

Halsey Hall Research Committee - July 17, 2023 Zoom Meeting Minutes

- Attendees (12)- Dave Lande, Gene Gomes, David Karpinski, Bob Komoroski, John Buckeye, Glenn Renick, Ed Edmonds, Rich Arpi, Stew Thornley (in Kansas City), Brenda Himrich, Doug Skipper, Hans Van Slooten

1. Pre-meeting discussion

- a. David Karpinski described an eight-day trip he took with Ball Park Tours during which he saw six baseball games and visited seven museums including the Negro Leagues Museum and Jazz Museum in Kansas City. He has taken 33 trips with Ball Park Tours in 40 years. Stew visited Bullet Rogan's marker, Buck O'Neil's grave.

2. Review of June 19 Minutes

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. Dave Lande moved to approve the June meeting minutes and Doug Skipper seconded the move to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Comments on recent SABR 51 meeting in Chicago

- a. Hans Van Slooten was asked at the last minute to make a statistical presentation. He talked for 20-30 minutes before the Analysis Committee about his job with the Minnesota Twins. At the game had the opportunity to talk with Bill James who is now retired. Per Hans, presentations by Mike Veeck and Ozzie Guillen were both good.
- b. The Halsey Hall Chapter was the only chapter to be recognized as an MVP chapter for which it received \$500 from SABR National.
- c. Per Bob Komoroski, people complimented our chapter, especially the Baltimore chapter. Bob and Rich Arpi took the 19th Century Ballpark bus tour that traveled through downtown and south Chicago. A professor from Northwestern University provided the commentary during the tour. The meaning behind the phrase "out of left field" was explained as a term derived from patients watching games from an asylum beyond left field. A ballpark formerly at Michigan and Randolph is where Millennium Park is currently located.
- d. Bob Komoroski stated that it was hard to hear in the room where the chapter's MVP award was announced.
- e. Ed and Daniel Dorff attended "Pack Night" during the last night of SABR 51 during which attendees contribute packs of baseball cards to swap. Ed wants to survey chapter members to gauge their interest in holding a chapter pack night. Stew Thornley asked Ed if he would write an article for the newsletter regarding a chapter

pack night. Ed said that he and Daniel will write up a survey and that perhaps a pack night can be held in partnership with one of the local card shops. Glenn Renick said that Calvin Halvercamp has a good shop in Apple Valley.

- f. Stew stated that the chapter now has a standing committee to document chapter activities and that Bob Tholkes selected Gene Gomes to chair this committee.
4. Begin planning for November Fall Chapter Meeting
 - a. Gene talked about Sam Sundermeyer's proposed presentation regarding Joe Mauer's case for being elected to the National Baseball Hall of Famer. The presentation would consist of these four topics: Baseball Card Review, Sabermetrics, HOF Comparison and HOF Prediction. The Research Committee unanimously approved Sam's presentation for the Fall Chapter Meeting.
 - b. A call out will be made for additional presentations.
 - c. There are several guest speaker possibilities. Bob will send a letter to Amanda at the Twins to gauge her interest in being a guest speaker.
 - d. A cordless microphone would be very useful for chapter meetings. Stew will check on cordless mic availability. Bob indicated that there are nice blue tooth mics on the market and that on Facebook Live, it's hard to pick up the sound. Rich Arpi asked if using Zoom instead of Facebook is a possibility. These topics will be discussed at the next chapter board meeting.
 5. Recap of 2022-2023 shows more than one project by our chapter
 - a. The Spread of Baseball in Minnesota – Per Brenda Himrich, there are 20-25 counties yet to be researched in this project. She has handed the project over to Rich who will re-start the project this fall. Brenda has the banner and poster for the project. A visit to the Minnesota Historical Society may be made in conjunction with this project.
 - b. 19th Century baseballs – Perhaps Corky Gaskell could make a special presentation regarding how to make a 19th Century baseball.
 - c. Stew asked that links to SABR's baseball card blog, the Baseball Primer, and the Research Committee be added to the notes.
 - d. Ed asked who might teach baseball history and analytics in Twin Cities colleges and universities. Stew said that he would be happy to work with Ed on this.
 - e. Other suggestions regarding chapter projects included another SABR Day Event (in addition to Twins Fest): an author event and a coach event.
 6. Trivia Time Quiz courtesy of Ed Edmonds
 - (1) The World Series MVP in 1960 was not a member of the victorious Pittsburgh Pirates. Who was this Yankee who won the MVP award? **Bobby Richardson**

(2) What Reds pitcher won game two of the 1961 World Series - Cincinnati's only victory in that series? **Joey Jay**

(3) In eight MLB seasons this Giants second baseman, who graduated from the University of St. Thomas in 1956, hit a total of 20 home runs in 2,344 plate appearances. However, in game four of the 1962 World, he hit a grand slam home run breaking a 2-2 tie to lead San Francisco to a victory in Yankee Stadium. Who was this player who hit the first grand slam by a National Leaguer in the World Series? **Chuck Hiller**

(4) In the 1963 World Series, the Dodgers pitching staff, led by Sandy Koufax, allowed only four runs by the Yankees in a four-game Los Angeles sweep. A former Yankee helped to lead the Dodgers by scoring two runs and driving in three while playing a corner infield position. Who is this Chicago native who played in a total of 39 games in eight of the nine World Series between 1955-1963? **Bill Skowron**

(5) This future MLB manager, whose team lost the 1989 World Series in a sweep, had a single decision (2 wins and 2 losses) in each of his four World Series (1955, 1956, 1959, and 1964), all for a National League team. He won game four of the 1964 World Series for the Cardinals hurling 4 2/3 innings of 2-hit, 8 strikeout ball in relief of Ray Sadecki. **Roger Craig**

(6) In game one of the 1965 World Series, the Los Angeles Dodgers started an all-switch-hitting infield. Wes Parker was the first baseman and Maury Wills played shortstop. Who were the second and third baseman? **Jim Lefebvre and Jim Gilliam**

(7) In the 1966 World Series sweep of the Orioles over the Dodgers, Baltimore hit four home runs - Frank and Brooks Robinson had three of the four. Who was the Orioles center fielder with the other four bagger? **Paul Blair**

(8) This Cardinals infielder hit a three-run homer in game seven of the 1967 World Series to help Bob Gibson win his third game of the series. This native of the Dominican Republic has the same initial letter in both his first and last name. **Julian Javier**

(9) This Tigers starting infielder barely surpassed HOF-er Al Kaline in batting average in the 1968 World Series - .385 to .379. He won the 1961 AL batting title. Who was he? **Norm Cash**

(10) What New York Mets first baseman was the MVP of the 1969 World Series? He earned a law degree from Duquesne University and practiced law in Minnesota. **Donn Clendenon**

Bonus - The New York Mets lost the first game of the 1969 World Series before winning the next four against the Baltimore. Who was the lone Orioles pitcher to win a game for Baltimore? **Mike Cuellar**

7. Research Roundtable – Around the Horn

- a. The New York Times had a good article on Carl Erskine receiving the 2023 Buck O’Neil Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Baseball Hall of Fame.
- b. Ed discuss the Arizona State University analytics conference. It included a student competition on salary arbitration. In the competition were students from Tulane University Law School and the MIT Sloan School of Management among others. The Business of Baseball Committee has huge files on baseball arbitration since its start in 1974. Historically teams have won 54% of arbitration cases and players have won 46%.

8. Next meeting

- a. August 21 and September 18 are dates for the next two Research Committee meetings.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Gene will compose the Trivia Time Quiz for August since we forgot to bring it up.