re-elected Board member for 2023 were voted in at April 15 Chapter Spring Meeting

Outgoing members are Gene Gomes, Sarah Johnson and John Swol and John Buckeye, Howard Luloff and Rich Arpi were elected to take their place. Daniel Dorff was also re-elected to another term and will join continuing members Bob Tholkes, David Karpinski and Jerry Janzen. Gene thanked the new board members for their willingness to serve and Stew and Sarah thanked Gene for his work as president of the chapter.

5. Tonight, the new Board will appoint its officers and the VP will appoint committee chairs. These will be for one-year terms. The present Board members and committee chairs will assist in a smooth transition for 2023-2024 and beyond.

Gene nominated Jerry for treasurer and he accepted. Rich nominated himself for secretary and Bob nominated Daniel for president but he declined due to the time commitment. Daniel mentioned he would be interested in a smaller position so Rich suggested he become secretary and Daniel accepted. Gene nominated John Buckeye for president but John also said he would be interested in starting out in a smaller position. Rich then nominated himself for president. Gene called David Karpinski to see if he was interested in continuing as vice president but he did not answer so Gene will follow up with him. Howard motioned to approve the slate for

president, secretary and treasurer and Rich, Daniel and Jerry were elected unanimously. The vice president will appoint the chairs and/or co-chairs of the various committees: Gene is interested in continuing as co-chair of the research committee and will check with Dave Lande to see if he is interested in continuing as co-chair. Bob Komoroski and Howard are interested in being co-chairs of the events committee. Stew is interested in continuing as membership chair and asked John Buckeye if he would be interested in being co-chair of the membership committee with him and John accepted.

Gene will get Rich on the chapter leaders email distribution list and Bob Komoroski also asked to be on the distribution list to be notified of items to be posted on social media. Gene will also send the results of our elections to Jacob Pomrenke.

6. Events report – Howard

Howard gave a recap of our spring chapter meeting and reported that he had selected November 11 as the date for our fall chapter meeting but the church is not available on that day so he is now looking at November 18 as the new date. He talked to Edina high school coach and former minor leaguer Tom Nevers and suggested he might be a possibility for a guest speaker and Stew mentioned Mark Merila and Tim McIntosh might be another possibility. Howard will gauge interest in a group outing to a baseball game this summer, perhaps town ball.

7. Newsletter Report – Stew

Stew reported that the July newsletter will be out before July.

8. Social Media Report – Bob

Bob reported that to stop spammers he has incorporated questions you have to answer to join our Facebook group and posted rules for members to abide by. We currently have 264 members of our Facebook group. Bob will post happenings from the SABR national convention on the chapter Facebook page.

9. Membership Report – Stew

Three new members – Josh Ruffin, Paul Batesel and Chris Angel – have joined since the April 15 chapter meeting. The chapter has 165 members (counting SABR members with the Halsey Hall chapter as their primary chapter) as of June 1, 2023, the beginning of the new fiscal year. This is up from 146 at the beginning of the previous fiscal year.

10. Book Club Report

The book club will meet on August 12 to discuss “How Baseball Happened” by Thomas Gilbert.

11. Recent business

SABR now requires each chapter to complete a special annual survey of its chapter activities and submit an annual report for June 2022-May 2023. These were performed admirably by a couple of chapter members a full three days before the May 31 deadline.

12. Old Business

Darrel. The chapter is waiting to hear about possibly hosting the SABR national convention in 2024 or 2025.

13. New Business Items

Bob Komoroski mentioned that Nine is going to be doing an online conference this fall for anyone interested in submitting a proposal for a presentation. Gene asked new and continuing board members to review the annual report on the website prior to the next board meeting. Stew mentioned that the new board can discuss the possibility of signing up for a chapter Zoom account that multiple members can access instead of relying on members personal accounts in case that person is unavailable to start/host the meeting. Bob Komoroski also mentioned one thing the new board might want to focus on is making reporting chapter information to SABR national more standardized.

14. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be August 27 – TBD if it will be in person or on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.